



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo to be held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on **Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

The public may attend electronically. The electronic link will be available on our website on Tuesday.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

1.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

2. Adoption of Agenda

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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That the agenda of Special Meeting of Tuesday, July 14, 2026 be adopted as presented.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

(1) STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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That the minutes of Regular Council meeting #08-26 of Tuesday, June 9, 2026 be adopted as presented.

(2) STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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That the minutes of Special Council meeting #08-26 of Tuesday, June 16, 2026 be adopted as presented.

(3) STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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That the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, June 23, 2026 be adopted as presented.

4. Bylaws and Policy Development and Review

(1) Sustainable Salmo Official Community Plan Bylaw #769, 2026

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That "Sustainable Salmo Official Community Plan Bylaw #769, 2026", having had three readings, be reconsidered and adopted.

5. Administrative Reports

(1) CAO Report – General Updates

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the CAO report for information.

(2) REACH Grant Update

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- That Council accept the CAO report for information.
- (3) **Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce** Pg.89
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That Council accept the reports provided by the Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce and authorize the Director to approve releasing the funds.
- (4) **Salmo & Area Museum** Pg.109
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That Council accept the reports provided by the Salmo & Area Museum and authorize the Director to approve releasing the funds.
- (5) **Proposed Letter of Support - Lhasa Developments** Pg.121
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That Council consider approving the letter of support to Lhasa Developments to begin preliminary discussions for the Built for the Future Project as presented.
- (6) **Water and Sewer Connection Request** Pg.123
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That Council direct staff to proceed with the service connection request for #5 Second Street, Salmo, BC, V0G 1Z0
- (7) **Public Works Department** Pg.127
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receive for information the written report as presented by Public Works Foreman Fred Paton for the period of June 5, 2026 to July 8, 2026.
- (8) **Fire Department** Pg.129
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receive for information the written report dated July 1, 2026 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of June 2026.
- (9) **Bylaw Enforcement** Pg.131
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of June 2026.
- (10) **Strategic Plan** Pg.133
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That Council accept the strategic plan for information.
6. **Financial Reports**
- (1) **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Pg.135

That Council receive for information the Treasurer's Report for June 2026.

7. Accounts Payable

- (1) **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Pg.137

That Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from June 5, 2026 to July 9, 2026 totaling \$436,342.49.

8. Communication

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) **Shambhala Re: Emergency Water for 2026 Festival - #27** Pg.141
(2) **KBRH Health Foundation Re: Thank You for CBT ReDi Grant Funding - #28** Pg.143
(3) **Salmo RCMP Detachment Re: Quarterly Crime Statistics 2025/2026 Q4 - #29** Pg.145
(4) **Invasive Species Council of BC Re: 2026 Dutch Elm Disease Survey - #30** Pg.147

9. Councils' Reports Pg.155

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

10. Public Time

11. Closed Meeting

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

12. Matters Arising from Closed Meeting

13. Adjournment

Given under my hand this 10th day of July, 2026 and posted in accordance with Section 127 of the *Community Charter*.

Originally Signed By:

Derek Kwiatkowski

CAO/CO



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING #08-26 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 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>In Person:</u> | Deputy CO Brandy Jessup |
| Mayor Diana Lockwood | Members of the Public - 1 |
| Councillor Jennifer Lins | |
| Councillor Payton McKellar | <u>Electronically:</u> |
| | Members of the Public – 0 |

REGRETS: Councillor Kenzie Neil.

ABSENT: Councillor Jonathon Heatlie.

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

TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT: We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

R1-08-26 Moved and seconded, the agenda of Regular Meeting #08-26 of Tuesday, June 9, 2026 be adopted presented. Carried.

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

R2-08-26 Moved and seconded, that the minutes of Regular Council meeting #07-26 of Tuesday, May 12, 2026 be adopted as amended. Carried.

R3-08-26 Moved and seconded, that the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, May 26, 2026 be adopted as presented. Carried.

INTRODUCTIONS: NIL

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

R4-08-26 Moved and seconded, that "Sustainable Salmo Official Sustainable Salmo OCP Bylaw #769, 2026" be given third reading. Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (See Appendix A)

- R5-08-26
2025 Annual & SOFI Report
- Moved and seconded, that Council adopt the 2025 Annual Report and the Village of Salmo’s 2025 Statement of Financial Information, a copy of which will be forwarded to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development be adopted, and further, that the Mayor and the Finance Officer be authorized to execute all documents related to the 2025 Statement of Financial Information.
- Carried.
- R6-08-26
CAO Report – General Updates
- Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for information although would like clarification on the second, fifth, and tenth items.
- Carried.
- R7-08-26
Regional UBCM CEPF Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant
- Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to apply to the Union of BC Municipalities for funding through the 2026 Next Generation 911 Program and work with the RDCK through the GIS service.
- Carried.
- R8-08-26
CBT GATHER Grant
- Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to begin working on a submission for the Columbia Basin Trust’s GATHER grant.
- Carried.
- R9-08-26
ETSI-BC Building Economic Development Capacity Grant
- Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to work on sign options for ETSI-BC Building Economic Development Capacity Grant.
- Carried.
- R10-08-26
Attendance at 2026 UBCM Convention
- Moved and seconded, that Council approve Councillor McKellar to attend the 2026 UBCM Convention occurring September 14th-18th.
- Carried.
- R11-08-26
Council Meeting Date Changes
- Moved and seconded, that Council approve the changing of the COTW on June 23rd to begin at 6:00 p.m., and that Council schedule two Special Council Meetings, one for July 14th and one for Aug 11th, at 7:00 pm at the Village Office, and that Council cancel the July 28th and August 25th, 2026 COTW meetings.
- Carried.
- R12-08-26
Asset Management Plan – Final Building Portfolio Summary Report
- Moved and seconded, that Council accept the ASI Engineering Building Portfolio Summary Report for information and receive the fulsome reports for further discussions.
- Carried.

R13-08-26
Funding Request- Telling Your
Story: A Community History
Video Partnership

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to do an RFP for a video proposal about the history of Salmo.

Carried.

R14-08-26
Public Works

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by Public Works Foreman for the period of May 7, 2026 to June 4, 2026.

Carried.

R15-08-26
Fire Department

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report dated June 1, 2026 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of May 2026.

Carried.

R16-08-26
Bylaw

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of May 2026.

Carried.

R17-08-26
Strategic Plan

Moved and seconded, that Council accept the strategic plan for information.

Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R18-08-26
Treasurer Report

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Treasurer's Report for May 2026.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

R19-08-26

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from May 8, 2026 to June 4, 2026 totaling \$183,123.24.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION: NIL

COMMITTEE: NIL

WITH RECOMMENDATIONS: NIL

COMMUNICATION:

R20-08-26

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

- (1) National Dental Care Day Foundation Re: Proclamation Request - National Dental Care Day October 10, 2026 - #24
- (2) UBCM Re: Provincial Response to 2025 Resolution - #25

COUNCILS' NOTICE OF MOTIONS: NIL

COUNCILS' REPORTS:

Councillor Lins

NIL

Councillor McKellar

Councillor McKellar mentioned that he has reached out to the working group to try getting together but he has had no response yet. He also mentioned that Salmo District Arts Council has backed out of participating in the working group.

Mayor Lockwood

See *Appendix B*.

R21-08-26
Verbal & Written Reports of
Mayor & Council

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

Carried.

PUBLIC TIME:

NIL

CLOSED MEETING:

R22-08-26

Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public under *Community Charter* Section 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality and (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM
CLOSED MEETING:**

NIL

ADJOURNMENT:

R23-08-26

Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Mayor

Deputy Corporate Officer



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>In Person:</u> | CAO Derek Kwiatkowski |
| Mayor Diana Lockwood | Members of Public - 0 |
| Councillor Jonathon Heatlie | <u>Electronically</u> |
| | Councillor Payton McKellar |
| | Councillor Kenzie Neil |
| | Members of Public - 0 |

ABSENT: Councillor Jennifer Lins.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

WAIVE REQUIREMENT FOR NOTICE:

R1-0616-26 Moved and seconded, that Council agree to waive the required meeting notification under Section 127(4) of the *Community Charter*.
Carried.

TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

AGENDA:

R2-0616-26 Moved and seconded, that the agenda of Special Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2026 be adopted as presented.
Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

R3-0616-26 Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to complete the assessment & repairs of E5 with funds from the Fire Department Equipment Reserve.
Carried.

R4-0616-26 Moved and seconded, that Council accept the reports provided by the SVYCC Reports and authorize the Director to approve releasing the funds.
Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: NIL

ADJOURNMENT: Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.
R5-0616-26 Carried at 6:05 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/CO



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>In Person:</u> | CAO Derek Kwiatkowski |
| Mayor Diana Lockwood | Members of Public - 2 |
| Councillor Jonathon Heatlie | |
| Councillor Jennifer Lins | <u>Electronically</u> |
| Councillor Payton McKellar | Members of Public - 0 |
| Councillor Kenzie Neil | |

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

AGENDA:
CW1-0623-26 Moved and seconded, that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, June 23, 2026 be adopted as presented. Carried.

MINUTES: NIL

DELEGATIONS:
Arianne Chagnon, Lhasa Developments Ltd. Re: Built for the Future, Salmo Project - #26 Lhasa Developments presented the "Built for the Future" project to Council. The presentation provided a proposal for a new housing development on Cady Road. Council requested more information on the project, particularly project finances, selecting Salmo as the preferred community and partnerships with nonprofit organizations.

BYLAWS AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW:
Zoning Bylaw #773, 2026 Council & administration continued the review of the Zoning Bylaw #773, discussing short-term rentals, lot coverage, zoning maps.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Question about some specific parcels being omitted from first draft & clarification on specific parcels for potential future uses. Staff responded to the note of the omitted parcels & will be working with owners for potential zoning options.

ADJOURNMENT:
CW2-0623-26 Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried at 9:32p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

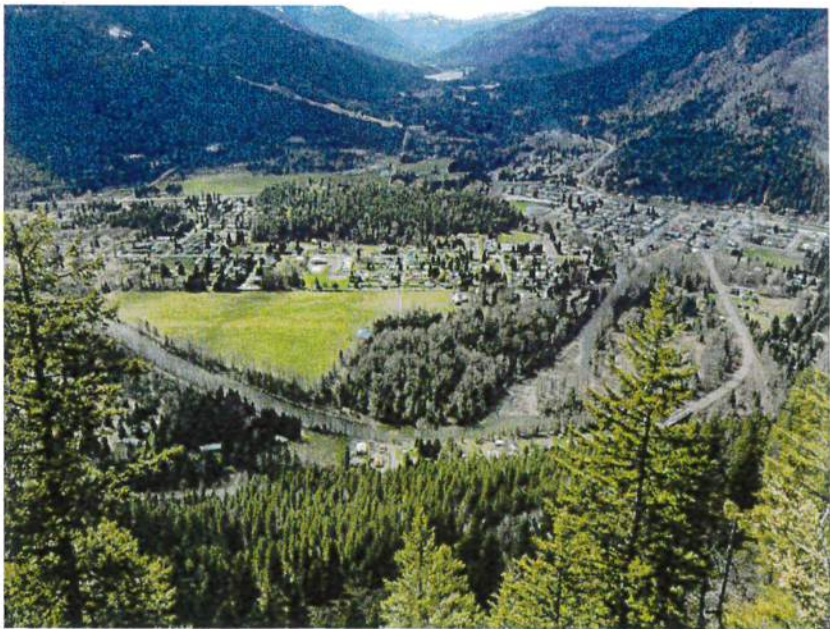
Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/CO

Sustainable Salmo

Hub of the Kootenays

Official Community Plan



2026

BYLAW# 769



SUSTAINABLE SALMO

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW No.769

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Village of Salmo wishes to adopt an Official Community Plan pursuant to *Part 14* of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS *Section 473* of the *Local Government Act* identifies the content that must be addressed in an Official Community Plan;

AND WHEREAS *Section 474* of the *Local Government Act* identifies policies which a local government may include within an Official Community Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Village of Salmo may adopt an Official Community Plan by bylaw and each reading of the bylaw must receive an affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Council;

AND WHEREAS after first reading of the bylaw the Corporation of the Village of Salmo shall, in sequence, examine the Official Community Plan in conjunction with its most recent financial plan, and the Regional Resource Recovery Plan (Solid Waste Management Plan), to ensure consistency between them, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Village of Salmo has provided one or more opportunities for consultation with persons, organizations and authorities it considers affected in the development of the Official Community Plan in accordance with *Part 14 Sections 475* and *476* of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Village of Salmo has complied with all requirements of the *Local Government Act* prior to adoption of this bylaw and Official Community Plan including all of the foregoing;

AND WHEREAS upon adoption of this bylaw, the Plan is an Official Community Plan of the Corporation of the Village of Salmo;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Salmo in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. APPLICABILITY

This bylaw applies to lands within the Village of Salmo, British Columbia.

2. SCHEDULES

The following schedules attached hereto are hereby made part of this bylaw and adopted as the Official Community Plan for the Village of Salmo:

- (1) Schedule A: Official Community Plan Bylaw Text
- (2) Schedule B: Land Use Designations
- (3) Schedule C: Village Infrastructure
- (4) Schedule D: Current Civic Facilities, Parks and Institutions
- (5) Schedule E: Road Network
- (6) Schedule F: Civic Green Space and Parks
- (7) Schedule G: Trails, Benches and Sidewalks
- (8) Schedule H: Floodplain and Alluvial Fans
- (9) Schedule I: Downtown Revitalization Development Permit Area
- (10) Schedule J: Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area
- (11) Schedule K: Natural Hazards Development Permit Areas

3. CONSULTATION

Pursuant to *Section 475 of the Local Government Act*, the Village of Salmo provided numerous opportunities for input to those persons, organizations, and authorities that may be affected by the Official Community Plan. The content of the Official Community Plan has been based on input from the public and referral agency comments.

4. CITATION

This Bylaw shall be cited as the "Sustainable Salmo Official Community Plan Bylaw 769".

5. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, definition, or phrase of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of the bylaw.

6. REPEAL

The Bylaw cited as the "Village of Salmo Official Community Plan By-Law" and amendments thereto, as it applies to the Village of Salmo is hereby repealed and replaced.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This bylaw comes into full force and effect and is binding on all persons as and from the date of adoption.

Public Hearings:

Whereas a Public Hearing was Held on the 9th day of March, 2026

Whereas a Public Hearing was Held on the 29th day of April, 2026

Readings:

Read a First Time This 14th day of April, 2026

Read a Second Time This 12th day of May, 2026

Read a Third Time This 9th day of June 2026

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED _____

Original signed by:

Mayor

Corporate Officer/CAO

SCHEDULE A

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW TEXT

This is Schedule "A" as referred to in the "Sustainable Salmo Official Community Plan Bylaw 769".

Original signed by:

Mayor

Corporate Officer/CAO

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The abbreviated form of Official Community Plan (OCP) will be used throughout the document.

Sustainable Salmo

Hub of the Kootenays

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Community Vision

Sustainable Salmo is an attractive, safe, environmentally friendly, mountain valley village. It offers residents and visitors the best of the outdoor lifestyle in a small, vibrant, economically prosperous community.

Protecting and promoting Salmo's natural and cultural heritage resources in the Salmo Valley corridor is key to future sustainability. The Village will plan for a strong, eclectic economy supporting the needs of year-round residents while focusing on attracting day and longer-term visitors to local outdoor recreational activities, special events, shopping, dining and overnight accommodation.

Attention will be paid to making Salmo a special place to live and work or visit by supporting local business and industry initiatives, encouraging local artwork; village beautification projects, such as additional murals; heritage exhibits; specialty shopping such as antiques, art, jewelry and curios; and unique attraction venues such as a local microbrewery or specialty dining.

This vision guides the integrated goals and actions articulated in this Official Community Plan (OCP). To achieve this vision the Village will revitalize its infrastructure, conserve the environment, adapt to changing climate, and promote the growth of economic opportunity and long-term sustainability.

1.2. OCP Overview

The 2026 OCP is a comprehensive re-organization and rewrite of the 2020 OCP. It reflects the input received during the community consultation process and from past and present Council members to achieve a workable guide for the coming decade and beyond. It expresses the long-term aspirations of the Village and lays out the foundation for the objectives and policies that follow. The OCP is a critical planning tool, a framework of objectives and policies to guide and inform Council, staff and citizens decisions on planning and land-use management, service provision, stewardship of public assets, and to foster the current and future social, economic, and environmental well-being of Salmo. It is meant to provide direction as well as flexibility to respond to changing circumstances.

1.3. Legislative Context

This OCP has been prepared and adopted in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act*. It is intended to guide future growth, it is not however, a regulatory tool. Other municipal bylaws related to zoning and subdivisions are the primary tools used to regulate

development.

An OCP can be amended by Council. The process to amend an OCP is set out in the *Local Government Act*.

All bylaws and works must comply with the OCP (or the OCP must first be amended accordingly under the *Local Government Act*). However, the OCP does not commit to the Council implementing the policies.

1.4. Community Planning and Sustainability

Sustainability means living, acting and making decisions based on:

- Giving equal consideration to social, environmental and economic factors;
- Taking a long-term view and considering the needs of future generations; and
- Developing and implementing strategies that integrate social, environmental and economic dimensions.

Global awareness of environmental issues and the need for sustainability have heightened significantly in the last decade. Among the challenges of the 21st century are:

- Changing climate and a diverse array of impacts, including:
- Hotter, drier summers, resulting in increased wildfire risk and growing water demands that may impact Salmo's aquifer;
- Increased impacts on natural ecological systems locally, regionally and globally;
- Constraints in the supply of fossil fuels – leading to rising energy costs;
- Increased pressures on the global food supply and generating more support for healthy local food;
- Changes in economic patterns and stability; and
- Aging, demographic change, housing affordability and other social issues.

In preparing for this community planning process, the Village chose to combine an Integrated Community Sustainability Planning approach with the land use and community planning typically used in preparing Official Community Plans.

1.5. Community Involvement in the Planning Process

The Sustainable Salmo Official Community Plan (OCP) was developed with input gathered through a public consultation process that solicited input from Village and Area G residents, various stakeholders, technical experts and Village of Salmo representatives over a four-year period.

A four-phase asset mapping and engagement plan was adopted on June 14, 2016 by Council and enshrined in Village of Salmo Official Community Plan Consultation Policy A-007. Council reaffirmed the use of this policy for the 2026 Official Community Plan on April 22, 2025. The policy committed the Village to early and ongoing consultation with community members and stakeholders including the RDCK, School District 8, Ktunaxa Nation Council, and various provincial ministries.

1.6. Public Input

1. A Sustainable Salmo Survey from January 1st to March 1st that discussed:

- i) Land-Use and Infrastructure;
- ii) Economic Development;
- iii) Social and Cultural Well-Being; and
- iv) Environment, Parks and Recreation.

2. Public Hearing on March 9, 2026

3. Public Hearing on April 29th, 2026

Feedback gained from residents and stakeholders throughout the community process has been integrated into the plan.

2. COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Known as the ‘Hub of the Kootenays’, Salmo is a small rural community located in the Salmo Valley at the junction of Highways 3 and 6 about a 30 to 45-minute drive to the surrounding communities of Trail, Castlegar, Nelson, and Creston. Surrounded by the Selkirk Mountains, the village is bordered by the Salmo River to the east, with Erie Creek running through the community from the northwest and joining the Salmo River just outside the village on its eastern boundary.

Salmo offers a variety of outdoor lifestyle activities such as hiking, biking, skiing, hunting, fishing, and canoeing in the nearby mountains, rivers, and lakes, as well as trails for ORV’s and snowmobiles. Community amenities include an elementary school and a high school; a daycare centre; the Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre (SVYCC), which includes a full gymnasium, meeting rooms and a fitness centre; a curling rink; and two large community parks with ball-diamonds one featuring an in-town campground, children’s playground, band shell gazebo, picnic facilities and several smaller parks, plus a weekly farmer’s market in the summer months.

It is anticipated that Salmo will grow through in-fill and new development incorporating new businesses and housing into established, stable neighbourhoods and a diversified, downtown commercial core. The easy commute to other local towns and villages, combined with Salmo’s community spirit, affordability, schools, daycare, Wellness Centre, local shopping, recreational facilities and activities and other amenities for all ages make it an ideal location for both mature and young families. Age Friendly mobility options and a variety of housing and community infrastructure will continue to create a distinct, welcoming community.

2.1. Regional Context

The Village of Salmo is a member municipality of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK). The Regional Growth Strategy provisions of the *Local Government Act* are optional and not required for the RDCK. Although the RDCK has not pursued a Regional Growth Strategy, the Village has developed a positive relationship with the RDCK through close collaboration in several ways.

The Village of Salmo also owns and manages several properties within the RDCK. These properties include land used for park purposes (Springboard Park), sewage treatment, and the cemetery.

Through various agreements, the RDCK provides services such as resource recovery (solid waste) management and GIS mapping, on an ongoing basis. Also, the Village participates in the development and implementation of plans and strategies, conducted from time-to-time by the RDCK, such as the Community Wildfire Protection Plans and the Regional Agricultural Area Plan.

The RDCK passed its Salmo River Valley Electoral Area G Land Use Bylaw No. 2452, 2018. It encompasses land use planning in the area surrounding the Village of Salmo. The planning processes conducted by both the Village and the Regional District provided the opportunity to coordinate land use objectives and policies, for the overall well-being of residents and ecosystems in the larger area. In this OCP several policies refer to a cooperative approach with the RDCK to address topics of mutual interest.

2.2. Demographics

The population of Salmo has decreased 0.1% from 2016 -2021 from 1,141 residents to 1,140 (2021 Census). However, less than 0.5% of the increase occurred between 2011 and 2016 (1,139 to 1,140). Statistics also show that the average household size has decreased since 1986 from 2.5 to 2 people (2016 Census).

Salmo’s adult population from age 24 to 64 years is higher at 55.2% than BC overall average of 54.3%. While on average Salmo has a higher ratio of adults aged 65+ years old than BC overall (27.6% vs. 20.3%).

The community’s youth aged 15-24 years old (6.1% vs. 11.0%) lower than the provincial average with the province & is slightly lower than the provincial average of 14.3% of children aged 14 and younger at 14.0%. While past Census data indicated a declining proportion of children, due to an influx of young families in the catchment area school enrolment.

| Salmo Age Characteristics - 2021 Census | | | | | RDCK | | Overall |
|---|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| | Male | Female | Total | % | Total | % | |
| Children (0 to 14 yrs.) | 80 | 80 | 160 | 14.00% | 8,525 | 13.20% | |
| Emerging Labour force (15 to 24 yrs.) | 35 | 35 | 70 | 6.10% | 5,225 | 8.40% | |
| Primary Labour Force (25 to 64 yrs.) | 385 | 305 | 590 | 51.80% | 32,205 | 51.50% | |
| Seniors (65 to 84) | 145 | 145 | 290 | 25.40% | 14,595 | 23.90% | |
| Seniors (85 and over) | 15 | 15 | 30 | 2.60% | 1,585 | 2.60% | |
| Total Population | 550 | 585 | 1140 | 100.00% | 62,495 | 100.00% | |
| Average Age of population (yrs.) | 47.6 | 47.2 | 47.9 | | | 47.90% | |
| Median Age | 50.4 | 50.8 | 50.4 | | | 50.40% | |

2.3. Economic Outlook

The community primarily relies on employment in the area’s forestry, tourism, trucking and transportation, agriculture and mining sectors for economic stability.

Most businesses/employers within the village fall into one of four categories: personal service, retail, hospitality or industrial service, and provide the base and building blocks for long-term economic sustainability. The two grocery stores, two liquor outlets and cannabis store draw surrounding area residents and visitors. The two doctors and other services at the Wellness Centre combined with other in-village health-related wellness services such as naturopathy, physiotherapy and chiropractic also draw surrounding area residents. Attracting dental and veterinary practices would further increase Salmo’s appeal to current and new residents.

Lack of industrial land inhibits industrial growth except for light-industry related services, although some land may be available for a larger enterprise nearby in RDCK’s Area G. The village has no agricultural land within its boundaries but is surrounded by rich farmland and many active farms in the ALR. The primary recreational attractions, the golf course, hiking/multi-use trails, BMX bike park and ski hill, are located just outside of the village.

Two key areas having significant potential for economic growth are:

- (a) The tourism/hospitality industry, due to the Village’s closeness to nature, a variety of year-round and seasonal recreational opportunities, the local museum and mining exhibit, and the stone murals.
- (b) The village’s centralized “hub” location as an affordable bedroom community with great local amenities for those working in nearby towns and villages with easy access to local and regional outdoor recreational opportunities encourages increased residential building. An increase in population will result in an increased year-round customer base for local trades, retail businesses and other services, plus additional tax revenue for the Village.

2.4. Current Housing Situation

Most homes in Salmo are owned by the residents and most dwelling structures are single family residences. The availability of rental housing, including apartments and secondary suites, is limited. The *2024 Community Profile Report prepared by M’akola Development Services* notes there are a total of 570 occupied private dwellings in the Village broken down as below:

| Dwellings By Structure | Salmo (2021) | British Columbia (2021) |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Total - Occupied private dwellings | 570 | 2,041,835 |
| Single-detached house | 410 | 866,340 |
| Semi-detached house | 10 | 62,890 |
| Row house | 25 | 168,590 |
| Apartment or flat in a duplex | 10 | 249,835 |

| | | |
|--|----|---------|
| Apartment in a building that has fewer than five storeys | 55 | 417,475 |
| Other single-attached house | 5 | 3,760 |
| Movable dwelling | 55 | 51,100 |

Most of these dwellings (395) were constructed prior to 1980.

2.5. Potential Housing Demand

In 2024, the Village completed a Housing Needs Assessment in collaboration with the RDCK. These numbers reflect Salmo’s ability to handle a significant increase in the housing supply. British Columbia’s population grew by nearly 8% between 2016 and 2021 (according to BC Government estimates), driven by economic opportunities, immigration, and the quality of life. This growth has heightened the demand for housing, infrastructure, and services, presenting both opportunities and challenges for the province as it adapts to a changing demographic landscape. An increased population will need housing and municipal services including water and sewage. For example, a modest 25-year 1% growth totaling 310 new villagers, averaging two people per household would require an increase in housing stock of approximately 155 housing units of various types at a minimum over the next 25 years. While an increase of 1.5% would result in approximately 653 new villagers, and at three people per house (assuming an increase due to young families) the need for an additional 218 housing units.

2.6. Development Availability

Historically, the type of housing in Salmo has predominantly been single-family homes (71%); mobile homes (9%); row houses (7%); small apartments (12%); and semi-detached and town homes (2%). The future mix will be encouraged towards increasing the availability of multi-unit housing up to around 20% and adding live/work structures. EcoDensity, planning and design, which is environmentally sustainable, affordable and livable, will be encouraged.

Throughout the Village there are a few vacant serviced lots, plus vacant land that could be developed for housing or small business. This includes approximately 20 to 25 vacant lots that could accommodate small single-family homes or businesses depending on their location. In the current downtown core, there are 3-4 lots suitable for development as multi-unit residential work/live units (commercial spaces on the ground floor, single or multiple residential units above).

There are currently 2-4 vacant lots designated for multi-family or medium density residential development. There are also approximately 9 hectares (22 acres) of large semi-rural parcels in the south end of the Village that could be subdivided should the owners choose and approximately 43 hectares (107 acres) to the north-west above the rail beds, which if re-zoned (should the owners be amenable), could accommodate a significant number of mixed residential units. The existing elementary school site is approximately 2 hectares (4.62 acres) and could be developed as a mixed-use neighbourhood should the site not be needed by the School District in the future [see Section 5.5.2 (d)] or as a post-secondary institution or a combination of both.

The rail-bed and railway station property is also suitable for light industrial, service-industry, retail and/or residential opportunities. However, zoning requirements, such as setbacks, need to be reconsidered in the new zoning bylaw to accommodate these uses as the current zoning bylaw does not accommodate development.

Given the potential for infill and subdivision of large parcels of land, it appears that there may be capacity for an additional 323 dwelling units by 2041, with an estimated population increase of up to 1,510 total residents. However, such an increase calls for careful study on the impact on infrastructure and the Village's ability to accommodate such an increase.

2.7 Affordable Housing Strategy

It is the intention of Council to:

- (a) Develop an Affordable Housing Strategy Policy that will shape and assist the decision-making process around affordable housing not only for the Village but for community organizations and affordable housing providers as well;
- (b) Work towards the estimates in the 2024 Housing Needs Report;
- (c) Foster partnerships to promote and develop affordable housing;
- (d) Encourage non-profit agencies, supportive housing groups, developers, senior levels of government and others to develop, or facilitate the development of independent living units;
- (e) Support opportunities for affordable, rental and special needs housing in proposed low-density residential developments; such as rental secondary suites within single-family homes, two-family dwellings built at grade for accessibility, and infill housing on small lots to enable the construction of affordable small homes;
- (f) Encourage suites in all new single detached homes;
- (g) Encompass secondary housing;
- (h) Establish an infill rental housing bylaw to encourage coach houses and suites above garages where possible;
- (i) Promote innovative approaches and design; and
- (j) Support external groups and promote existing programs and resources.

3. Natural Environment

3.1 Background

Salmo is in the Selkirk Mountains, in the Interior Cedar-Hemlock (ICH) bio geoclimatic zone. According to the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources the zone experiences abundant rain and snow, with warm summers and cool wet winters. There are more tree species in this zone than any other zone in BC. The precipitation feeds numerous large lakes, rivers and streams, including Erie Creek and the Salmo River and is responsible for filling the local aquifers.

The zone supports many types of wildlife, most notably grizzlies and black bears.

The last decade has seen significant changes in climate worldwide. In the Kootenays this has implications for the structure and function of this bio geoclimatic zone. Work conducted by the Columbia Basin Trust and the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium for the Columbia Region provided the following climate projections for the Salmo sub-area.

The climate in the Salmo area will have:

- more extreme precipitation events;
- warmer drier summers; and
- less precipitation as snow.

Spring melts are likely to occur earlier in the year, with the reduced snowpack melting faster. Projections show increasing risks of spring flooding and, with reduced water stored as snowpack, increased risk of summer droughts, necessitating water conservation measures, and resulting in forest fires. In addition, more frequent and intense precipitation events are projected to increase the likelihood of more frequent and severe flooding.

3.1.1 Overall Objectives

The overall objectives are to:

- (a) Continue to recognize the importance of Salmo's natural environment and protect our critical natural assets including our aquifers, Erie Creek and the Salmo River, for current and future generations;
- (b) Recognize and plan for the possible impacts of a changing climate on the Village and surrounding region, including drought and the increased risk of flood and wildfire;
- (c) Protect the important natural attributes of Salmo, namely its waterfronts, slopes, parks and overall "greenness";
- (d) Reduce the risk of wildfire through awareness, prevention, regulation, and other mitigation measures;
- (e) Protect the natural ecosystem functions and values provided by wetlands and riparian areas (also see section 6.4 DPA 1 - *Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area*); and
- (f) Work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, and not for profit organizations to protect water quality and quantity in the Salmo River and Erie Creek; and
- (g) Protect existing views.

3.1.2 Overall Natural Environment Policies

The Village's policies are as follows:

- (a) To maintain and enhance Salmo's natural environment quality and to safeguard it for future generations;

- (b) Consider current and future changing climate impacts in all decision-making processes where a changing climate may have an impact;
- (c) To manage the trees and vegetation cover on Village- owned properties in order:
 - i. to preserve the green, natural backdrop of the community;
 - ii. to minimize run-off and drainage problems from occurring down sloped areas;
 - iii. to minimize wildfire risk;
- (d) Recognize our place within and our relationship to the natural environment, in our day-to-day decision-making and actions, based on respect and approaches such as compassionate conservation that recognizes the inherent value of wildlife;
- (e) Designate environmentally sensitive areas as 'Environmental Reserve' in *Schedule B: Land Use Designations*. Environmental Reserve includes wetlands, the riparian zone of Erie Creek, and the Erie Creek watercourse;
- (f) Encourage owners whose properties include wetlands and/or riparian areas to implement measures, such as restoring and maintaining natural vegetation, through education and awareness programs available from a variety of sources such as *Living By Water*, *Stream Keepers*, and the provincial *Riparian Areas Regulations*;
- (g) Remove existing development from wetlands, and consider making the parcels Environmental Reserve, as opportunities become available over time;
- (h) Coordinate vegetation management required as part of maintaining the dikes, with overall management of riparian areas;
- (i) Consider ways to discourage and/or prevent the cosmetic use of pesticides on residential landscaping; and work with residents to encourage other ways of maintaining attractive landscaping and healthy vegetation;
- (j) Continue to promote the measures outlined in provincial and federal programs, such as *WaterSmart*, *FireSmart*, *WildSafe* and *BearSmart*;
- (k) Prior to redevelopment of contaminated sites, the Village will require the property owner(s) to clean, or remedy the condition of the site to the satisfaction of the authorities having jurisdiction;
- (l) When feasible, restore natural areas to enhance their ecological functions; and
- (m) Promote Green Infrastructure initiatives on private lands through education and, if feasible, incentives.

3.2. Aquifers

There are three aquifers in the Salmo area. The largest lies under the Village and extends mainly south and east of the community. The other two are west of the community, outside the Village boundaries toward Erie Lake. A recent report prepared for the Village, the *Source Water Protection Plan*, rates this large aquifer as having high vulnerability, as it is considered a surficial aquifer; it is not protected by bedrock but is comprised of porous materials (e.g. sand and gravel). The large

aquifer is the source for the Village's domestic water supply.

BC's drinking water is primarily governed by the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and the *Drinking Water Protection Regulation* which are supplemented by the *Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality* (GCDWQ) (Health Canada, 2012), and the *Public Health Act*. Source water (the aquifer) is primarily governed by the *Water Sustainability Act*, under which water licenses are issued.

There are three main types of microorganisms in drinking water that pose risks to human health (pathogens) and for which microbiological treatment objectives are required: bacteria, protozoa, and viruses. It is extremely important that the Village maintain its current *Groundwater at Risk of Containing Pathogens* (GARP) rating of "low risk" status and therefore not requiring treatment before delivery. Should the status change to "at risk" under the province's 4-3-2-1-0 *Drinking Water Objective* a water treatment system, which could include a multi-million-dollar water treatment plant, would likely be required.

3.2.1 Objectives

The Village's objectives are to:

- (a) Protect the watershed, including Erie Creek, that underlies Salmo and supplies water to Salmo's municipal water system to maintain Salmo's GARP rating of "low risk" to continue providing safe, untreated potable drinking water to residents and businesses without the need for a water treatment plant;
- (b) Protect water quality in the Salmo River and Erie Creek for aquatic habitat, recreation, and aesthetic purposes for residents and visitors;
- (c) Work in partnership with the RDCK and others to develop a plan to monitor water pressure and flow at well sites to assist in gathering aquifer statistics to establish the capacity of the aquifers through scientific study to fully understand the impact of a changing climate and human action on the aquifer and the measures needed to ensure a sustainable water supply;
- (d) Establish a Pesticide Bylaw that prohibits the use of chemical insecticides, fungicides and herbicides for cosmetic purposes on public and private property within the Village; and

3.2.2 Policies

The Village's policies are as follows:

- (a) Promote water conservation including the *WaterSmart* program and the reasons for doing so;
- (b) Work with the RDCK, government ministries and others on scientific studies to understand and protect the aquifers;
- (c) Work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, property owners, and the private sector to prevent negative impacts on Salmo's aquifer from land use and development in the surrounding areas;
- (d) Manage the use and development of land adjacent to and in the riparian areas of the Salmo

River and Erie Creek; and

- (e) Work with partners to develop educational programs and materials that will:
 - i. Promote water conservation including the use of xeriscaping with native plants and drought resistant plants that require less water and are less susceptible to changes in climate, rain gardens and rain barrels; and
- (f) To support the prohibition of commercial water bottling facilities in the Village or Area G.

3.3. Air and Energy

3.3.1 Objectives

The Village's objectives are to:

- (a) Continue to maintain clean air in the community;
- (b) Explore and, if feasible, utilize alternative energy sources, such as solar power, to power Village facilities;
- (c) Seek grant funding to facilitate converting to alternate energy sources;
- (d) In recognition of its commitments in the *Partners for Climate Protection* and *Climate Action Charter*, Salmo will strive to meet the targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, recognizing resource implications;
 - i. Reduce emissions 45% below 2008 levels by 2030,
 - ii. Reduce emissions 80% below 2007 levels by 2050.
- (e) Consider incentives for residential and commercial property owners to pursue energy efficiency in new construction and for existing buildings being renovated;
- (f) Work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, utility companies and not-for-profit organizations to implement energy conservation and efficiency education programs for the BC Energy Step Code for residents, the construction sector and the real estate sector in particular;
- (g) Work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, utility companies and/or not-for-profit organizations to promote the development of alternative and/or renewable energy opportunities that help promote green economic development and green jobs; and
- (h) Consider implementing programs such as Idle Free BC.

3.3.2 Policies

The Village's policies are to:

- (a) Continue to work toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions:
 - i. Promote the *BC Energy Step Code* for new buildings and renovations and the Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP);
 - ii. Where possible, use energy efficient, low emission materials and machinery and

- changeover existing materials or machinery as economically feasible;
 - iii. Manage the use and development of land to minimize carbon emissions;
 - iv. Work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, and the private sector to reduce and minimize emissions from land use and development in the surrounding areas.
- (b) Maintain trees on Village property as much as possible, plant regionally appropriate tree species as per the Village’s Boulevard Tree Policy and encourage residents to do the same on their properties;
- (c) The Village will endeavor to understand, anticipate and plan for upcoming changes to the local and regional climate when making development, policy and program decisions that affect Salmo; and
- (d) Act locally toward the solution of regional, national and global environmental problems.

3.4. WildSafe BC & BearSmart

3.4.1 Objectives

The village’s *WildSafe* BC and *BearSmart* objectives are to:

- (a) Minimize human-bear and other wildlife conflict, reducing the risks to human safety and private property, as well as the number of animals potentially destroyed each year;
- (b) To continue to improve garbage management and awareness of the importance of managing garbage in ways that is not accessible to bears; and
- (c) To incorporate an animal attractant section in the Animal Control bylaw to regulate and manage matters pertaining to animal attractants so as not to attract wild or domestic animals.

3.4.2 Policies

The Village’s *WildSafe* BC and *BearSmart* policies are to:

Continue to promote voluntary and preventative conservation measures through the *BearSmart* Salmo and *WildSafe* BC programs to address root causes of human wildlife conflict by:

- i. Promoting the use of bear-resistant containers on municipal and private properties;
- ii. Supporting public education programs that encourage residents to minimize bear and other wildlife interactions by properly managing composts, keeping barbeques clean, and harvesting fruits regularly;
- iii. Work closely with wildlife agencies;
- iv. Promoting the care and management of civic and private property through the encouragement of fruit tree management and harvesting and to support community harvest sharing; and
- v. Being guided in action by bear hazard assessments and human-bear management

plans commissioned by the Village.



4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4.1. Background

The area's economic activity is a mix of local business and the larger regional economy, within the forestry, tourism, agriculture, and mining sectors. There is no large or light industry in Salmo. Major nearby employers include a lumber mill and a large trucking company north of Salmo, while many residents commute to work in nearby towns.

4.2. OCP Economic Development Survey Highlights

4.3. Labour Force

Labour force statistics show a shift for the last 5 years in Salmo². In 2016, the top industries for the local labour force were, in order: manufacturing 12.6%, agriculture 9.2%, construction 9.2%, healthcare/social assistance 9.2%, retail trade 9.2%. By 2021, the top industries were: health care/social assistance 16.9%; manufacturing 14.3%; construction 13.3%; educational services 10.8%; retail 10.8%; accommodation/food services 4.8%; transportation & warehousing 4.8%; professional services 3.6%; with administration, finance, insurance, cultural services & public administration each registering 2.4%.

4.4. Household Income

The 2021 Census data (based on 2020 income) indicates that the average household income in Salmo is well below the BC average. Like many rural areas in BC, the local unemployment rate (10.6%) tends to be higher than the regional average (10.0%) and the BC average (8.4%; 2021 Census).

| Household Income Before Tax 2020* | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Salmo | | BC | |
| | # of Households | % | # of Households | % |
| Under \$14,999 | 20 | 3.51% | 62,530 | 3.06% |
| \$15,000 to \$29,999 | 105 | 18.42% | 187,905 | 9.20% |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999 | 125 | 21.93% | 287,155 | 14.06% |
| \$50,000 to \$79,999 | 146 | 25.61% | 415,875 | 20.37% |
| \$80,000 to \$99,999 | 55 | 9.65% | 235,305 | 11.52% |
| \$100,000 and over | 120 | 21.05% | 853,065 | 41.78% |
| | 570 | 100.18% | 2,041,835 | 100.00% |
| Median Household Income | \$54,400 | | \$85,000 | |
| Average Household Income | \$70,400 | | \$108,600 | |
| * 2021 Census | | | | |

4.5. Business Licenses

The total number of business licenses has steadily increased over the last few years., however, the Village saw a 10% increase in business licenses between 2021 and 2025.

4.6. Housing Sales

Another indicator of increased activity in the local economy is housing sales. From 2014 to 2019, there has been a 66% percent increase in annual residential sales. The increase in single family home sales and elementary school enrolment, at the same time points to a steady increase in younger families and should help support local economic activity.

| Sales By Dwelling Type | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Dwelling Type | Sales |
| Single Family | 187 |
| Single Family w/ Acreage | 21 |
| Multi-Family | 7 |
| Manufactured Homes | 35 |
| TOTAL | 250 |

| Number of Sales/ Year | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Year | Sales |
| 2015 | 23 |
| 2016 | 16 |
| 2017 | 28 |
| 2018 | 25 |
| 2019 | 26 |
| 2020 | 19 |
| 2021 | 25 |
| 2022 | 27 |
| 2023 | 24 |
| 2024 | 18 |
| To November 24, 2025 | 19 |
| TOTAL | 250 |

4.7. Agriculture

Agriculture is an important sector in the region. Although there is significant agricultural land in the surrounding area, there are only two tiny parcels of Agricultural Land Reserve within the Village boundaries.

4.8. Economic Sustainability & Growth

4.8.1 Objectives

The Village's objectives are to:

- (a) Support the role of downtown as the primary focal point for businesses and services within the community;
- (b) Make Salmo an attractive place for establishing new businesses and for retaining and growing existing businesses by adding to the overall charm of the Village;
- (c) Prepare aligned strategies to promote Salmo to attract a) new residents, and b) tourists, including:
 - i. Highlighting Salmo's proximity to natural features such as rivers and mountains, parks and trails;
 - ii. Year-round recreational opportunities in the area, such as skiing, snowmobiling, curling, golfing, fishing and hiking, to attract recreational tourists;
 - iii. Cycling, hiking, walking and ORVing on the Great Rail Trail with connections to the Trans Canada Trail;
 - iv. Salmo's central "Hub of the Kootenays" location at the confluence of Highways 3 and 6 provides easy access to area attractions;
 - v. Unique local arts and culture; and
 - i. Salmo's unique and historic downtown.
- (d) Attract additional service providers, such as a dentist or veterinarian, to come to Salmo to live

and work;

- (e) Ensure zoning requirements are compatible with attracting new-builds for business;
- (f) Maintain and further encourage and develop our diverse economy by identifying and supporting key sectors;
- (g) Encourage light industries of a non-polluting nature to locate in or near Salmo;
- (h) Explore the possibility of working with the ski hill to add a destination summer activity;
- (i) Consider providing incentives that could attract new businesses to locate in Salmo;
- (j) Encourage home-based businesses and look for ways to support these business owners;
- (k) Encourage and work with local artists to help promote their work and attract tourists;
- (l) Consider applying for a boundary expansion to incorporate land for industrial development;
- (m) Subject to Objective 4.8.1 (m), Council will consider making application to the Agricultural Land Commission for exclusion of lands presently outside the Salmo municipal boundary from the Agricultural Land Reserve to facilitate industrial development;
- (n) Look for ways to capitalize on Shambhala activities and for ways to promote Shambhala as a positive experience for the community that mutually benefits the Village and its businesses, Shambhala attendees and Shambhala organizers; and
- (o) Develop a plan for an EV station network.
- (p) Actively promote Salmo's centralized location and small-town vibe/lifestyle, coupled with affordability, great amenities, access to nature and outdoor recreation, and just being a great place to live and raise a family or to visit as a tourist. Key advantages include:
 - i. Lower land costs;
 - ii. Lower home costs;
 - iii. Lower property taxes;
 - iv. Small town atmosphere;
 - v. Recreational amenities;
 - vi. Local doctors;
 - vii. Elementary and secondary schools, daycare centre;
 - viii. Contaminant-free, non-chlorinated drinking water;
 - ix. Good transportation linkages to communities in Canada and the United States.
- (q) Promote infrastructure improvements that attract entrepreneurs and small company headquarters, operations, and/or employees. These types of activities could include the following:
 - i. Transportation related businesses (e.g. trucking and warehousing);
 - ii. Businesses that require lower land costs and need to access a wide range of market areas including Nelson, Castlegar and Trail areas (e.g. contractors and home-based businesses);
 - iii. Tourism-related businesses.
- (r) Collaborate with businesses, related government agencies, community organizations and

residents to ensure that basic needs and amenities are available, including housing, education, health care, recreation, child-care, arts and culture, transportation, and municipal services; all being important components in developing a sustainable diversified economy for Salmo and area;

(s) Promote the in-fill of vacant residential lots to increase housing availability, as increasing the population will foster the security of local businesses with increased, year-round business;

(t) Promote the arts and cultural components of the community as important economic development generators;

(u) Work proactively to attract or retain and foster businesses and investment in Salmo;

(v) Encourage the creation of co-working spaces in business developments;

(w) Work with the RDCK, related government agencies and the private sector to encourage resource development in the surrounding area that is compatible with the area's natural resources and with sustainability principles;

(x) Work with the RDCK, related government agencies and the private sector to encourage alternative and/or renewable energy development in the surrounding area that is compatible with the area's natural resources and with sustainability principles;

(y) Foster and support entrepreneurial leadership in the community;

(z) Allow home-based businesses in areas designated as residential – *Schedule B: Land Use Designations*, and as determined in the Zoning Bylaw for the applicable zoning districts;

(aa) Discourage Service Commercial development that may lead to strip development from occurring outside the Village boundaries. Instead, direct Service Commercial development to areas designated Service Commercial concentrated within the Village boundaries;

(bb) While the Village will not actively develop industrial land, the Village will continue to work with other agencies including the Regional District of Central Kootenay, to facilitate the development of industrial land within or adjacent to its boundaries;

(cc) Encourage businesses that are part of the emerging green economy to locate in Salmo;

(dd) Focus economic development and stimulus where it contributes to community values, including a vibrant downtown core and meaningful employment opportunities that support healthy lifestyles;

(ee) Encourage economic development within the community and region that is compatible with the resources of the area; and

4.8.1A Downtown Revitalization

(a) Work with local business owners and organizations to pursue downtown revitalization, creating an attractive, lively place for residents and visitors (see *Part 6, 6.5 DPA 2 – Downtown Revitalization Development Permit Area*); and

(b) Review the provisions of the Downtown Revitalization Development Permit guidelines in

relation to the provincial legislation and policies regarding heritage sites and buildings and update as needed.

4.8.1B Core Commercial

- (a) Expand commercial opportunities for locally owned business;
- (b) Direct appropriate commercial development to the area designated as 'Core Commercial' on *Schedule B: Land Use Designations*;
- (c) Permit specific uses in the area designated as 'Core Commercial' as determined in the Zoning Bylaw for the applicable zoning district;
- (d) Expand the area designated as "Core Commercial" to provide more commercial development opportunities;
- (e) Support commercial development and businesses that are compatible with the downtown area as the primary area for retail, entertainment, office, services, administration, art and culture;
- (f) Encourage a variety of residential units in the downtown area, including mixed use development, while preserving the street-level frontage for commercial uses, and locating residential uses on the second floor or at the back of the building; and
- (g) Improve the experience of arrival in Salmo along the highway(s).

4.8.1C Service Commercial

- (a) Direct primarily automobile-oriented commercial uses to the areas designated 'Service Commercial' on *Schedule B: Land Use Designations*;
- (b) Support specific uses in the areas designated 'Service Commercial' as determined in the Zoning Bylaw for the applicable zoning district(s);
- (c) Work with the RDCK to discourage commercial strip development outside the Village boundaries, by directing Service Commercial development to designated areas within the Village boundaries; and
- (d) Allow residential units as a secondary use within Service Commercial development, by preserving the street-level frontage for commercial development and locating residential units in the second or third story or at the back of the commercial structure.

4.9. Tourism

4.9.1 Objectives

The Village's objectives are to:

- (a) Support the development of tourism in the community and area, including outdoor recreation activities and arts and culture related businesses and activities;
- (b) While recognizing that the centre strip is private land, work with the owners, the Chamber of Commerce and the Salmo Museum to enhance the Railway corridor;

- (c) The Village will encourage the growth of a vibrant arts culture in the Village and surrounding area that will foster cultural diversity and grow tourism;
- (d) Investigate how the Village can work with organizers of events, such as Shambhala, and Village businesses to create economic opportunities around events that attract visitors into Salmo;
- (e) Work with the owners of current local attractions, such as the golf course, ski hill and trails, to find ways to enhance their facilities, if possible; and
- (f) Promote Salmo as a centre for year-round tourism-related services and businesses.
- (g) Work with and help coordinate efforts among provincial ministries, the RDCK, regional tourism organizations, and local entrepreneurs to increase tourism year-round in the Salmo area;
- (h) Support initiatives among local businesses and not-for-profit organizations to improve local programs, services, and facilities for tourists;
- (i) Help promote the variety of activities and local site-seeing places in and around Salmo, including both natural and historical features;
- (j) Promote the national historical significance of the former railway corridor that runs along Hwy.#6 adjacent to the privately-owned former rail bed, and its current role as a side loop of the Trans Canada Trail, between Salmo and Nelson, known as the Great Northern Trail; and
- (k) Promote Salmo's role as a central point in two alternate routes for the Trans Canada Trail system: Montrose-Fruitvale-Salmo and Montrose-Pend d'Oreille-Salmo; both connecting to the Great Northern Trail spur in Salmo.

4.10 Agriculture

4.10.1 Objectives

The Village's objectives are to:

- (a) Support the productive use of land in the Agricultural Land Reserve in Area G; and
- (b) Encourage local food security.
- (c) Work with the RDCK and the Agricultural Land Commission to protect productive agricultural land within the municipal boundaries and in the surrounding area;
- (d) Work with the agricultural sector and related government agencies to diversify agricultural products and related secondary services such as agritourism;
- (e) Foster agricultural enterprise by allowing commercial outlets such as the local farmers market and grocery stores, as determined by the Zoning Bylaw for the applicable zoning districts;
- (f) Support farmers markets, locally grown food production and distribution initiatives; and
- (g) Support efforts to make locally grown food readily available to residents and visitors.

5. Land Use

5.1 Background

Salmo features many positive elements from its past physical development. It is small, relatively compact, and flat, making it easy to walk and cycle. The original core of the community was based on small narrow lots, creating the traditional feel of a village. There are currently tracks of undeveloped land, both rural and residential, within Village boundaries and several vacant serviced lots. A portion of the now privately-owned former Nelson & Fort Sheppard rail-bed property runs adjacent to Hwy #6 and is designated Mixed Use Commercial.

While on the outskirts of town the former rail bed now forms part of the Rails for Trails network which in turn forms part of the Trans Canada Trail network.

The village has no heavy industry, but the downtown core features a mix of light industrial and commercial use, along with the library, museum, restaurants and wellness services.

The 2026 OCP Survey indicated responses:

5.2 Sustainable Community Development

Community planning and land use decisions on a local level strongly influence the types of homes people live in, businesses they own, where they shop and meet their daily needs, where they work, how they travel and the energy consumed and emissions that are produced. The Village will encourage planning, design and construction of energy efficient neighbourhoods and buildings, including retrofitting, to minimize energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

Sustainable development will include the consideration of:

- Site design that includes consideration of building form, orientation to maximize solar orientation, and shading and natural ventilation;
- High performance building design, including the application of energy-efficient, green building standards, including Energy Star, BOMA BEST and LEED⁴;
- Landfill diversion of construction waste;
- Recycling and waste reduction;
- Increased water conservation;
- Use of alternative, renewable energy sources;
- Supporting mixed use developments;
- Protecting environmentally sensitive areas;
- The sensitive intensification of established residential areas through such means as small lot sizes, detached secondary dwelling units, and multi-unit residential buildings; and
- Climate appropriate vegetation (xeriscape, native species etc.);
- Require low-impact development standards for new subdivisions & large redevelopments.

5.3 General Objectives

The Village's general land use objectives are as follows:

- (a) To maintain the community's small-town character, while encouraging a mix of land uses including residential, commercial, public facilities, and green space throughout the Village, in appropriate combinations;
- (b) To in-fill undeveloped lots and areas in the Village with a mix of housing and businesses;
- (c) To consider and confirm the approximate location, amount, type and density of residential development required to meet anticipated housing needs for at least ten (10) years;
- (d) To change allowable lot sizes on rural properties in the village from a minimum of 8 hectares (19.77 acres) to allow a minimum of .2 hectares (½ acre) lots where warranted and with owner participation in the process;
- (e) To incorporate regulations for coach houses and secondary suites into the new zoning bylaw;
- (f) To incorporate revised permissible heights for secondary structures into the new zoning bylaw to accommodate coach houses and RV storage;
- (g) To develop a bylaw regulating the use of bedrooms, secondary suites and coach houses and other dwellings as B&Bs to ensure that an adequate long-term rental housing supply is consistently available in Salmo and that neighbours do not have issues with other neighbours over property use and other issues around B&Bs, while also ensuring that the Village can provide adequate accommodation for tourism growth;
- (h) To limit mobile home parks to those currently existing and consider rezoning, with owner approval, undeveloped land zoned mobile home park to multi-family to allow townhomes or apartments/condos;
- (i) To rename and re-designate portions of the Village currently designated Residential Low Density & Residential Medium Density to "Neighborhood Residential" to allow a greater mix of housing and land use options in these areas.
- (j) To revisit and update the Unsightly Premises Bylaw and strengthen penalties with a view to homeowner compliance;
- (k) To consider a boundary extension to incorporate land suitable for light industrial and residential development;
- (l) Endeavour to ensure any new residential zones are of mixed use and have a variety of housing and business options incorporated into them;
- (m) To encourage the development of vacant parcels that are already serviced, and the redevelopment of serviced parcels currently occupied by buildings beyond their useful lifespan;
- (n) To work with property owners if they want to rezone Rural, Rural Residential and Mobile Home Park properties, and to accommodate zoning for medium density dwellings in the new and existing zones; and
- (o) Encourage the development of land uses along Provincial arterial highways compatible with highway noise and speed that are typical of regional traffic using such a facility.

5.4 Residential Objectives

The Villages' objectives are to:

- (a) Encourage a wide range of housing types and neighbourhood densities to meet the needs of all residents, considering age, income, health and physical abilities;
- (b) Encourage the infill and/or redevelopment of existing serviced residential parcels, especially near the downtown core;
- (c) Encourage affordable housing;
- (d) Disallow the development of additional manufactured home parks with rental pads;
- (e) Allow the development of privately-owned properties using manufactured modular homes and other forms of affordable housing and;
- (f) Include secondary suites and coach housing options, where appropriate.

5.4.1 Residential Neighbourhood

- (a) Combine Low-Density & Medium Density Land Use Designations to be called “Residential Neighbourhood” that reflect a desire to increase housing density;
- (b) “Residential Neighbourhood” uses include a range of housing types and lot sizes, including single-family and duplexes and secondary suites or coach houses, as well as neighbourhood-oriented enterprises such as corner stores and home-based businesses, and places of worship; and the specific uses permitted in the areas designated as Residential Low Density shall be determined in the Zoning Bylaw for the applicable zoning districts.
- (d) Permit co-housing developments in areas designated Residential Neighbourhood; and
- (e) Encourage the School District 8 to rebuild the elementary school.

5.5 Energy Efficiency

5.5.1 BC Energy Step Code

The Province has committed to taking incremental steps to increase energy-efficiency requirements in the *BC Building Code* to make buildings net-zero energy ready by 2032. The *BC Energy Step Code*--a part of the *BC Building Code*--supports that effort.

The *BC Energy Step Code* is a voluntary provincial standard enacted in April 2017 that provides an incremental and consistent approach to achieving more energy-efficient buildings that go beyond the requirements of the base *BC Building Code*. It does so by establishing a series of measurable, performance-based energy-efficiency requirements for construction that builders can choose to build to, and communities may voluntarily choose to adopt in bylaws and policies.

The Village may support the development of a Community Carbon Offset Framework either as a standalone document or in partnership with the RDCK.

5.5.2 Policies

- (a) Foster and encourage sustainable residential growth and development by encouraging builders and homeowners to meet or exceed one or more steps of the *BC Energy Step Code* as an

alternative to the *BC Building Code's* prescriptive requirements when building new residential or commercial units and renovating existing housing stock;

(b) Encourage planning, design and construction of energy efficient homes, neighbourhoods and buildings through the adoption of *BC Step Code* standards through consideration of:

- i. Site design that includes consideration of building form, orientation to maximize solar orientation, and shading and natural ventilation;
- ii. High performance building design, including the application of green building standards such as *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)* or *Built Green*;
- iii. Use of alternative, renewable energy sources;
- iv. Landfill diversion of construction waste;
- v. Supporting mixed use developments;
- vi. Protecting environmentally sensitive areas;
- vii. Increased water conservation;
- viii. Climate appropriate vegetation (xeriscape, native species etc.);
- ix. Recycling and waste reduction.

5.6 Contaminated Sites

The Village does not own any contaminated sites. However, according to the provincial registry, there are nine privately-owned sites in the village that are sampling points for the remediation of contaminated sites. It is not known which sites are verified as being contaminated and which are unconfirmed. The actual extent of any contamination is also unknown.

Contaminated sites pose a challenge for Salmo in two ways.

- (1) Water quality - the potential long-term effects on the aquifer, which is the source for the municipal water system; and
- (2) Land - specifically the implications for future development and/or redevelopment of the contaminated sites, most of which are in and near the downtown.

The Village will:

- (a) Obtain technical information and professional advice on strategies for protecting the groundwater from potential impacts posed by past contamination. The sites will also require detailed technical assessments and subsequent implementation of remediation measures, before development or redevelopment could safely occur;
- (b) For contaminated lots, consider possible development for public and private uses compatible with the level of contamination, beneficial to the Village, and contributing to Village beautification efforts; and

- (c) Work with government agencies and the private sector to assess and remediate contaminated sites.
- (d) Encourage the redevelopment of contaminated sites within the Village.

5.7 Temporary Use Permits

The issuance of temporary use permits may be considered in all Official Community Plan designations within the Village boundaries per *Sections 492 through 497 of the Local Government Act*. All land within the boundaries of the Village of Salmo is designated as the area within which a temporary use permit may be required. A temporary use permit is a tool to allow short-term commercial use that does not comply with the Zoning Bylaw and may be utilized whereas a condition prevails that warrants that use for a short period of time do not warrant a change of land use designation or zoning of the land.

The objective of a temporary use permit is to:

- (a) Avoid conflicts between different types of uses (i.e., residential and commercial);
- (b) Provide for temporary approval of transitional uses, or uses where uncertainty exists;
- (c) Consider appropriateness or viability of the use, and where it is premature to decide upon rezoning and long-term land use rights; and
- (d) Ensure that temporary use permits are not considered a substitute for a rezoning application.

In addition to development procedures requirements, temporary use permits will be assessed against the following criteria:

- (a) The use must be clearly temporary or seasonal in nature;
- (b) Compatibility of the proposal with adjacent uses;
- (c) Impact of the proposed use on the natural environment, including groundwater, wildlife, and all environmentally sensitive areas, and the proposed remedial measures to mitigate any damage to the natural environment because of the temporary use;
- (d) Intensity of the proposed use;
- (e) Inability to conduct the proposed use on land elsewhere in the community; and
- (f) Must be reviewed and approved by the relevant provincial ministry with respect to access to and effect on provincial highways.



6 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREAS

6.1 Introduction and Authorization

Local governments may designate certain types of development permit areas according to section 488 of the *Local Government Act*.

The Development Permit Areas listed below are designated pursuant to *Section 488 (1)* of the *Local Government Act*:

- (a) protection of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biological diversity;
- (b) protection of development from hazardous conditions;
- (c) revitalization of an area in which commercial use is permitted;
- (d) establishment of objectives for the form and character of intensive residential development;
- (e) establishment of objectives for the form and character of commercial, industrial or multi-family residential development;

This OCP designates the following Development Permit Areas (DPAs):

- DPA 1 - Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area (Section 6.4)
- DPA 2 - Downtown Revitalization Development Permit Area (Section 6.5)
- Natural Hazards Development Permit Areas:
- DPA 3 - Flood Plain Development Area Permit (Section 7)
- DPA 4 – Slope Stability Permit Areas (Section 6.8)
- DPA 5 - Wildfire Protection Permit Area (Section 6.9)

6.2 Development Approval

All land within the boundaries of the Village of Salmo is designated as the area within which development approval information may be required. The purpose is to ensure that applicable studies and relevant information are provided to the Village of Salmo to evaluate the impact of any proposed development within the Village.

The Village's *Development Approval Information Bylaw* specifies the procedures and policies for requiring development approval information and the substance of the information that may be required. Development approval information may be required under the following circumstances:

- 1) The development proposal requires any of the following:
 - (a) An amendment to the Zoning Bylaw;
 - (b) The issuance of a development permit; and
 - (c) The issuance of a temporary use permit.
- 2) The approval of the development proposal may impact the Village's strategic directions and priorities for the natural environment, particularly the protection of the aquifer underlying the Village and wetlands protection areas, as outlined in the Official Community Plan and any other plans, strategies or bylaws adopted by the Village.

6.3 General Guidelines for Development

- 1) These guidelines apply to:
 - (a) all subdivisions and new construction requiring a Building Permit within 15 metres from the high-water mark of a watercourse or wetland;
 - (b) Any proposed development or alteration of existing properties and their structures within the Salmo Floodplain per Schedule H: Floodplain and Alluvial Fans;
- 2) Refer to section 6.5.6 for exemptions from Development Permit requirements;
- 3) New construction, soil removal, and impermeable paving surfaces should be avoided within 15 metres from the high-water mark of any watercourse or wetland;
- 4) Any proposed construction, soil removal, and impermeable paving surfaces within 15 metres from the high-water mark of a watercourse or wetland will require review from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and compensation for impacts may be required;
- 5) Any new construction, soil removal, and impermeable paving surfaces within 15 metres of a watercourse and water body will require a detailed assessment by a Registered Professional Biologist (R.P. Bio), or other qualified professionals as acceptable to the Village;
- 6) Detailed assessments will be required to:
 - (a) Determine the final setback requirements permitted for new construction;
 - (b) Provide information regarding potential impacts of the proposed development, mitigation options and design alternatives;
 - (c) Provide evidence that the development will not result in Harmful Alteration, Disruption, or Destruction (HADD) of riparian areas;
 - (d) Indicate that the slope stability will not be jeopardized if the area has a slope of 20% or more (see section 6.8);

- (e) Identify any frontage on Erie Creek dike system;
- (f) Identify measures that will be required to maintain the integrity of the dike area;
- (g) Identify measures that will be required to maintain the integrity of the riparian area;
and,
- (h) Identify a Tree and Vegetation retention and planting plan to be prepared by a Registered Professional Biologist or Registered BC Landscape Architect. Tree and vegetation retention should be prioritized. A planting plan should include species native to the Kootenays and be selected for erosion control and/or fish and animal habitat values as needed/recommended. Vegetation species used in replanting, restoration and enhancement shall be selected to suit the soil, light, and groundwater conditions of the site. Measures to ensure tree and vegetation protection during construction should be identified.

The Village is committed to providing mechanisms and processes that are responsive and expedient in aiding developers and the public to understand, and fulfill, the requirements of the Development Permit process. The Village staff are beginning a Development Harmonization Project that will align all bylaws & policies to provide faster approval times.

6.4 DPA 1 - Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area

6.4.1 Designated Area

All properties within the Aquifer Protection Area are designated as the Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area, as shown in *Schedule J: Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area*.

An Aquifer Protection Development Permit is not required if the development involves the following:

- (a) A proposed residential subdivision to be connected to municipal water and sewage services; or
- (b) A proposed residential subdivision will result in two residential dwelling units or less, each on their own parcel, and the domestic water source and on-site sewage system meet the requirements established by the Ministry of Health and/or the Interior Health Authority, and by the Village's zoning bylaw.

An *Aquifer Protection Development Permit* is required if the development involves the following:

- (a) A proposed residential subdivision of more than two (2) dwellings, all or part of which is not connected to either municipal water and/or sewage services, as municipal service cannot be provided by the Village; or
- (b) A proposed residence or business facility all or part of which is not connected to either municipal water and/or sewage services, as municipal service cannot be provided by the Village, and the domestic water source and on-site sewage system meet the requirements established by the Ministry of Health and/or the Interior Health Authority, and by the Village's zoning and flood plain bylaws.

6.4.2 Justification

The *Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area* is known to be above an aquifer and groundwater system that is the domestic water supply for the Village of Salmo and for all Salmo residents and many in Area G. A recent report prepared for the Village rates this large aquifer as having high vulnerability, as it is considered a surficial aquifer; it is not protected by bedrock but is comprised of porous materials (e.g. sand and gravel materials). The groundwater system may also sustain important habitat such as base flow or discharge to surface water sources. Care must be taken in the storage, handling, manufacture, and use of products on sites within this Development Permit Area to avoid contamination of the underlying aquifer and to promote its sustainable use.

6.4.3 Objective

The objective of the Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area designation is to protect the subsurface aquifer, forming the Village of Salmo's water supply, against possible pollution from land use and development activities.

6.4.4 Aquifer Protection Development Permit Area Guidelines

All applications for an *Aquifer Protection Development Permit* shall follow the procedures and policies for requiring development approval information and the substance of the information that may be required, as stated in the *Village's Development Approval Information Bylaw*.

6.5 DPA 2 – Downtown Revitalization Development Permit Area

6.5.1 Designated Area

The area shown on *Schedule I: Downtown Revitalization Development Permit Area* is designated as a Development Permit Area pursuant to section 879(1)(d) of the *Local Government Act*, for the purpose of revitalizing the original town centre. This area may be referred to as the "Downtown Revitalization Permit Area".

6.5.2 Justification

The downtown core is the most important commercial area in the Village. The visual impression provided by the downtown core area helps shape the community's identity. It is also important from an economic development perspective to provide a strong positive image for the tourist travelling on Highway 6.

The objective of this designation is to enhance the quality, character and image of Salmo's downtown. Salmo's design guidelines contribute to a coordinated, comprehensive approach to achieving the Village's objective of upgrading the commercial core and strengthening the core as the focal point of the community.

It is Council's objective to develop continuity and an overall improvement of the presentation of downtown Salmo, while still providing flexibility for original and inspired design.

6.5.3 Guidelines

The following guidelines illustrate the general approach that will be followed to achieve

revitalization of downtown Salmo. For detailed information please refer to the *"Village of Salmo Building Design Guidelines"*, adopted by Council and available from the Village Office.

6.5.4 General Design Guidelines

(a) New and revitalized façade design must be consistent with the Revitalization design theme of "Historic". Acceptable design themes are:

- i. Authentic renovation or restoration design of original Historic facades.
- ii. New or modern design with a Historic theme.

(b) Design Character must be consistent in image with a Historic Village design theme. Acceptable materials to achieve this consistent image include:

- i. Horizontal wood or Hardy plank cladding (weathered, stained or painted).
- ii. Masonry or stone veneer.
- iii. False fronts.

(c) Building scale, height, form, materials, colors and details must be consistent with the Historic image. Acceptable design features include:

- i. Maximum of three building heights.
- ii. Gable, flat or stepped façade rooflines.
- iii. Simulated wood Hardy plank.
- iv. Mass Timber, stucco, masonry or stone.
- v. Design FireSmart wood canopies.
- vi. Signs should be complementary colours and lettered in Roman or Gothic styles.

6.5.5 Specific Design Guidelines

"The Village of Salmo Building Design Guidelines" contain specific guidelines which may be used to interpret and clarify the General Design Guidelines in Section 6.5.4. *"The Village of Salmo Building Design Guidelines Bylaw"*.

6.5.6 General Exemptions

The following activities occurring in a Development Permit Area shall be exempt from the development permit application process:

- (a) Emergency procedures to prevent, control or reduce immediate threats to life, public or private property, do not require a development permit;
- (b) The construction, repair and maintenance of public works and services by the Village or its authorized agents and contractors are exempt from the formal Development Permit approval process, but the works must be completed in accordance with applicable environmental and *BC Building Code* regulations;
- (c) Reconstruction or repair of a structure on its existing building footprint;

- (d) Any alteration or renovation to a building that is completely within the interior of the building;
- (e) Minor repairs to the exterior of the building, such as replacing a broken window or light fixture, or replacing a few boards of siding on an exterior wall; and
- (f) Minor repairs as described in (e) to the exterior of a building, if the building is already not in compliance with the “*The Village of Salmo Building Design Guidelines Bylaw*”.

6.6 Natural Hazards & Flood Plain Management Permit Objectives

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA 1997) defines a hazard as “a source of potential harm, or a situation with a potential for causing harm, in terms of human injury; damage to health, property, the environment, and other things of value; or some combination of these.” Salmo is at high risk for flooding and wildfire. The Village of Salmo began collaborating with the RDCK in mid-2025 to complete a new Flood Plain Mapping Study.

The Village’s objectives regarding Natural Hazards are to:

- (a) Minimize the risks to residents and property posed by the natural hazards of floods, steep slopes, and interface forest fires (see *Schedule K: Natural Hazards Development Permit Areas*);
- (b) Complete the Flood Plain Mapping Study, in coordination with the RDCK, and develop and implement strategy and, if required, undertake flood mitigation measures in coordination with the RDCK, such as additional dikes, to protect the Village and surrounding area;
- (c) Maintain and enhance Salmo’s environmental quality and to safeguard it for future generations;
- (d) Ensure development meets all requirements for the applicable Natural Hazards Development Permit Areas, if applicable;
- (e) Avoid development on environmentally sensitive lands and hazard lands;
- (f) Develop and/or update Emergency Response plans;
- (g) Use a range of methods to minimize the flood hazard including maintaining riparian areas in a natural state, and maintaining existing dikes;
- (h) Should the Village acquire any properties through tax sale that are on a high-risk flood path or in the wildfire interface zone, remove existing development and undertake natural hazard prevention measures as applicable to the property;
- (i) Work with the RDCK to develop and implement community wildfire management plans for Salmo and area;
- (j) Work with the RDCK to complete the Village’s floodplain mapping project, and subsequently update the Village’s bylaw with the new floodplain maps, revising floodplain setbacks and flood construction levels to meet provincial requirements (see *Schedule H: Floodplain and Alluvial Fans*); and
- (k) Develop and implement, in coordination with the RDCK and provincial ministries, a plan,

including strategies and works, for flood mitigation in Salmo and the surrounding area, including the possible construction of 'engineered' wetlands and flood capture ponds, particularly upstream of Salmo.

6.7 DPA 3 - Flood Plain Development Permit Area

A significant portion of the Village lies on the flood plain and is at high risk of flooding. To protect against the loss of life and to minimize property damage associated with flooding events, Council will encourage park and outdoor recreation uses and the restoration of wetlands on high- risk flood prone lands. In particular, the designation of additional residential land uses, beyond those already established, will be discouraged from the floodplain. Council supports the objectives of the *Provincial Flood Hazard Area Land Use Management Guidelines*.

The Village is collaborating with the RDCK to create a new Floodplain Management Bylaw that will be completed by the end of 2026. Development on the flood plain is guided by the Village's *Flood Plain Management Bylaw*.

A drainage plan is required for new construction and subdivisions within Flood Hazard and Riparian areas and must include recommendations for implementation with the proposed development. The drainage plan should aim to fully minimize the impact the development may have on the riparian area, while developing and when built. The drainage plan must include recommendations that address the following factors:

- (i) Water quality;
- (ii) Water quantity;
- (iii) On-site detention;
- (iv) Erosion and sediment control;
- (v) Impact on fish and wildlife habitat; and
- (vi) Physical riparian functions.

All new developments within a flood hazard area as identified on *Schedule H: Floodplain and Alluvial Fans* and/or within a riparian area or abutting a water course or wetland shall be required to provide a geotechnical report completed by Qualified Registered Professional (QRP) stating that the proposed development is safe for the use intended.

The Village's Flood Plain Development policies are as follows:

6.7.1 Flood Hazard

- (a) To require a Flood Plain Development Permit (DPA 3) for all areas identified as high risk (see *Schedule H: Floodplain and Alluvial Fans*).
- (b) To work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, environmental groups and supportive funding agencies such as the Columbia Basin Trust to coordinate flood plain studies and management and to construct and/or maintain natural wetlands.

6.7.2 **Dikes and Flood Mitigation**

To support the maintenance and improvement of the Village’s diking system. To work with the RDCK and provincial agencies to mitigate the danger of flooding and to improve protection in the Village and surrounding Area G.

6.7.3 **Aquatic & Riparian Habitat Protection**

To conserve, protect and nurture productive fish habitats from human disturbance. When any development or dike maintenance or improvement is proposed that would impact on water courses and/or riparian habitat in the Village, the following guidelines should be referred to:

6.8 **DPA 4 - Slope Development Permit Areas**

6.8.1 **Designated Area**

The areas shown in *Schedule K: Natural Hazards Development Permit Areas* are designated as the ‘Slope Development Permit Areas’.

The Government of Canada National Soil Database classifies slopes as follows:

| Code | Class | Description |
|------|-------------------|--|
| A | Little or none | Little or no slope: 0 - 3 % gradient. |
| B | Gentle | Gentle slopes: 4 - 9 % gradient. |
| C | Moderate | Moderate slopes: 10 - 15 % gradient. |
| D | Steep | Steep slopes: 16 - 30 % gradient. |
| E | Extremely steep | Extremely steep slopes: 31 - 60% gradient. |
| F | Excessively steep | Excessively steep slopes: > 60% gradient. |
| - | n/a | Not applicable (water). |

6.8.2 **Justification**

In this OCP, steep slopes are classified as lands in their natural state that have a slope of 20% or greater for a minimum horizontal distance of 10 metres. This definition is used to identify all properties of 0.5 hectares or greater with a 10% or greater portion of the parent property having sloped land 20% or greater.

The steepness of slopes does not necessarily correlate with the stability of slopes. Stability also depends on factors such as geologic materials, soils, moisture content and vegetation cover. A proper geotechnical investigation conducted by a qualified professional is required for developments on steep slopes. The northern part of the Village is occupied by steep forested slopes that rise above the main commercial and residential areas and the highway corridors. The hill in the central part of the Village (Woodland Drive) also has steep slopes on the south side. The slopes are shown on the map in *12.10 Schedule K: Natural Hazards Development Permit Areas*.

6.8.3 **Objectives**

The objectives of the Slope Development Permit Area are to:

- (a) Manage the trees and vegetation cover on undisturbed slopes around the Village in order:

- i. to preserve the green, natural backdrop of the community;
 - ii. to minimize run-off and drainage problems from occurring down slope;
 - iii. to help protect the aquifer's watershed from which Salmo's water supply is drawn; and
 - iv. to maintain and enhance natural species diversity of flora and fauna.
- (b) Minimize injury, loss of life, and damage to property and structures in areas identified as being at risk of slope instability and wildfire;
- (c) Encourage development patterns that minimize the risk posed by development on slopes;
- (d) Prevent any alterations to slopes that could cause instability;
- (e) Ensure that development and construction on slopes is done safely;
- (f) Encourage ongoing maintenance and monitoring of steep slopes; and
- (g) Minimize damage to public infrastructure and utilities.

6.8.4 Slope Development Policies

- (a) To require a Slope Development Area Permit (DPA 4) for all areas identified as high risk having steep slopes over 20%;
- (b) Work with developers to ensure adequate measures are taken to mitigate risks of slope instability.

6.8.5 Slope Development Permit Area Guidelines

Any development proposed within the designated area on slopes above 20% shall require submission of a geotechnical report, prepared by a qualified professional engineer, for all development and related activities.

Depending on the proposed development, including factors such as the and density, the Village may consider these areas because of the public good and the need to protect life, structures, and property from potential hazards. The report shall address issues such as:

- providing information regarding potential impacts of the proposed development, mitigation options and design alternatives;
- providing evidence that the development will not result in Harmful Alteration, Disruption, or Destruction (HADD) of riparian areas, including identifying measures that will be required to maintain the integrity of any riparian area(s);
- determining that the slope stability will not be jeopardized if the area has a slope of 20% or more, including identifying measures to mitigate the risk to slope stability;
- site drainage (including severe rainstorms and rapid melting of average and above average snowpack);
- soil slippage (surface and deep seated);

- site clearing;
- vegetation retention; and
- determining and identifying the final setback requirements permitted for new construction on the site.

At the option of the Village, a save harmless covenant may be registered against the subject legal parcel.

The construction of structures, pathways/trails, utilities, drainage facilities, swimming pools, hot tubs, ponds, landscaping or other uses at or near the top or base of any steep slope should be avoided. A minimum 10 metre buffer area from the top or base of any steep slope should be maintained free of development except as recommended by a qualified professional.

The installation of public infrastructure requires the submission of a geotechnical report, prepared by a qualified professional geotechnical engineer, identifying potential issues and measures to mitigate the risks to slope stability.

6.9 DPA 5 - Wildfire Risk Permit Area

6.9.1 *Wildfire Interface*

Surrounded by naturally forested land, Salmo’s residential, commercial and recreational areas are located within or adjacent to wildland/urban interface areas with natural vegetation in a region of the Province highly susceptible to both lightning and human-caused fires. Hotter, drier summers also significantly impact the susceptibility of our forests to wildfire.

Fires that have the potential to involve buildings and wildland vegetation simultaneously are known as interface fires. Interface fires can ignite within a building and spread to a nearby forest, or more commonly, spread from burning vegetation to engulf buildings, homes, and other forms of development. Our forested and wildland areas are greatly valued by residents and contribute to the “greenness” and beauty of Salmo and the surrounding area. However, these attractive places can be a hazardous source of fuel for a fire.

Any development proposed within the area marked as the wildfire interface shall require submission of a fire risk assessment and fuel management strategy, prepared by a qualified professional, including the consideration of *FireSmart* and *FireSmart Home Partners* recommendations.

Developments shall incorporate fire breaks adjacent to residential areas, which may be in the form of cleared parkland, roads, or trails; and should accommodate vehicle access for fighting wildfire in interface areas.

Buildings and structures shall be designed and constructed with fire resistant materials, as determined by the *BC Building Code*, *FireSmart* and *FireSmart Home Partners* recommendations. The basic purpose of these guidelines is to control the combustible elements of both buildings and landscape to minimize the potential for the spread of fire and the resultant destruction of property, and threat to life.

A Wildfire Risk Permit is not required regarding interface wildfire if the development involves the

following:

- (a) For the addition or alteration of an existing principal building, it is provided that not more than 33 percent additional gross floor area is created, that is located outside of a 15.0 metre buffer zone of any property line.
- (b) Patio and outdoor improvements that do not require a building permit where no removal of trees or native vegetation is proposed except that existing lawns may be removed.
- (c) Alteration to the land to facilitate community food gardens.
- (d) Where a Registered Professional Forester has determined that the development area is outside of the 100.0 metre *FireSmart* Priority Zone.

6.9.2 Designated Area

There are three (3) areas designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 488(1)(b) (protection of development from hazardous conditions) of the *Local Government Act*. All development within those areas designated as DPA 5 Wildfire Protection on the Natural Hazards Development Permit Area Map (*Schedule K: Natural Hazards Development Permit Areas*), shall be subject to approval for a Development Permit in accordance with the guidelines described in section 6.9.5. The three areas are:

- The wooded hills on the west side of Highway 3/Railway Avenue;
- Around the bottom & west side of the hill in the middle of the Village; and
- Property along the north-east edge of the Village boundary and Maclure Avenue.

6.9.3 Justification

Salmo is surrounded by forested mountains and valleys, as well as having stands of trees in and around the Village in a region susceptible to both lightning and human caused fires. Additionally, an ongoing Mountain Pine Beetle outbreak has the potential to significantly impact the forest fire hazard adjacent to the community over the next twenty years.

The *Salmo Fire Protection Area Report*⁶ identifies the wild land urban interface area for the Village. The report rates the probability of wildfire risk as high to extreme, with high consequence, for the Village and the immediate surrounding area.

The objective of DPA 5 is to protect the property located within that interface area and thus to protect the Town from wildfire spreading from this fringe area.

6.9.4 Wildfire Interface Hazard Objectives

The Villages Wildfire Interface Hazard Objectives are as follows:

- (a) Continue to encourage property owners to use the “*BC Homeowners FireSmart Manual*”, and other information from the BC Forest Service;
- (b) Encourage property owners to consider *FireSmart* building materials when renovating existing

buildings and to follow recommendations in the *FireSmart Home Partners program*;

- (c) Continue to use development permits, building regulations and public education as tools to ensure that developments incorporate fireguards, defensible space and appropriate fire-resistant building materials in wildfire interface areas;
- (d) Reduce the risk of wildfire by following the *BC FireSmart* program to promote awareness, prevention, regulation, and other mitigation measures;
- (e) Continue to work in cooperation with the Fire Department and the RDCK's Emergency Management team to achieve an integrated Wildfire Protection Plan;
- (f) Work with the RDCK and property owners in Area G and the Village to consider mitigation efforts in Wildland Urban Interface areas to reduce fire exposure to residents;
- (g) To protect future development from natural events such as wildfire by periodically reviewing Wildfire Interface design guidelines to ensure they continue to provide the necessary guidelines for construction within the wildfire interface areas;
- (h) Review the Building Bylaw and other related bylaws to revise it to include recommendations and requirements from the Wildfire Protection Plan;
- (i) In recognition of the wildfire hazard posed by coniferous trees within ten metres of a structure, Village planting of urban street and/or park trees will emphasize deciduous trees, naturally occurring shrubs and ground vegetation; and
- (j) Encourage homeowners and businesses to plant deciduous trees, naturally occurring types of fire-resistant shrubs and ground vegetation when landscaping their property.

6.9.5 DPA 5 Guidelines

- (a) The applicant shall provide a site plan that locates the proposed development relative to the adjacent forest edge;
- (b) Development Permits issued in DPA 5 shall be in accordance with the following Guidelines and as supported in the *FireSmart: Protecting Your Community from Wildfire Manual, Chapter 3 - Solutions and Mitigations*;
- (c) The land within 10m (33') of the property's forest edge will be a fire-resistant area with the following characteristics:
 - i. Landscaping shall be fire-resistant plantings, such as deciduous trees, and free of all materials that could easily ignite, such as cedar and juniper. Wood and pine needle mulches shall not be permitted. A maintained lawn is considered fire-resistant;
 - ii. Firewood storage areas are to be located, and firewood is to be stored, at least 10m (33') away from houses; and
 - iii. Combustible fences are to be separated from houses with non-combustible metal

gates.

(d) All buildings within 10m (33') of the forest edge will be "fire-resistant" with the following characteristics:

- i. Roofing material shall be fire resistant or fire-retardant. Metal, asphalt, clay, and composite rubber are acceptable materials. No wood shakes are permitted;
- ii. Chimneys are to have spark arrestors;
- iii. Gutters are to be screened to prevent accumulation of combustible debris;
- iv. Eaves and vents shall be screened with maximum 3 mm wire mesh;
- v. Exterior cladding shall be non-combustible and include stucco, metal, brick, concrete, fibred-cement and logs and/or heavy timbers. No untreated wood or vinyl siding shall be permitted;
- vi. Windows are to be thermally broken, double pane windows;
- vii. Exterior doors shall be non-combustible; and
- viii. Decks shall not have inaccessible, unmaintained spaces below the deck's surface.

(e) The land between 10m (33') and 100m (328') of the forest edge should have the following characteristics:

- i. Coniferous trees are thinned so that spacing of each tree is at least 3m (9') apart and pruned to remove branches within 2m (6.7') of the ground; and,
- ii. Combustible materials are removed (small trees that could be a "ladder" for fire to move into the treetops) and the ground is clear of woody debris.

(f) Any additional standards developed by the Province in the future may supersede these Guidelines through legislation and will be in addition to these Guidelines.

6.10 Other Permits & Permit Matters

Under sections 500 through 505 of the *Local Government Act* the Village may require further action or information and may issue permits in relation to:

- (a) Tree cutting permits in relation to areas affected by flooding or other hazards.
- (b) General land use permit matters.
- (c) Requirement for security as condition of land use permit.
- (d) Notice of permit on Land Title.
- (e) Permit lapses if relevant construction is not substantially started.
- (f) *Transportation Act* permits in relation to development near controlled access highways.

7 INFRASTRUCTURE

7.1 Asset Management and Sustainable Service Delivery

To be sustainable, infrastructure should be efficient and durable, while creating minimal impacts on the environment. Road rights-of-way can be used in manners that incorporate required infrastructure, while supporting and prioritizing active transportation. It is important to ensure that services support quality of life, protect health and safety, and promote social, economic, and environmental well-being over the short and long-term.

Village public works and services include drinking water & wastewater(sewage) collection and treatment, along with parks, dike, road, sidewalk improvements and maintenance, and biannual yard waste pick-up. Recycling services are provided by RDCK. As well, the community has a number of current civic facilities and parks, along with provincial agency buildings (e.g. health centre), that are serviced by the Village (see *Schedule D: Current Civic Facilities, Parks and Institutions*).

Except in exceptional circumstances, all new development must be connected to the Village's sewer and water services. For new development in areas requiring extension of municipal utility service, the cost of the extension and connection to these utilities will be incurred by the developer.

The Village is completing an Asset Management Plan in 2025 & 2026 that will include a comprehensive policy for the various classes of assets. These plans will guide and inform infrastructure maintenance, renewal and replacement investments. Since existing utility facilities have the capacity to meet projected modest population growth, underground service line infrastructure maintenance and renewal will continue to be a municipal priority. *Schedule C: Village Infrastructure* identifies the Village's existing infrastructure.

7.1.1 Capital Assets

The Village has a number of capital assets including buildings (see *Schedule D: Current Civic Facilities, Parks and Institutions*), water and wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure, in addition to fire-fighting and heavy equipment. The Asset Management plan, currently in development, will evaluate the life cycle costs and carbon implications of large capital expenditures, in addition to assisting with scheduling of infrastructure renewal and maintenance.

7.1.2 Water System

The municipal water is drawn from the aquifer that lies under the community. A report by Golder Associates (2005) estimated that the rate of groundwater use was less than 1% of the total annual groundwater flow in the aquifer. Even with the projected changes in precipitation patterns due to changing climate, and potentially an increased population, the aquifer appears to have more than enough capacity to meet community needs.

However, the capacity of the water and sewer infrastructure systems is also a factor in service delivery.

Any substantial increase in population, and therefore homes and/or businesses served, will require careful study of the impact on the aquifer, water and sewer infrastructure, and the Village's ability to accommodate such an increase. For example, a more recent report by Columbia Basin Trust cautioned that peak demand could adversely affect the amount of water reserved for fire flows. It is therefore of critical importance to understand the aquifer's capacity.

Upon completion of an aquifer capacity study, see 3.2 Aquifers, Section 3.2.1 (d), and completed as part of the overall asset management planning, including addressing whether the old Village wells (Ninth Street and Motel Avenue) should be formally decommissioned.

Any expansion of the water distribution system over and above current capacity may require compliance with the Ministry of Health's *4-3-2-1-0 Drinking Water Standards Policy*, which requires implementation by water suppliers serving populations greater than 500 people/day. The Village is planning to complete a Village Water Plan in 2026 to determine the Village's water system capacity.

The *4-3-2-1-0 Drinking Water Objective* provides a performance target for water suppliers to ensure the provision of microbiological safe drinking water. Salmo's pristine water quality is closely monitored by Interior Health. A substantial change, such as population growth, could necessitate the construction of a water treatment plant if they are so mandated. Therefore, any expansion of the system and its impact on the aquifer must be carefully considered before undertaking.

Due to aging pipes, both the water distribution and waste collection system networks need significant and costly pipe replacement within the next decade. The Village is planning on completing a Water Plan Study to determine the next steps for water storage. The plans for renewal will be included in the Asset Management Plan.

7.1.3 Sanitary Sewer Wastewater Treatment

The municipal wastewater utility consists of gravity sewers (collection), a single lift station and force main, and a sewage treatment plant located just outside the Village's southern boundary. The system was built between 1973 and 1975 and received a significant upgrade in 2019. The Village added a new clarifier in 2025.

7.1.4 Fire Protection

Fire Protection Services are provided by the Salmo Volunteer Fire Department operating Village-owned equipment from the Village-owned fire hall. The Village highly values its Volunteers and the incredible and dangerous job they do protecting Salmo and the surrounding area. Both the Fire Hall, its equipment and vehicles need capital repairs and upgrades, which will be included in the Village's Asset Management Strategy. The Village is proceeding with the purchase of a new firetruck.

7.1.5 Roads and Bridges

The Village has about 14 kilometres of roads, one roadway bridge (Main Street and Glendale Avenue) and one pedestrian bridge (6th Street). A 2016 inventory and assessment of road conditions rated 22% as poor, 33% as fair, 34% as good, 3% as very good, and 8% unpaved. The

Village will be completing the Asset Management Plan in 2026. Road paving decisions are made based on road conditions, traffic need, public safety, and the condition of underground utilities.

7.1.6 Storm Water Management

The Village manages storm water through strategically placed catch basins, dry wells, drains, and ditches. Regular maintenance of this infrastructure is critical for effective drainage and to prevent water from pooling. A recent storm water study and the follow-up maintenance and construction of additional storm water infrastructure have dramatically improved drainage in historically troublesome spots.

7.1.7 Dikes

The Village's responsibilities as a diking authority include the implementation of an on-going dike management program including inspection, patrolling emergency planning, operation, maintenance, and repairs in accordance with an approved Operations & Maintenance Manual and the acquisition and maintenance of full legal access and physical access points to the dikes. The recommended next steps include prioritizing a work plan based on risk assessment and developing a vegetation management plan. The Village is working with the RDCK on an overall flood mapping process which is due for completion in December 2026 and will include recommendations for flood mitigation works. The Village intends to work in partnership with the RDCK on any mitigation measures to be undertaken along the Salmo River.

7.1.8 Cemetery

The Village owned and managed cemetery on Cemetery Road on the outskirts of the Village in the RDCK, is a valued asset. The cemetery is currently approximately 50% full. The Village's constructed a new Memorial Wall to provide another way to celebrate life.

7.1.9 Ecological Assets

The Sustainable Salmo consultation process showed the value that residents place on natural assets in the Village. The priority asset identified by 68% of Salmo residents in the Asset Survey is the aquifer, which provides all of Salmo's potable water as well as fire flow requirements. This natural asset is critical to the delivery of quality water services as well as fire suppression and can be recognized as such in asset management planning. Similarly, wetlands provide important storm water management functions, as well as eco-system and habitat support.

7.1.10 Resource Recovery Services

The Village of Salmo is a participant in the RDCK Central Subregion Resource Recovery Service along with the Village of Kaslo, City of Nelson, and RDCK Electoral Areas D, E, F, and G. Solid waste management (garbage and recycling) within the RDCK. The handling and processing of solid waste continues to be a significant cost to Salmo residents and a source of greenhouse gas emissions. Salmo will continue to move towards the goal of reducing waste by supporting the recycling and organic materials from the waste stream.

Solid waste is handled through the joint efforts of the Village and the RDCK. The Village has been

responsible for providing land for a depot to collect recyclable waste for the residents of Salmo and Area G and will continue to do so. The recycling collection station is managed and operated by the RDCK on land owned by the Village on Glendale Avenue in Lions Park.

Residential garbage is picked up on a weekly basis and taken to a Regional District operated landfill. Residents may also drop off their garbage at the Central Transfer Station located in Area G on Emerald Road located south of Salmo. Commercial garbage pick-up is handled by private contractors.

7.1.11 Resource Recovery Policies

- (a) The Village, in partnership with the RDCK or other agencies, will continue to investigate creating additional recycling and composting drop-off sites and other recycling options.
- (b) The Village will encourage other agencies and businesses that provide recycling operations within the Village or Area G.

7.1.12 Human Assets

Human capital is a critical asset, and includes the value placed on those who deliver civic services, from employees to volunteers (see Section 9.5). The Village employs eight full-time employees, several seasonal employees and interns. Salmo's Volunteer Fire Department has over twenty volunteer fire fighters. The Village values the development and retention of its employees. Skilled and dedicated employees are the key to sustainable service delivery in Salmo.

7.1.13 Overall Objectives

The Village's overall asset management and service delivery objectives are to:

- (a) Ensure sustainable service delivery through the proper management of physical, environmental, and human assets, by developing and implementing an asset management plan for all capital classes to govern the Village's approach to facilities, utility infrastructure and equipment maintenance, renewal, and replacement, including:
 - i. Municipal infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements that will improve water collection and distribution and reduce water loss;
 - ii. Incorporating a municipal equipment fleet maintenance and replacement schedule;
 - iii. Incorporating a municipal building maintenance and capital improvements schedule;
 - iv. Recognizing and valuing natural assets and the role they play in the municipal infrastructure system and sustainable service delivery;
 - v. Recognizing and valuing human assets and the role that employees and volunteers play in sustainable service delivery;
 - vi. Recognizing the integral role that good governance, public trust, and employee morale play in sustainable service delivery; and
 - vii. Complying with the provincial requirements regarding asset planning and management.

- (b) Ensure safe collection and delivery of potable drinking water for current and future generations including;
- i. Following the recommendations from the Source Water Protection Plan Study that was completed in 2024;
 - ii. Undertaking a study to determine the capacity of the current water system with regards to understanding how much future growth can be accommodated and at what point the Village would need to increase capacity; and
 - iii. Develop a plan to increase future capacity for the system, if necessary.
- (c) Ensure the safe collection and treatment of sanitary sewer system waste and ensure that the re-entry of the resulting graywater into a natural environment meets all regulatory requirements, including:
- i. Determining the capacity of the current (upgraded) sewer system with regards to understanding how much future growth can be accommodated and at what point the village would need to increase capacity again.
- (d) When preparing a land use regulation bylaw, and when considering amendments to the land use regulation bylaw and in designing or amending other bylaws, fire safety and firefighting efficiency will be encouraged through such provisions as:
- i. Ensuring that no building is approved where the height would exceed the limit imposed by the effective three-story capacity of the Village's firefighting equipment;
 - ii. Promoting the *FireSmart* program and building practices and;
 - iii. Providing adequate side-yard and rear-yard setbacks to permit access for firefighting equipment and to prevent the spread of fire.
- (e) Seek funding to replace infrastructure on a basis determined and prioritized through the asset management planning process using a phased approach over a period of years; and
- (f) Seek funding for flood mitigation works, as determined by the flood mapping process, in coordination with the RDCK.
- (g) Undertake continued maintenance and upgrading of existing infrastructure and equipment while planning for the *Lifecycle Infrastructure Costs* to the community (construction or purchase, maintenance and replacement);
- (h) Renew assets per the asset management plan, while allowing for flexibility when an opportunity presents itself to renew an asset ahead of schedule;
- (i) Operate and maintain effective and reliable municipal infrastructure supported by healthy natural assets;
- (j) To complete an Asset Management & treat it as a living document;
- (k) Integrate asset management plans into long-term financial planning to identify and address gaps between long-term costs and available funding;

- (l) Encourage the inclusion of *Green Infrastructure* systems in new construction projects;
- (m) Consider implementation of various local area services taxes, further to Part 7, Division 5 of the *Community Charter*;
- (n) Seek ways to acknowledge and value the role that natural and human assets play in the delivery of quality and sustainable civic services;
- (o) Provide a healthy and respectful working environment for employees as critical to the delivery of quality and sustainable civic services; and
- (p) Encourage the development and retention of employees as critical to the delivery of quality and sustainable civic services.

7.2 Public Utilities & Services

7.2.1 Objectives

The Village's objectives are to:

- (a) Provide high-quality municipal services including drinking water, sewage treatment, storm water management, roads, and fire protection;
- (b) To maintain, renew and replace municipal infrastructure based on asset management principles, sound engineering, financial viability, and environmental responsibility;
- (c) Work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, not-for-profit organizations, residents and business owners to develop and implement a solid waste reduction program, including methods such as recycling, re-purposing, repairing, and composting to further reduce waste going to landfill; and
- (d) Minimize the operational costs of infrastructure over its life cycle to support residential development.

7.2.2 Policies

The Village's policies are to:

- (a) Designate municipal utilities as 'Public Utility' on Schedule B: Land Use Designations. Municipal utilities include wells, water reservoir, sewage treatment plant, roads, storm water management, dikes, and any affiliated works;
- (b) Continue to participate in the current resource recovery program operated by the RDCK, and thereby not require a solid waste disposal site within the Village;
- (c) Work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, not-for-profit organizations, residents and business owners to further develop and implement a water conservation program, continuing to build upon the *WaterSmart* program and reducing costs to the Village, residents and business owners;
- (d) Promote 'green infrastructure' methods for managing storm water from rain and melting snow, by incorporating features such as natural and engineered wetlands to capture, store, and/or direct storm water run-off;

- (e) Consider capturing waste heat and/or using alternative and/or renewable energy such as solar and geo-exchange when upgrading Village utilities and their operating systems; and
- (f) Consider purchasing electric and/or hybrid vehicles when replacing Village vehicles.

8 TRANSPORTATION

Effective and efficient local transit is important to residents for inter-community transportation/ access to jobs and to attract visitors from those communities.

8.1 Objectives

The Village's general transportation objectives are to:

Work with the RDCK and BC Transit and other possible partners to improve public transit services between Salmo and other communities within the region and on the greater connectivity access across Canada;

- (a) Improve active transportation infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling within and around the Village; and
- (b) Develop and implement a long-term plan for the current and future EV charging stations in Salmo, including the eventual needs of electric trucks and buses.
- (c) Continue to work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, tourism organizations and not-for-profit organizations, to continue development and enhancement of the network of trails in the surrounding area that connect to Salmo; and which allow motorized (e.g. ORV's) use on designated trail systems, and according to provincial regulations; and
- (d) Continue to work with the RDCK, provincial ministries, tourism organizations and not-for-profit organizations, to allow motorized (e.g. ORV's) use on designated trail systems, and according to provincial regulations.

8.2 Policies

The Village's policies are as follows:

- (a) Develop roads as designated on *Schedule E: Road Network*;

8.2.1 Provincial Highways

- (a) Acknowledge that the Provincial Arterial Highways as designated on *Schedule E: Road Network* are Highway 3 and Highway 6/Railway Avenue; and that they provide access through, to, and from the Village to other communities in the region, and to other regions in BC and Alberta;
- (b) Work with the provincial transportation ministry to make improvements to Highway 6/Railway Avenue through the downtown core, if required;
- (c) Offset 'T' intersections at Provincial arterial highways and Village arterial streets shall be avoided where possible and cross intersections encouraged; and

8.2.2 Arterial Streets

- (a) Arterial streets as identified on *Schedule E: Road Network*, shall be recognized as those providing through traffic movements between areas within the Village and across the Village; and
- (b) Designate the following streets as Village Arterial Streets: 4th Street/Airport Road, Main Street, Glendale Avenue, Davies Avenue, Ninth Street, Motel Avenue, Cady Road, Carney Mill Road, and Hutcheson Avenue.

8.2.3 Local Streets

- (a) Recognize local streets as routes for local movement only, to provide abutting properties with direct access; and
- (b) Identify all streets not designated on Schedule E: Road Network as local streets.

8.2.4 Alleyways

- (a) Recognize alleyways as routes for secondary local movement only.

8.2.5 Parking

- (a) Ensure that there continues to be adequate parking throughout the Village.

8.2.6 Parks & Trails

- (a) Direct parks and trails to those areas designated Parks and Recreation in *Schedule G: Trails, Benches and Sidewalks*; and
- (b) Continue to maintain Springboard Park in its natural state, with minimal development such as trails, benches, and interpretive signs.

8.2.7 Walking and Bicycling

- (a) Provide safe pedestrian routes between neighbourhoods, schools, recreation facilities, parks, and the downtown core; and
- (b) Ensure the availability of age-friendly and accessible pedestrian routes throughout the community.

8.2.8 Transit

- (a) Support and encourage public and private shuttle services within the region; and
- (b) Raise awareness about and support ridesharing, ride-home, and car co-op initiatives.

8.2.9 Electric Vehicles

- (a) Promote Salmo's EV charging stations to area residents and to regional tourism organizations; and
- (b) Encourage the installation of additional EV charging stations in Salmo.

8.2.10 Loading/Unloading Facilities

- (a) Encourage the provision of loading/unloading facilities for commercial and institutional buildings wherever possible.

9 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL WELL-BEING

Salmo residents enjoy a healthy, outdoor lifestyle, while our community groups have a long-standing tradition of energetic volunteerism that promotes involvement from all age groups generating social connectedness and well-being. Salmo's arts community is growing, and the local museum and murals provide a source of historical reference and enrichment to residents and visitors alike.

9.1 Parks & Recreation

The Village owns close to 20 hectares (almost 50 acres) of parks and open space, which is more than twice the suggested Canadian standard for the Village's population. Each park is unique and an integral and valued part of the community and our residents' outdoor lifestyle. The land includes different types of open space, from the very natural riverside Springboard Park (6.9 hectares) to the moderately developed Knights of Pythias (KP) Park (baseball diamonds, gazebo, concession stand, a campground, and playground) and the riparian areas along Erie Creek including Ninth Street Park (5.7 hectares).

Also, Salmo has several trails, benches in the parks, and sidewalks allowing pedestrian access throughout the community Objectives

9.1.1 Objectives

The Village's objectives are to:

- (a) Maintain and nurture our park space for the enjoyment of current and future generations;
- (b) Support an active healthy lifestyle for all residents through the provision of indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and activities;
- (c) Develop a Parks and Trails Master Plan to guide future use and development, to accommodate a range of activities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities, including motorized (e.g. ORV's) use of trails in designated areas;
- (d) Encourage the preservation of natural open space in the community to provide for active and passive recreation and leisure uses;
- (e) Continue to enhance and manage the Knights of Pythias (KP) Park as the heart of the downtown core, including incorporating a new concession building with space for year-round activities;
- (f) Explore opportunities for the development and enhancement of sites and facilities for sports;

- (g) Ensure any new development area incorporates adequate green space and, where possible, suitable amenities; and
- (h) Seek funding opportunities for outdoor space and recreational facility enhancement.
- (i) Enhancing Village of Salmo Campground by increasing amenities such as power & water along Riverside Avenue.
- (j) Provide a variety of park uses, equipment and programming to meet the diverse needs of residents and visitors of all ages and abilities;
- (k) Assess community needs on an ongoing basis to ensure that the amenities and facilities in public parks continue to be appropriate for the needs of park users;
- (l) Continue to support and improve Salmo's diversity of multi-use park types which feature a mix of open and treed spaces, trails, and varied recreational amenities suitable for a range of ages and abilities;
- (m) Encourage the retention of significant natural vegetation;
- (n) Encourage the preservation of natural open green space areas located riverside, on steep slopes, in areas that are undevelopable, and in areas that provide important habitat in their natural condition;
- (o) Encourage the provision of small, open spaces accessible to the tenants/owners and, where possible, the public, is incorporated into the site design for new commercial, apartment and mixed-use buildings or housing developments;
- (p) Incorporate opportunities to include local ecosystems and ecological processes in urban design, infrastructure, and development improvements;
- (q) Encourage the incorporation of green space into new development areas;
- (r) Direct recreational facilities to those areas designated as such in *Schedule B: Land Use Designations* and *Schedule F: Civic Green Space and Parks*;
- (s) Support and encourage recreational facilities serving a variety of purposes;
- (t) Work with providers of recreation services that include both indoor and outdoor facilities such as sports fields, the swimming pool, curling rink, tennis/pickleball courts, and community recreation centre;
- (u) Work with the RDCK to provide public recreation facilities that consider the range of interests, abilities, and ages of residents;
- (v) Work with local volunteer organizations and small businesses to encourage a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, year-round;
- (w) Encourage the development of privately owned and operated recreational businesses;
- (x) Work with provincial and federal agencies and not-for-profit organizations, to improve and/or replace Salmo's existing recreational facilities as they age; and
- (y) Work with the RDCK and the relevant provincial ministries to continue providing outdoor

recreation opportunities in the surrounding area, to both residents and visitors.

9.2 Education

9.2.1 Objectives

The Village's objective is to:

- (a) Support lifelong learning and educational opportunities for residents;
- (b) Support the Village's Family of (elementary and secondary) schools; and
- (c) Find a way to provide a limited range of post-secondary and adult education opportunities, such as trade programs, in Salmo.
- (d) Direct formal education facilities to areas designated as Institutional in Schedule B: Land Use Designations;
- (e) Work with School District 8 to continue providing high-quality primary and secondary education in the community;
- (f) Work with School District 8 to explore future use of District-owned land occupied by aging facilities, if the facility and land are no longer required by the School District;
- (g) Work with the region's post-secondary institutions to identify the potential for offering post-secondary education in Salmo; and
- (h) Support the efforts of residents, the private sector, not-for-profit organizations, and agencies to provide life-long learning opportunities in a variety of settings.

9.3 Health

9.3.1 Objectives

The Village's objectives are to:

- (a) Support residents' access to health care services;
- (b) Continue to provide a facility for use by Interior Health practitioners and services; and
- (c) Support residents' efforts to achieve well-being in all dimensions of health.
- (d) Develop workforce housing for Wellness Centre & ambulance services.

9.3.2 Policies

The Village's policies are as follows:

- (a) Direct health care facilities to areas designated as Institutional in *Schedule B: Land Use Designations*. Health care includes facilities such as medical clinics and long-term care;
- (b) Consider the Village's role to positively influence the determinants of health such as housing, social inclusion, education, food, physical activity, and clean air and water, when making decisions;

- (c) Pursue age-friendly principles and recommendations, as outlined in community assessments and policy documents;
- (d) Work with provincial health agencies and the RDCK to provide extended medical treatment services for residents of Salmo and the surrounding region; and
- (e) Work with the RDCK, the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council, the RDCK's Area Agricultural Plan, related organizations, and local producers to promote and encourage residents' access to locally grown food.

9.4 Arts and Culture

9.4.1 Objectives

The Village's objectives are to:

- (a) Foster the development of local visual and performing arts;
- (b) Increase public artwork, including the murals, to continue to integrate Salmo's history as a draw for tourists and to enhance the beauty of Salmo for residents;
- (c) Lead and support beautification projects; and
- (d) Support the community's heritage.
- (e) Support local artists and help promote their work;
- (f) Support and consider partnerships with local not-for-profit organizations, government agencies and businesses to encourage the visual and performing arts in the community;
- (g) Work with local not-for-profit organizations, local businesses and private landowners to maintain the community's historical features, particularly the rock wall murals and the train station, designated as a Heritage Railway Station by the Government of Canada; and
- (h) Explore options for developing a heritage conservation strategy using the historical heritage registry by working with government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, residents and businesses; and consider provincial legislation and policies regarding heritage such as inventory, formal designations, and a local heritage commission.

9.5 Volunteerism

Volunteerism is vital to the operation of many community organizations such as the library, and local clubs that include curling, ski, golf, trail, softball, baseball, offroad vehicle & service clubs. The Village is proud to have a robust Volunteer Fire Department and is vital to the community. Villagers and area residents gladly volunteer for many community groups, organizing events and activities that help the community thrive.

9.5.1 Objectives

The Village's objective is to:

- (a) Encourage a strong sense of community and volunteerism among all residents; and

- (b) Annually recognize those residents who have made a significant contribution to volunteer organizations in the community.

9.5.2 Policies

The Village's policies are as follows:

- (a) Work with local volunteer organizations to offer special community events throughout the year;
- (b) Continue supporting and promoting the *Salmo Valley Volunteer Long Service Award Policy*, an annual volunteer award to recognize outstanding contributions by individuals and;
- (c) Support the Salmo Valley Library in populating their event calendar.

10 DEFINITIONS

In this OCP the following definitions apply:

Affordable and Social Housing

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) defines housing as affordable when a household spends less than 30 per cent of its gross (before-tax) income on acceptable shelter. The term '*social housing*' refers more specifically to housing that is subsidized by a level of government.

Agricultural Land Reserve

Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) is land designated as such, as determined by the BC Agricultural Land Commission.

Alternate Energy

Sources of energy have lower carbon emissions compared to conventional energy sources.

Area

In this OCP 'area' means the areas where density and general uses are defined. Zones (sometimes referred to as districts) in the Land Use Bylaw reflect specific uses within the whole or part of an area.

Canadian Standards Association

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA 1997) produces standards behind the design and construction of buildings and infrastructure including structural design, systems and resiliency, and manufacture and certification of construction products.

Coach House

Coach House is a permanent secondary residence that would include structure types such as modular homes, cabins, tiny homes, yurts, etc.

Co-Housing

Co-housing is an intentional community of private homes clustered around shared space. Each attached or single-family home has traditional amenities, including a private kitchen. Shared spaces

typically feature a common house, which may include a large kitchen and dining area, laundry, and recreational spaces.

Core Commercial

The downtown core is considered Salmo's primary commercial area as it is the primary area for retail, entertainment, offices, services, administration, art and culture, in a pedestrian-oriented environment with landscaped green spaces; as well as a variety of residential units including mixed use development.

EcoDensity

In this OCP - EcoDensity means design, which is environmentally sustainable, affordable and livable. It does not necessarily only refer to new builds; it can also include adapting existing houses into a duplex or adding or converting a portion into a secondary suite. In a practical sense, EcoDensity means encouraging forms of environmentally friendly development in low to medium density areas which will allow for an increased number of people to live there.

Environmental Reserve

Salmo's Environmental Reserve is defined as the Erie Creek watercourse, the riparian zone of Erie Creek and its wetlands to acknowledge their ecological, recreation, and aesthetic values.

General Industrial

Uses are defined in the Village's Zoning Bylaw. Salmo does not have or plan to have any heavy industry within the Village boundaries.

Green Economy

Green Economy is the aggregate of all activities operating with the primary intention of reducing conventional levels of resource consumption, harmful emissions, and minimizing all forms of environmental impact. The green economy includes input, activities, outputs and outcomes as they relate to the production of green products and services.

Hazard Lands

Hazard lands are areas that are inherently risky due to natural environmental processes like floods, steep slopes, erosion, or wildfires, making them unsuitable for development without special precautions.

Institutional Use

Institutional use includes facilities, usually owned by a government agency, for public education and health care, such as schools and medical clinics.

Manufactured Home Park

Per BC's *Manufactured Home Act Section 23*, in this OCP "manufactured home park" means land used or occupied by a person for the purpose of providing space for the accommodation of three (3) or more manufactured homes and for imposing a charge or rental for the use of that space.

Mixed-Use Development

Mixed-use development is categorized as properties that have a residential and commercial component, usually involving a combined use as a retail operation with a residential dwelling apart of the same

building.

ORV

ORV means an Off-Road Vehicle such as an ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) or snowmobile.

Parks

Parks are publicly owned outdoor spaces in a natural or landscaped state; including trails intended for pedestrian, bicycle, mobility scooter, and/or wheelchair access with surfaces ranging from natural materials to paved, depending on their purpose and location in the community.

Public Utility

Salmo's public (municipal) utilities include wells, the water reservoir, wastewater treatment plant, storm water management system, dikes and any affiliated works.

Residential Neighbourhood

Residential Neighbourhood zones include single-family and two-family homes, secondary suites, coach houses, manufactured homes, and mobile home parks, townhouses, multiplexes, and small apartment buildings not exceeding three stories; as well as neighbourhood-oriented enterprises such as corner stores and home-based businesses, and places of worship.

Rural Resource

Rural Resource zones are designated as large properties that include a residence for the property owner with possible additional uses based on their natural resources such as forestry, agriculture, or campgrounds.

Secondary Housing

Secondary Housing is a self-contained living unit located on a property that has a main residence. It has its own kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping area and can be attached to or separate from the main house, such as a basement apartment, a unit above a garage, or a backyard cottage.

Service Commercial

Service Commercial denotes zoning to designate and preserve land for the accommodation of a mix of commercial uses, to maintain and promote service commercial facilities, including retail establishments, which rely on customers arriving mainly by automobile.

Track of Land

In this OCP a tract of land denotes a group of properties consisting of more than two (2) lots.

Zones

Zones in this OCP denote zones, also referred to as districts, in the Land Use Bylaw and reflect specific uses within the whole or part of an area.



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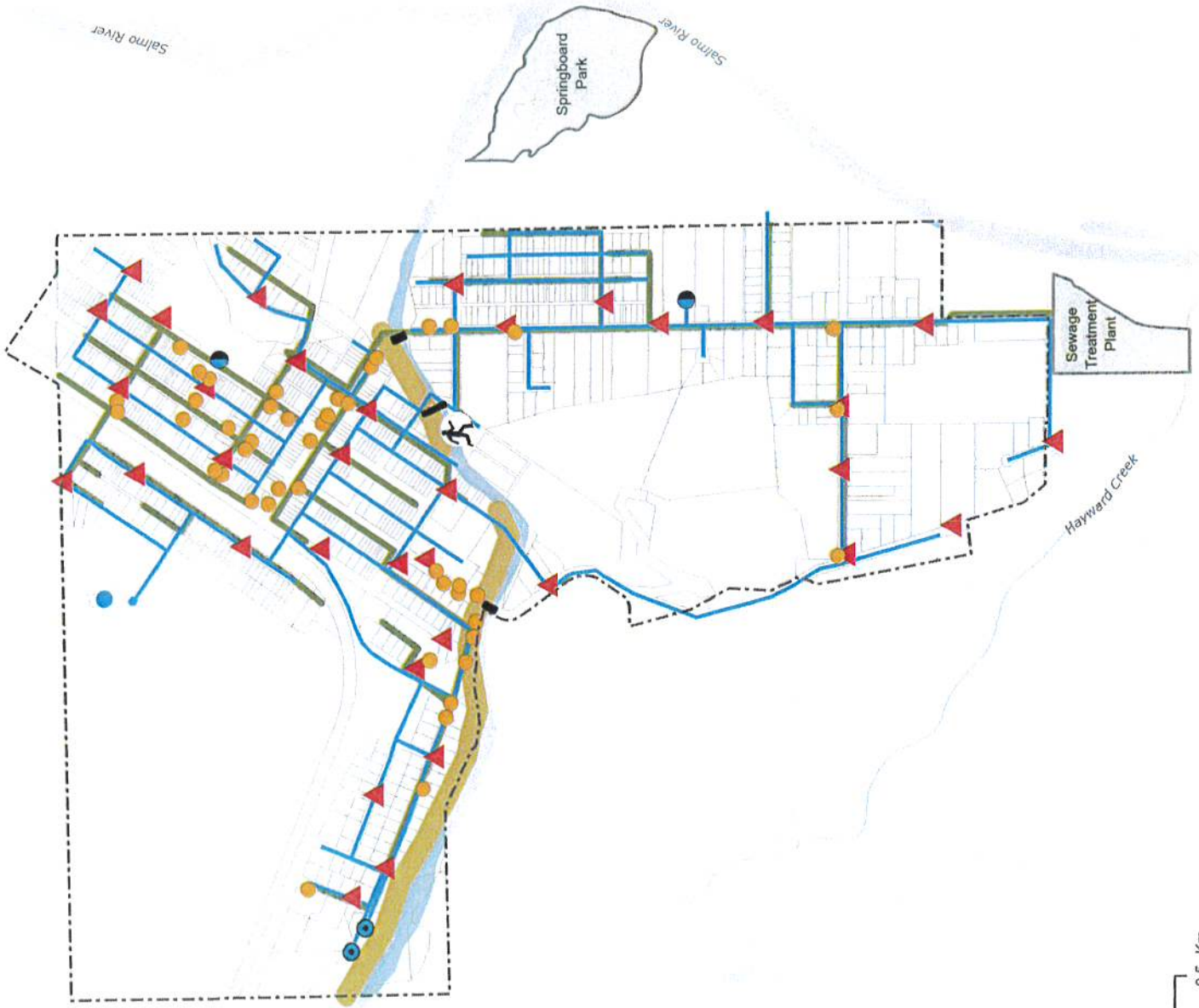
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Schedule C

Village Infrastructure

- Salmo Boundary
- Parcel
- Assets Outside Village
- Waterbody
- Stream
- Wells**
 - Closed
 - Operational
- Reservoir
- Catch Basin
- Hydrant
- Main Line
- Sanitary Sewer
- Dike
- Bridge
- Pedestrian Bridge



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Cemetery

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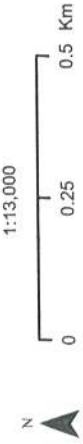
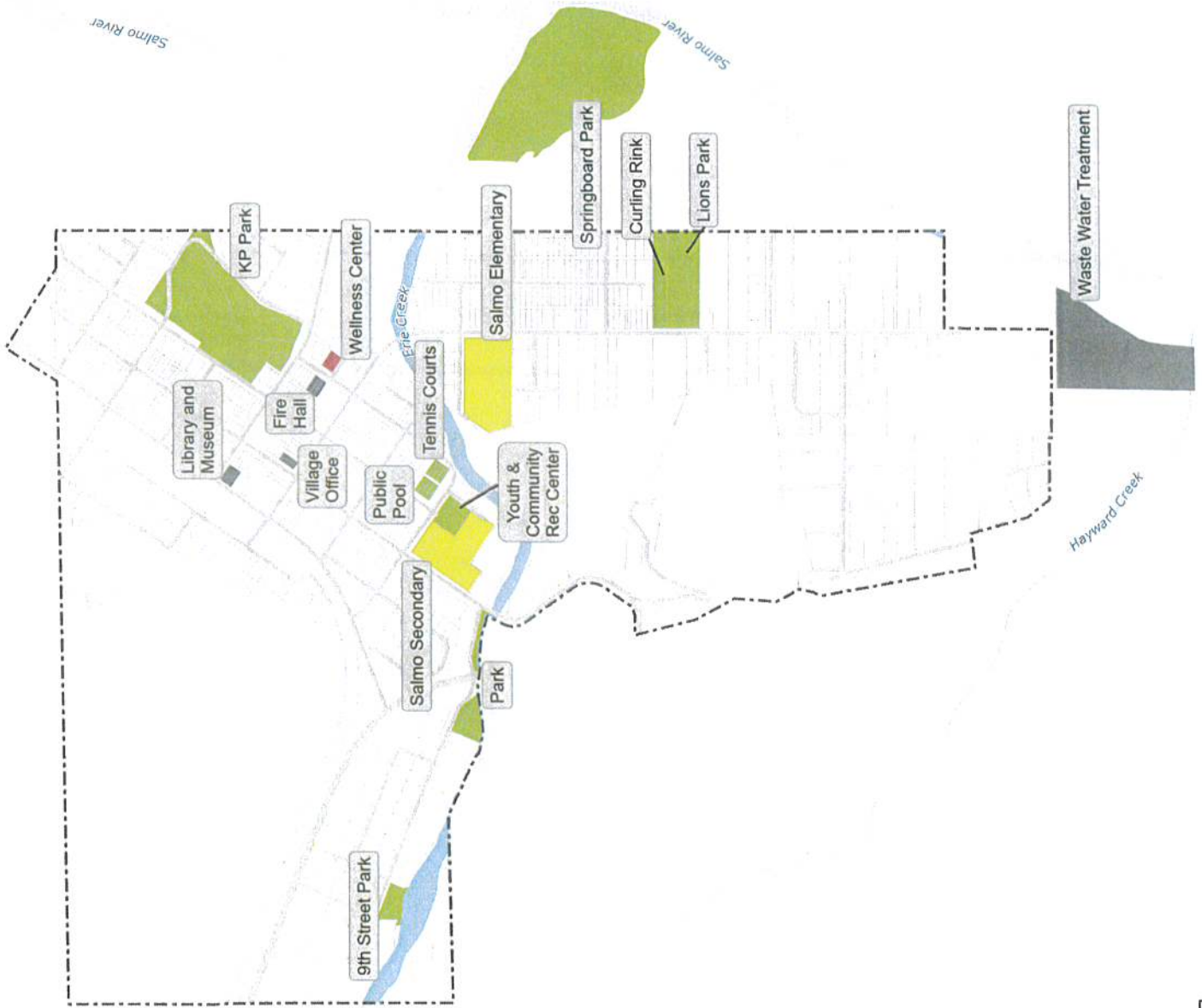




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 Schedule D
 Current Civic, Facilities,
 Parks and Institutions

- Salmo Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream
- Highway
- Road
- Facilities
- Civic
- Education
- Medical
- Recreation



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Schedule E
Road Network

- Salmo Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream
- Road Network**
- Provincial Arterial Highway
- Village Arterial Street
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Road



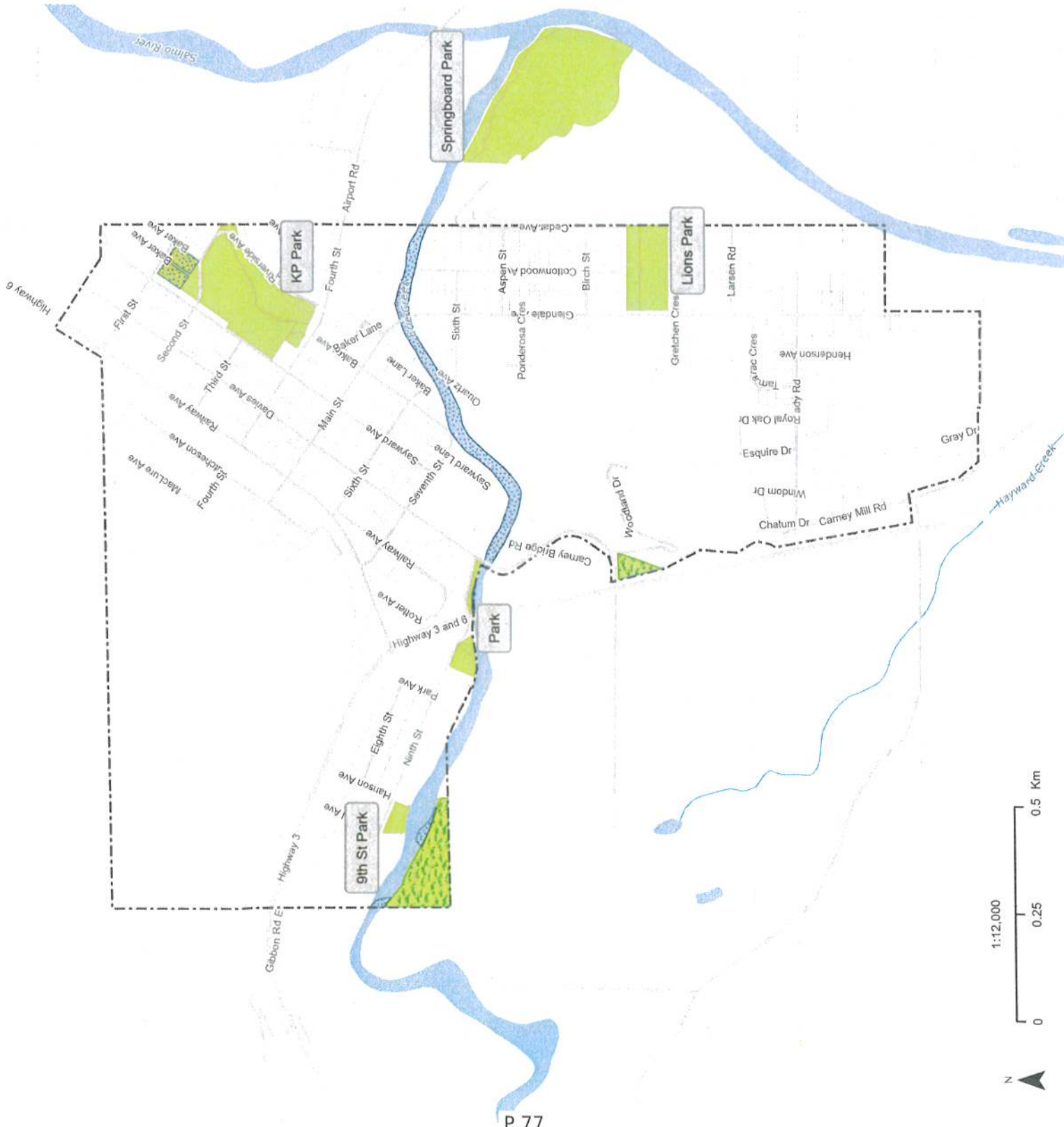
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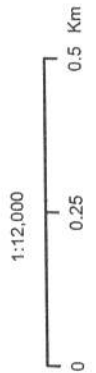
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 Schedule F
 Civic Greenspace and Parks

- Salmó Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream
- Highway
- Road
- Environmental Reserve
- Parks and Greenspace
- Salmó ALR



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 Schedule G
 Walking Routes,
 Benches & Sidewalks

- Salmo Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream
- Highway
- Road
- Park Bench
- Walking Route
- Sidewalk



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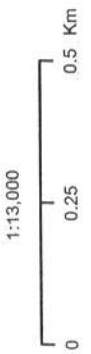
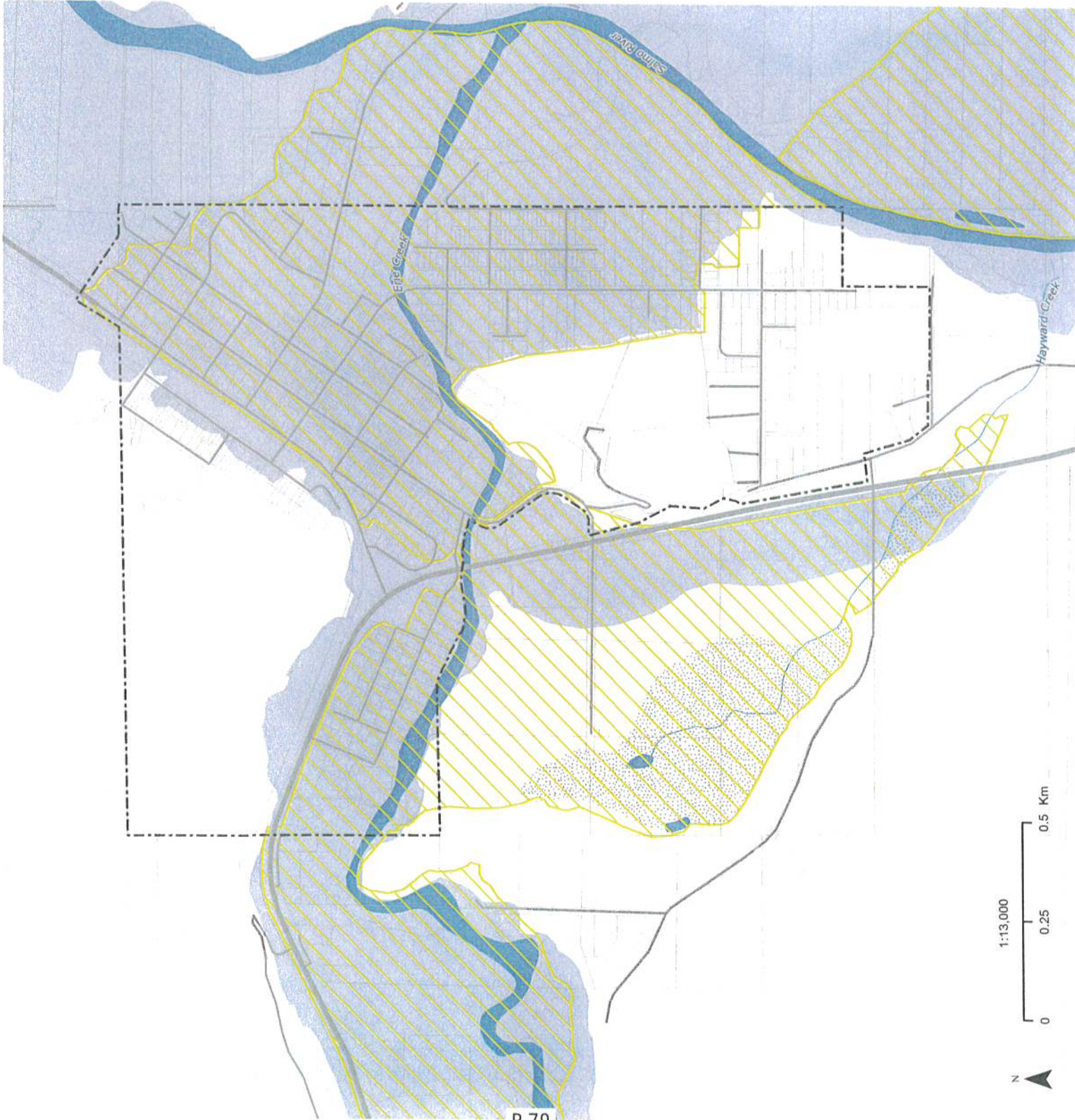
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 Schedule H1
 Floodplain and Steep Creek
 Hazard Area

- Salmo Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Wetland
- Stream
- Highway
- Road
- Steep Creek Hazard Area
- 2020 Clearwater Flood Construction Levels



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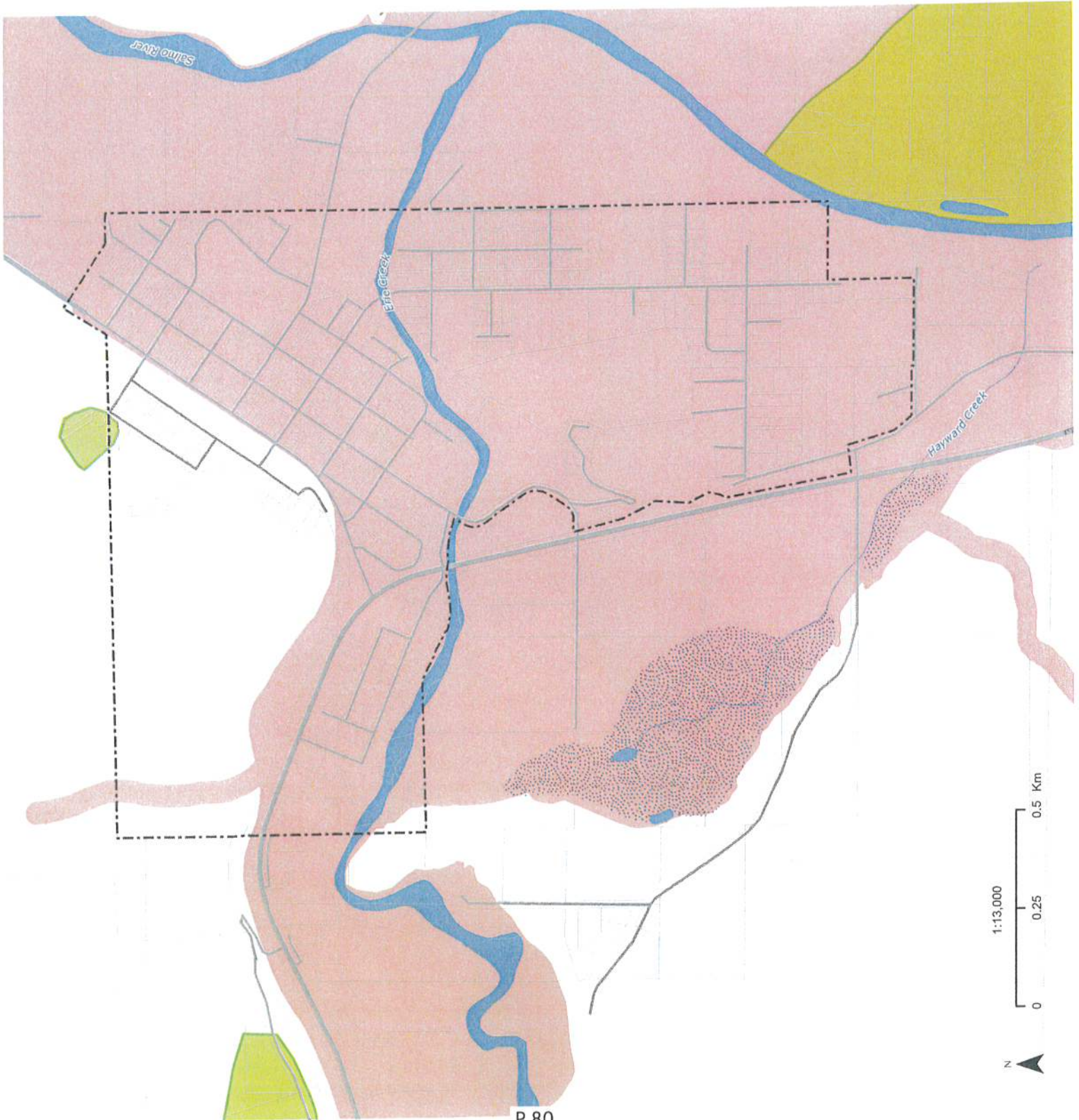
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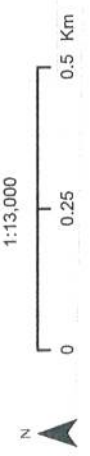
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 Schedule H2
 Steep Creek and
 Clearwater Flood Hazard

- Salmo Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Wetland
- Stream
- Highway
- Road
- Steep Creek Hazard Priority
Low
- Clearwater Flood Hazard Priority
High








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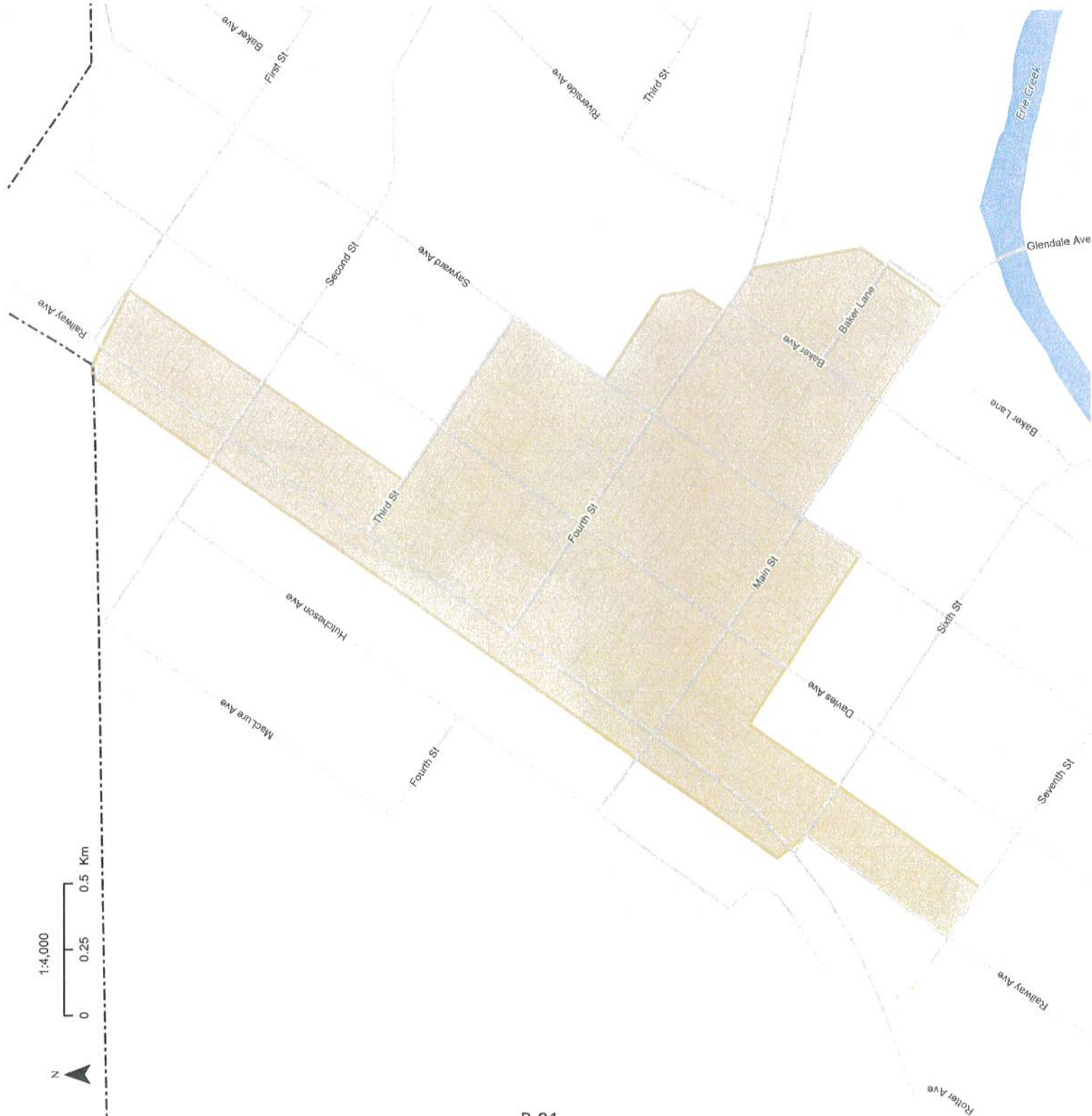




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 Schedule 1
 Downtown Revitalization
 Development Permit Area

-  Salmo Boundary
-  Parcel
-  Waterbody
-  Road
-  Downtown Revitalization DPA



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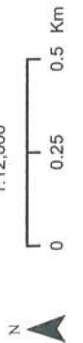
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 Schedule J
 Aquifer Protection
 Development Permit Area

- Salmo Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream
- Highway
- Road
- Aquifer Protection DPA



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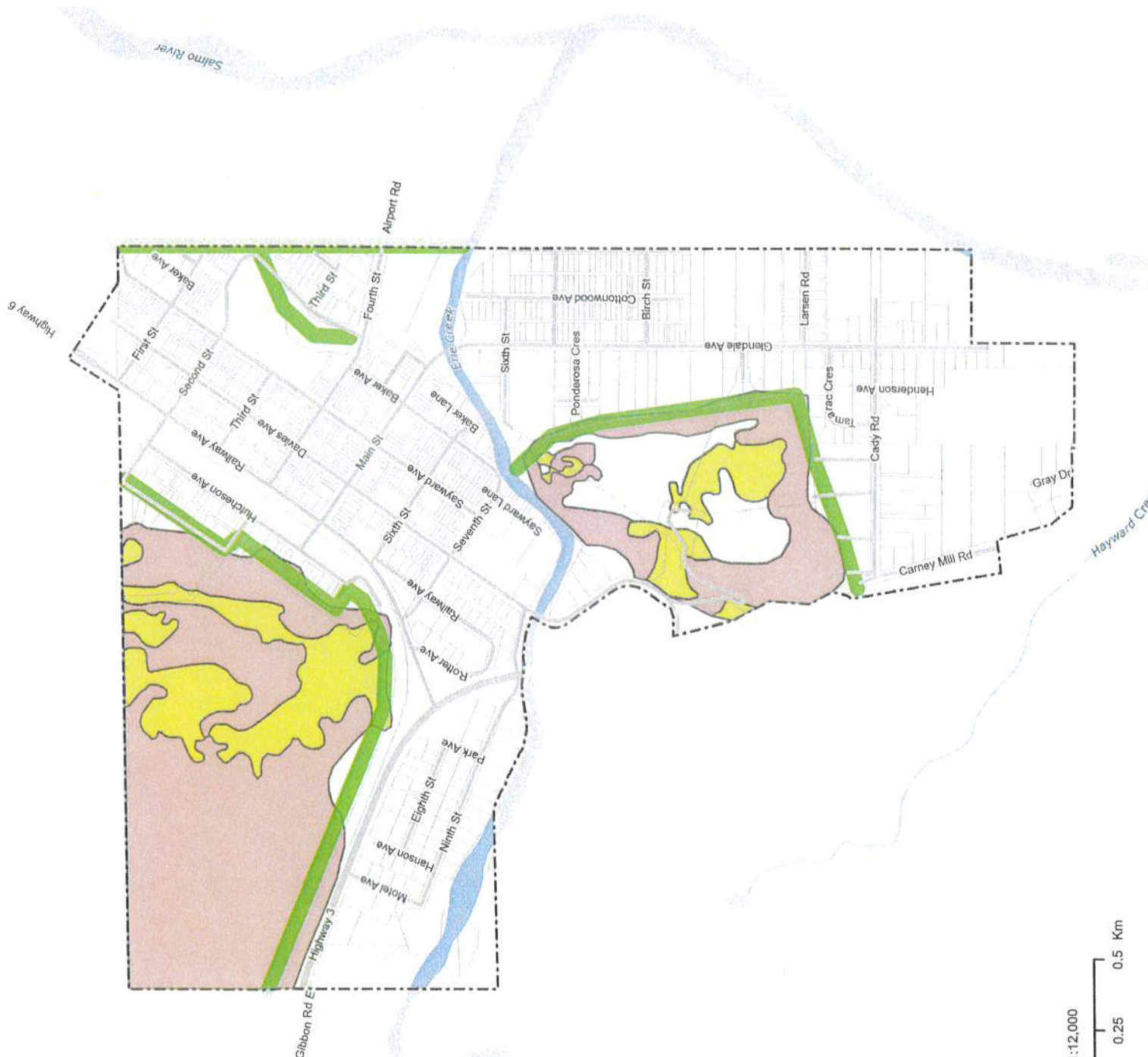


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Schedule K

Natural Hazards
Development Permit Areas

- Salmo Boundary
- Parcel
- Waterbody
- Stream
- Highway
- Road
- Wildfire Interface Area
- Steep Slope**
- > 20% - 30% Slope
- > 30% Slope



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The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

CAO Report

Report Date: July 10, 2026
Meeting Date: July 14, 2026
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: CAO Report - General Updates

- The Village received many compliments for the Canada Day celebration.
- LGCAP meetings were held to discuss future of the program and potential shifting priorities of the program.
- UBCM met with administration to discuss how UBCM can represent the Village's needs from an operational perspective. Major topics of discussion were housing support, the upcoming election, and upcoming changes to legislation.
- The Glendale Bridge guardrail construction is complete & was completed under budget. The Village is awaiting on final reports from the contractor.
- Community Futures and Kootenay Film Commission met with the Village to scout potential locations suitable for use in future productions. This may lead to future inspections as they are working through this project.
- An RFP is being created for a video production that highlights Salmo.
- The Village will be installing new computers at the Village Office & Shop next week as part of the normal asset replacement schedule.
- The EV chargers on the side of the Village Office have been removed.
- Staff are meeting with multiple property developers who are looking to subdivide or develop properties to increase the housing inventory within Village limits.
- Staff have met to review the Draft Compensation Policy. This will be brought forward to Council in the coming meetings for review and approval once the document has been reviewed by the consultant & a legal review.
- NG911 meetings have restarted & the project will be progressing through the summer and fall months.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

CAO Report

Report Date: July 10, 2026
Meeting Date: July 14, 2026
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: REACH Grant Update

BACKGROUND

In 2025, the Village was successful in the REACH grant application for improvements to 2 Village playgrounds, KP Park & Lion's Park. The Village has completed the playground equipment installation & the next step is the sidewalk installation. The Village put out a tender for the sidewalk portion of the project & received 4 submissions, 3 of which were valid. Any selection will put the Village over budget by approximately \$15,000 for the sidewalks alone. The earthworks for removing the drop at Lion's is not included in this cost. CBT has noted that other recipients of the REACH grant are in a similar situation.

Staff is working with CBT to determine if the Village may receive more funding under the REACH Grant. If this is not possible, the Village would have to look at applying for additional grant funding or take funds out of the reserves.

There are a couple of grants that may be available, however, a review of these is still underway.

The 2 park reserve balances are approximately \$16,000(Salmo Parks) & \$19,000(Lion's). The current overage would deplete at least half of the 2 park reserves. Staff does not recommend that the Village proceed with funding out of reserves as there is further work being considered at the parks that may require some funding.

Conversations with CBT will continue and this will be brought forward to Council as soon as a path forward is determined.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the CAO Report for information.



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date: July 10, 2026
Meeting Date: July 14, 2026
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce 2026 Funding Release

1. **OBJECTIVE**

For Council to accept the 2026 financial submission from the Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce is one of the community groups that is required to submit documentation to annual receive financial grant-in-aid funding. They have provided a budget, capital plan, financial statements & strategic plan. The documentation lays out a clear plan for 2026.

This satisfies the submission requirements & therefore, it is recommended that Council authorize the Director the release the funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the reports provided by the Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce and authorize the Director to approve releasing the funds.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That Council decline the authorization for the Salmo Director to release the funding for the Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce for 2026.

Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce
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June 28, 2026

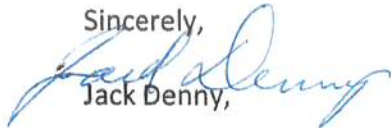
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Attention: Mayor and Council

Please find attached the documentation requested by the Village Council, as outlined in the notification received on June 15, 2026, regarding the release of the Chamber's 2026 funding.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Village for its contribution of \$3,187.00, and to the RDCK for their contribution of \$8,813.00. This support is essential to the continued operation of the Chamber, and we are grateful for your ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,



Jack Denny,

President, Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce

Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce

Strategic Plan 2026

Introduction

The Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer-led organization dedicated to supporting economic vitality, fostering business success, and strengthening the overall well-being of the community. Representing local businesses, organizations, and community members, the Chamber serves as a connector, advocate, and promoter of opportunities that contribute to a resilient and prosperous local economy.

Purpose

This Strategic Plan outlines the priorities and initiatives of the Chamber and serves as a framework for decision-making, partnerships, funding applications, and community engagement.

Vision To foster a thriving, connected, and resilient business community that contributes to the economic and social vitality of Salmo and the surrounding area.

Mission To support local businesses through promotion, advocacy, networking, education, and community partnerships while encouraging sustainable economic growth.

Core Values

Collaboration

Working together with businesses, organizations, local government, and residents to achieve common goals.

Leadership

Providing a positive and proactive voice on issues affecting economic development and community prosperity.

Sustainability

Supporting long-term economic, social, and environmental well-being.

Creating opportunities for businesses and individuals of all sizes, sectors, and backgrounds.

Community Pride

Promoting the unique character, strengths, and opportunities that make Salmo an exceptional place to live and work.

Economic Development and Business Success

Goal

Support a healthy and sustainable business environment that encourages growth, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

Objectives

- Advocate for policies and initiatives that strengthen the local economy.
- Foster relationships between businesses, local government, and community organizations.
- Support entrepreneurship and small business development.
- Identify opportunities to attract investment and new economic activity.
- Encourage local purchasing and support for community businesses.
- Provide opportunities for networking, collaboration, and knowledge sharing.

Desired Outcomes

- Increased business confidence and engagement.
- Improved communication between businesses and community stakeholders.
- Greater awareness of local economic opportunities.

Marketing & Community Promotion Committee

Goal

Increase awareness of Salmo businesses, community initiatives, and Chamber activities through consistent marketing and communications.

Objectives & Actions

Chamber Website

Actions:

Committee members to share social media responsibilities.

Conduct regular website updates and maintenance.

Create dedicated pages for Chamber projects and initiatives.

Timeline: Ongoing

Promote Community Events

Actions:

Regularly share local events through the website, and social media.

Partner with local organizations promote events.

Timeline: Ongoing

Community Promotion and Destination Development

Goal

Enhance awareness of Salmo as a vibrant place to live, work, visit, and invest.

Objectives

Promote Salmo's businesses, services, events, and attractions.

Support initiatives that strengthen community identity and pride.

Encourage community participation in local events and initiatives.

Desired Outcomes

- Increased community visibility and recognition.
 - Greater support for local businesses and events.
 - Enhanced visitor experiences.
-

Governance & Bylaw Modernization

Goal

Ensure the Chamber operates under current legislation and best governance practices.

Objectives & Actions

Review and Update Chamber Bylaws

Actions:

Conduct a comprehensive review of existing bylaws.

Update bylaws to align with the Board of Trade Act and current governance standards.

Financial Sustainability

Goal

Maintain a financially stable organization capable of serving its members and community.

Objectives

- Diversify revenue sources.
- Pursue grants and project funding opportunities.
- Develop sponsorship and partnership opportunities.
- Maintain responsible financial management practices.
- Build reserves to support future initiatives and organizational stability.

Desired Outcomes

- Stable and diversified revenue streams.
 - Increased organizational resilience.
 - Greater capacity to undertake strategic initiatives.
 - Long-term financial sustainability.
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Measuring Success

The Chamber will evaluate progress annually using the following indicators:

Membership

- Membership retention and growth.
- Member participation in events and activities.
- Member satisfaction and engagement.

Economic Development

- Business participation in Chamber initiatives.
- Partnerships established or strengthened.
- Economic development opportunities identified or supported.

Community Impact

- Community engagement in Chamber-supported activities.
- Increased visibility of local businesses and organizations.
- Positive feedback from community stakeholders.

Conclusion

The Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce plays an important role in supporting local businesses, fostering economic growth, and strengthening community connections. Through collaboration, leadership, and strategic action, the Chamber will continue to advocate for a prosperous future while enhancing the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

This Strategic Plan provides a roadmap for achieving these goals and ensuring that the Chamber remains a valuable and sustainable community partner for years to come.

Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce Grant Proposal for Taxation-Supported Funding Release

Applicant.

- Organization: Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce
- Registered: 1937
- Governance: 18 Directors; independent, non-political; affiliated with BC Chamber

Funding Request.

- Program: Village of Salmo Non-Profit Organization Taxation Support & Funding Release
- Amount: \$12,240 (annual economic development grant; historically \$12,000, adjusted to \$12,240 in 2019)

Organizational Overview.

The Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce advances the social and economic well-being of residents and businesses in Salmo and Area G.

- We provide visitor services, business support, and community event coordination.
- The Chamber office operates 12 hours/week off-season and expands to approximately 40 hours/week for 8–12 weeks in summer through a student employment grant.
- Responding to roughly 500 public inquiries annually.
- Membership is open to businesses, individuals, and societies; support is provided to all local businesses regardless of membership.

Demonstration of Financial Need and Fiscal Responsibility.

Need: Taxation-supported funds form a core, stable base enabling year-round operations (visitor service hours, community coordination, and reporting). Without this base, services would be reduced, compromising community, tourism, and economic outcomes.

Management Practices:

Balanced budgeting with diversified revenues: RDCK/Village grant (\$12,240), membership dues, event revenues, and seasonal student employment grants.

Annual financial statements and compiled reports submitted to RDCK; moving forward, reports will be cc'd to the Village CAO for added transparency.

Compliance with reporting/accountability requirements; no financial or operational defaults.

Attachments

Strategic Plan/Workplan: goals and objectives.

Financial statements.

Economic Development.

The Chamber actively promotes business retention, expansion, and attraction by:

- Supporting existing businesses through networking, education, and advocacy.
- Marketing Salmo as a destination for tourism and investment.
- Organizing community events that increase visitor spending and local commerce.
- Encouraging entrepreneurship and small business development.
- Providing business resources and referrals. Membership in BC Chamber unlocks benefits (group insurance, fuel, travel, credit card, hotel discounts) that strengthen local business resilience.
- Operate visitor/Business Information services; ~500 inquiries served last year.
- Market and promote local commerce via coordinated community events (Community Garage Sale distributing 100+ maps, Christmas markets).
- Policy advocacy benefiting all businesses.
- Lobby border crossing hours. (to attract greater tourism travel)

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased local business activity.
- Higher visitor traffic.
- Improved economic resilience.
- Stronger partnerships between businesses and local government.

Social and Community Well-Being.

The Chamber contributes to community vitality by organizing and supporting events that bring residents together and strengthen community pride.

Examples include:

- Community celebrations.
- Seasonal events.
- Volunteer engagement.
- Business appreciation initiatives.
- Community beautification partnerships.
- Partner with Salmo Fire Department for safe, family Halloween hub with hot chocolate and hot dogs.
- Coordinate Santa event with hot chocolate and gift bags for 25+ years.
- Annual bursary for Salmo Secondary School graduate.

- Host all-candidates forums in Salmo and Ymir, and community information meetings (e.g., Wild Safe BC, conservation officer session with 65 attendees)
- Support physician retention and ambulance service advocacy.

Expected Outcomes:

- Greater community participation.
- Increased volunteerism.
- Stronger social connections.
- Enhanced quality of life.

Recreation and Cultural Enhancement.

- Promotion of arts, culture, and local artisans.
- Collaborate on Market Fest timing to complement regional events; 2026 Market Fest scheduled for Dec 18.
- Purchase and coordinate installation/removal of Christmas light decorations, enhancing winter placemaking.
- Longstanding volunteer support for park amenities and sports fields (gazebo construction, Bingo Building roof, playground installation by 36 volunteers, campsite waterlines, dugout repairs coordination, field maintenance).

Environmental Stewardship.

Where practical, the Chamber incorporates environmentally responsible practices by:

- Promoting local purchasing.
- Supporting sustainable tourism.
- Encouraging digital communication to reduce paper use.
- Partnering in community beautification and environmental initiatives.
- Support and platform for Wild Safe BC programming and public education.
- Support Beetle Bug Program, with Hall Siding and Atco Wood Products.

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of sustainable practices.
- Stronger partnerships supporting environmental initiatives.

Emergency Preparedness and Resilience

The Chamber supports business continuity by:

- Sharing emergency information with businesses.
- Collaborating with local government during emergencies.
- Encouraging preparedness among local businesses.
- Event coordination and partnerships with first responders (e.g., Fire Department) strengthen information channels and community mobilization capacity.
- Support and partnered with Salmo Emergency Support Services.

Expected Outcomes:

- Improved business resilience.
- Better communication during emergencies.
- Faster community recovery.

Measurable Demonstrated Community Benefits and Outcomes

The Chamber serves the broader community by providing benefits that extend beyond its membership.

Community impacts include:

- Supporting local employment.
- Encouraging residents to shop locally.
- Increasing tourism spending.
- Enhancing community events.
- Promoting Salmo throughout the region.
- Building partnerships among businesses, government, and community organizations.
- Strengthening local economic sustainability.

The Chamber's work benefits residents, visitors, local organizations, and businesses alike, providing measurable value to the entire Village.

- **Visitor Services and Tourism**
500+ annual inquiries addressed; target 20% increase during summer staffing period.
- Office open 12 hours/week off-season; 40 hours/week for 8–12 weeks in summer via student employment grant.
- Promote Salmo as a tourism destination.
- Enhance destination marketing.
- Increase visitor information.
- Support local tourism initiatives.

Events and Participation

- Community Garage Sale: 100+ maps distributed; target 120+ maps in 2026 with online map option.
- Halloween and Santa events: maintain or grow family participation; collect simple headcounts.
- Market Fest 2026 : vendor satisfaction surveys; target 90% positive feedback.

Business Support and Advocacy

- Quarterly business outreach touchpoints; track member and non-member engagements.
- BC Chamber availability for all business and organizational groups.

Place-Based Improvements

- Maintain holiday lighting program; volunteer hours logged and cost-sharing recorded.
- Mining Exhibit finalization: complete signage, with descriptions and photos. Grand opening with appreciation of volunteers.
- Ongoing building of the Mining Equipment Display by chamber volunteers, attracting tourists driving through town (and getting them to stop).

Equity and Inclusion

- Open access to services regardless of membership; free community events; bursary program.
- Track participation across age groups/families; adjust programming to reduce barriers.

Track Record and Past Achievements

- Over \$47,000 invested since 1998 in Salmo signage (entrances, mural sign, the penny) to attract visitors.
- Supported Estates building realization, contributing to housing sales, new residents, and school enrollment.
- Mobilized volunteers for park and recreation assets; coordinated with Parks Working Group and contractors.
- Hosted MS Bike Tour West Kootenay Challenge activities; hosted Great Northern Rail Society Convention visitors.
- Protected historic telephone booth for future restoration.
- Regular public forums and election debates; partnerships with Community Futures (Nelson) for business support space.
- Ongoing collaboration with Village on communications and co-funded Go & Do advertising twice annually.

Governance, Accountability, and Reporting

- Governance: 18-member Board; committees formed to expand capacity and oversight.
- Reporting: Annual submission to RDCK; beginning this cycle, the Village CAO will be cc'd on all reports.

- Documentation: Budget, Strategic Plan and Annual Report provided annually; compliance affirmed.

Funding Use and Allocation

- Taxation-supported funds (\$12,240) will be allocated to:
- Core operations enabling visitor services and community coordination (staffing for 12 hours/week off-season; office overhead).
- Program delivery for community events and business support activities.
- Matching/leveraging seasonal student employment grant to extend summer hours (40 hours/week for 8–12 weeks).
- Reporting and evaluation (data collection, annual reporting to RDCK and Village).

Sustainability and Diversified Funding

- Revenue Mix: RDCK/Village grant, membership dues, sponsorships, event vendor fees, BC Chamber member benefits programs, and summer student employment grants.
- Cost Controls: Volunteer mobilization for installations and events; shared advertising costs with the Village; in-kind partnerships.
- Risk Management: Staggered event scheduling to avoid conflicts.

Compliance Statement

The Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce affirms:

- Submission of all required documentation (strategic plan, detailed budget, annual report).
- Compliance with Village of Salmo funding agreements and reporting requirements.
- No financial or operational defaults.
- Ongoing alignment with community priorities.

Requested Action

We respectfully request authorization for the RDCK Director to release the annual taxation-based funding of \$12,240 to the Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce for 2026 consistent with the Village of Salmo Non-Profit Organization Taxation Support & Funding Release Policy.

- **Attachments**
- Strategic Plan and expected outcomes
- Detailed Budget (revenues, expenditures, taxation allocation)
- Annual Report (financial statement)

Jack Denny, President

Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce

Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce
5 year plan - 2026 - 2030

| Income | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Advertising Billboard Income | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |
| Economic Dev Grant | \$12,484.00 | \$12,484.00 | \$12,484.00 | \$12,484.00 | \$12,484.00 |
| Fundraising Income | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| Grant Income | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Group Insurance | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| Memberships | \$1,100.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$1,300.00 |
| Mining Exhibit | \$1,000.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| Total Income | \$23,984.00 | \$24,184.00 | \$24,184.00 | \$24,284.00 | \$24,284.00 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Advertising | \$675.00 | \$700.00 | \$725.00 | \$750.00 | \$750.00 |
| BC Chamber | \$300.00 | \$313.00 | \$313.00 | \$313.00 | \$313.00 |
| Bank Service Charges | \$5.00 | \$5.00 | \$5.00 | \$5.00 | \$5.00 |
| Christmas Decorations | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 |
| Float Expenses | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Fundraising | \$1,400.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$1,400.00 |
| Insurance | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 |
| Mining Exhibit | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| Office | \$190.00 | \$190.00 | \$190.00 | \$190.00 | \$190.00 |
| Payroll | \$16,250.00 | \$16,500.00 | \$16,500.00 | \$16,500.00 | \$16,500.00 |
| Repairs | \$140.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Signs | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Scholarships | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Telephone & Internet | \$1,850.00 | \$1,875.00 | \$1,900.00 | \$1,925.00 | \$1,925.00 |
| WCB | \$45.00 | \$50.00 | \$55.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 |
| Website & Brochures | \$250.00 | \$300.00 | \$325.00 | \$350.00 | \$350.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$22,925.00 | \$23,303.00 | \$23,383.00 | \$23,463.00 | \$23,463.00 |
| Total Profit (Loss) | \$1,059.00 | \$881.00 | \$801.00 | \$821.00 | \$821.00 |

Salmo District Chamber of Commerce

Profit & Loss

January through December 2025

| | Jan - Dec 25 |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| Grant Income | |
| Coastal Grant Program | 500.00 |
| Economic Development | 12,240.00 |
| HRDC Grant | 5,331.00 |
| Grant Income - Other | 6,500.00 |
| Total Grant Income | 24,571.00 |
| Income | |
| Advertising Income | 440.00 |
| Group Insurance | 1,133.41 |
| Market Fees | 675.00 |
| Total Income | 2,248.41 |
| Interest Income | 5.56 |
| Memberships | 1,150.00 |
| Total Income | 27,974.97 |
| Expense | |
| Advertising | 603.34 |
| B.C. Chamber Membership Fees | 293.48 |
| Beetle Bug Initiative | 6,500.00 |
| Decorations | |
| Christmas | 144.66 |
| Total Decorations | 144.66 |
| Float Expenses | 100.00 |
| Mining Exhibit | 250.00 |
| Office Supplies | 8.94 |
| Payroll Expenses | 16,074.10 |
| Telephone | 2,045.55 |
| WCB | 51.85 |
| Website Costs | 379.05 |
| Yearly Events | |
| Halloween | 336.01 |
| Market Expenses | 982.01 |
| Santa | 191.31 |
| Total Yearly Events | 1,509.33 |
| Total Expense | 27,960.30 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 14.67 |
| Net Income | 14.67 |



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date: July 10, 2026
Meeting Date: July 14, 2026
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Salmo & Area Museum 2026 Funding Release

1. **OBJECTIVE**

For Council to accept the 2026 financial submission from the Salmo & Area Museum.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The Salmo & Area Museum is one of the community groups that is required to submit documentation to annual receive financial grant-in-aid funding. They have provided a budget, capital plan, financial statements & strategic plan. The documentation lays out a clear plan for 2026.

This satisfies the submission requirements & therefore, it is recommended that Council authorize the Director the release the funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the reports provided by the Salmo & Area Museum and authorize the Director to approve releasing the funds.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That Council decline the authorization for the Salmo Director to release the funding for the Salmo & Area Museum for 2026.

Salmo and Area Museum Report 2026

The funding we receive from the RDCK is essential and of tremendous value. Each year, we provide the RDCK with our financial statements, including a five-year budget. These funds support basic operational costs, necessary repairs, and contributions to special projects such as display cabinets, the underground sprinkler system, and volunteer training.

Hours of Operation:

Our regular hours are 15 hours per week year-round, with extended hours during July and August when we are open Monday through Friday. It is worth noting that many smaller museums close from October through May and operate only during the summer months. Despite our limited hours, we make ourselves available for pre-arranged visits outside regular hours, and these are reflected in our statistics.

Admission:

Admission is currently by donation. While approximately 90% of museums charge a fee, we feel that maintaining a donation-based model creates a more welcoming and accessible environment for visitors.

What We Offer:

We gather and preserve records, objects, and information of educational, historical, and cultural value. Our role includes storing, conserving, cataloguing, and making these materials accessible to the public—essentially safeguarding history that might otherwise be lost. Our permanent collection reflects the history of Salmo, Ymir, Area G, and the broader Kootenay region. We maintain hundreds of photographs and records that are of significant local and regional interest.

Community Value:

We also maintain a well-used outdoor green space. Many individuals stop daily to rest, enjoy a meal, or connect with others, making it an important informal gathering place in the community.

Research and Archives:

Vertical Files: These include documented information (such as newspaper clippings) on individuals, schools, service groups, organizations, businesses, and special events. These files currently answer a large portion of our inquiries.

Cemetery and Obituaries: Local cemeteries are well documented, and our obituary collection continues to grow significantly.

Genealogy: We recorded 48 genealogy-related inquiries this year, a notable increase over the past 3–4 years, reflecting growing public interest in family history research.

Statistics:

~ We hosted 93 in-person visitors in 2025, with inquiries ranging from early mining history to local heritage topics. Notably, an extra 46 visits occurred on July 1 alone.

~ Pre-arranged visits included 3 family reunions, 4 bus tours, 3 school groups (including Fruitvale), 1 organization, and 6 individual/group visits outside regular hours.

- ~ We also hosted visits during community events such as Masonic and Legion conventions.
- ~ 21 phone inquiries (excluding genealogy), many related to historical research and school projects (including secondary school and Selkirk College students).

Volunteer Hours:

106 documented volunteer hours dedicated to obituary files and related research.

Financial Outlook and Challenges:

We are currently developing a five-year plan; however, we are already experiencing increasing financial pressures. Operating expenses continue to rise, and we must prepare for future costs. Our rent has remained unchanged for 15–20 years, and an increase is likely in the near future. We also anticipate building-related expenses, including roof maintenance or replacement. Additionally, insurance and general operating costs have increased. These are unavoidable expenses that require careful planning and support.

Digitization Needs:

At present, all of our records are in paper format. To ensure long-term preservation and improve accessibility, these materials should be digitized, securely stored, archived, and catalogued.

Digitization would:

- Protect historical materials from deterioration
- Improve access for the community and researchers
- Strengthen long-term conservation efforts

Funding:

While some funding opportunities exist through BC Museums and grant programs, a significant financial gap remains. Moving forward will require investment in computers, specialized software, and ongoing system support. We do have a potential funding source for volunteer training, which will support this transition. We will continue to seek support through community partnerships, grant opportunities, and fundraising efforts to sustain and enhance the important work of the Museum.

Future Projects and Wish List:

The downstairs area includes a valuable meeting space and additional display capacity; however, accessibility is limited due to stairs. Installing a chairlift has been explored but remains costly. A partially completed underground mining display offers a unique experience, including an ore pass, rail tracks, and ore car. This project requires additional funding to be completed.

Goals:

- ~ Sustain and manage operational expenses
- ~ Develop digital capabilities for long-term preservation and access
- ~ Improve accessibility to the lower level
- ~ Complete the mining display project

Re: 2026–2030 Budget Explanation

Please note that while our operations remain anchored to the attached 5-year plan, the specialized capital requirements for accessing the lower level and finalizing the mining display demand additional resources.

To fund these developments, the Museum is planning a series of fundraising campaigns alongside new grant applications. In accordance with sound financial practices, we have omitted these potential revenue streams from the budget figures until all funding commitments are officially finalized.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Street.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H Street", written in black ink. The signature is positioned below the typed name "Heather Street." and is underlined.

Salmo Museum Budget for a 5 year plan

| REVENUE | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Bank Interest | 9.00 | 9.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Membership | 125.00 | 125.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| RDCK | 21457.00 | 2186.00 | 2323.00 | 2392.00 | 2464.00 |
| Donations | 75.00 | 75.00 | 75.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| | | | | | |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| Office Administration | 10207.00 | 10513.00 | 10828.00 | 11152.00 | 1152.00 |
| Office Expense | 1027.00 | 1027.00 | 1058.00 | 1090.00 | 1090.00 |
| Canada Post | 270.00 | 278.00 | 278.00 | 286.00 | 286.00 |
| Phone | 1516.00 | 1608.00 | 1608.00 | 1656.00 | 1705.00 |
| Rent | 4800.00 | 4800.00 | 4800.00 | 4800.00 | 4800.00 |
| Maintenance | 3086.00 | 3086.00 | 3086.00 | 3178.00 | 3178.00 |
| Office Security | 645.00 | 664.00 | 664.00 | 664.00 | 684.00 |
| Insurance | 1214.00 | 1240.00 | 1240.00 | 1277.00 | 1277.00 |
| Advertising | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 |
| Outdoor Maintenance | 691.00 | 711.00 | 732.00 | 754.00 | 754.00 |
| Society Fees | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |

Salmo & Area Museum Society

Income Statement

As December 31,2025

REVENUE

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Bank Interest | 1.82 |
| RDCK | 21,457.00 |
| Newsletter | 364.50 |
| Membership Donations | <u>1,150.00</u> |
| Total Revenue | 22,973.32 |

EXPENSE

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Rent | 4,800.00 |
| Phone Internet | 1,956.79 |
| Office Administration | 6,021.80 |
| Post office | 262.50 |
| Insurance | 1,265.00 |
| Outdoor Maintenance | 550.00 |
| Computer | 365.90 |
| Maintenance | 1,045.56 |
| Office Security | 259.88 |
| Basement Development | 2,500.00 |
| Service Charge | <u>2.50</u> |
| Total Expense | 19,029.93 |
| NET INCOME | 3,943.39 |

Salmo and Area Museum Society Museum Strategic Plan 2026

Overview

The Museum serves as a vital cultural anchor and community asset for Salmo, Ymir, Area G, and the broader Kootenay region. Funding received from the RDCK and the Village of Salmo is essential, supporting core operational costs, structural maintenance, and critical community programming. This strategic plan outlines how the Museum's current operations and future goals directly advance local community pillars.

(a) Environmental Stewardship

- **Green Space Preservation:** The Museum actively maintains a well-utilized outdoor green space. By keeping this area clean and landscaped, the Museum provides an eco-friendly pocket park within the community.
- **Sustainable Infrastructure Planning:** Ongoing facilities management—including planning for critical maintenance/replacement and optimizing the underground sprinkler system—ensures the long-term structural efficiency and environmental resilience of the physical asset.

(b) Social and Community Well-Being

- **Universal Accessibility & Inclusion:** While roughly 90% of museums charge a mandatory admission fee, this Museum operates strictly on a **donation-based model**. This deliberate choice removes financial barriers, ensuring a welcoming, equitable, and accessible environment for all residents.
- **Social Cohesion Spaces:** The outdoor green space functions as an essential informal gathering place where residents and travelers stop daily to rest, enjoy meals, and connect with one another.
- **Physical Accessibility Goals:** A top priority in the Museum's 5-year plan is securing funding to solve lower-level accessibility challenges (such as installing a chairlift) to fully open up the downstairs meeting space to seniors and individuals with mobility restrictions.
- **Volunteerism & Civic Engagement:** The Museum fosters robust community involvement, highlighted by **106 documented volunteer hours** dedicated to archive expansion. Upcoming volunteer training initiatives will further upskill residents, keeping them socially engaged and digitally literate.

(c) Economic Development

- **Regional Tourism Driver:** The Museum acts as a tourism magnet, drawing vital foot traffic to the area. In 2025, it hosted numerous specialized group visits, including **3 family reunions, 4 bus tours, and regional conventions** (Masonic and Legion). Holiday

events saw massive single-day surges, such as 46 extra visits on July 1st alone, stimulating the local hospitality and retail economy.

- **Fiscal Responsibility & Strategic Planning:** The development of a rigorous five-year budget and strategic plan ensures the organization remains financially viable despite rising operational pressures, localized inflation, and projected rent adjustments.
- **Leveraging Outside Investment:** By actively pursuing provincial grants (e.g., BC Museums programs) and community partnerships, the Museum plans to successfully inject outside funding back into local operational services, software procurement, and technical support systems.

(d) Recreation and Cultural Enhancement

- **Safeguarding Regional Heritage:** The Museum serves as the primary custodian of history for Salmo, Ymir, Area G, and the Kootenays. It actively stores, conserves, and catalogs hundreds of historical photographs, vertical files, and artifacts that would otherwise be lost to time.
- **Expanding Archival and Educational Research:** The Museum is an active educational hub, handling **48 specialized genealogy inquiries** (a massive multi-year increase), 21 research phone lines, and extensive cemetery/obituary tracking. It regularly hosts local school groups (including Fruitvale students) and provides primary source materials for secondary and Selkirk College research projects.
- **Immersive Cultural Exhibits:** Funding is actively being sought to complete a highly unique **underground mining display**—complete with an ore pass, rail tracks, and an authentic ore car—to deliver an unmatched experiential recreation feature for visitors.
- **The Digitization Initiative:** A cornerstone of the future plan involves transitioning all historical records from fragile paper formats to a secure, cataloged digital archive. This will permanently protect materials from decay while exponentially increasing public access to cultural data.

(e) Emergency Preparedness and Resilience

- **Cultural Asset Protection (Disaster Mitigation):** Currently, 100% of the Museum's irreplaceable historical files exist in vulnerable paper formats. The **Digitization Project** acts as a critical institutional resilience strategy, creating secure, off-site digital redundancies that protect community history against fire, flood, or physical deterioration.
 - **Operational Contingency Planning:** By codifying rising expenses (such as building maintenance, insurance, and long-overdue rent adjustments) into a formal five-year outlook, the Museum is building operational buffers to withstand future economic shocks without disrupting public services.
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The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date: July 10, 2026
Meeting Date: July 14, 2026
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Proposed Letter of Support- Lhasa Developments

1. **OBJECTIVE**

For Council to determine if the Village provides a letter of support to Lhasa Developments for a proposed housing development

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

At the June 23rd COTW, Lhasa Developments presented as a delegation to propose a housing development at the east end of Cady Road. They have requested that the Village provide a general letter of support, so that they may try to move forward with attaining a partnership with a recognized housing non-profit. Currently, they are not requesting any specific commitments from the Village for any funding or resources or approval of the project itself.

Providing this letter will open the door for other private developers to approach the Village in a similar manner & signal that the Village is willing to look at alternative housing project proposals. This will also lead to further staff conversations with Lhasa to progress through the preliminary stages.

Staff is recommending that Council consider the approving the proposed letter of support to assist with the Village's commitment to bring more housing to the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider approving the letter of support to Lhasa Developments to begin preliminary discussions for the Built for the Future Project as presented.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That Council consider approving the letter of support to Lhasa Developments to begin preliminary discussions for the Built for the Future Project as amended.
2. That Council decline providing a letter of support.

The Village of Salmo writes this letter to express its interest in the Built for the Future (BFTF) Salmo Project, a proposed attainable housing development being advanced by Lhasa Developments Ltd. in Salmo, British Columbia.

The Village of Salmo recognizes that attainable housing is a pressing need across the West Kootenays. Like many small rural municipalities in BC, our community and the surrounding region have seen a significant increase in home prices in recent years, creating real pressure on our ability to retain our workforce and maintain a stable community. As a regional hub, Salmo understands the value of building homes here for people working across surrounding municipalities. The Village is actively seeking solutions to this challenge, and we recognize that attainable homeownership projects could provide a thoughtful and lasting response to this issue.

We have met with the Lhasa Developments team, who presented the Built for the Future project, a proposal for 20 permanently attainable homes, and we believe this type of model has real potential for a community like Salmo.

Council understands that discussions are currently underway to establish a partnership with a recognized housing non-profit, such as Habitat for Humanity, to help deliver long-term community housing benefits. The Village of Salmo recognizes that a project of this nature is strengthened significantly by the involvement of an established non-profit organization. Should a partnership with Habitat for Humanity be formalized, the Village would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the project proponents to explore how this development may contribute to Salmo's attainable housing objectives and long-term community well-being.

Council recognizes that this letter may assist the project proponents and Habitat for Humanity in evaluating and formalizing a potential partnership. It is provided as an expression of Council's willingness to engage in further discussions should that partnership be established.

This letter does not constitute project approval, financial support, or a commitment regarding future land use, zoning, permitting, infrastructure servicing, or any other statutory decisions. All such matters remain subject to Council's independent consideration, applicable legislation, and the completion of all required municipal processes.

Signed,



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date: July 10, 2026
Meeting Date: July 14, 2026,
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Requested Utility Connection- #5 Second Street

1. **OBJECTIVE**

For Council to determine if the Village should provide water & sewer connections to the property located at #5 Second Street.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The owner of #5 Second Street has reached out to the Village to request that their property be connected to the Village water & sewer systems. This property is located outside of Village limits. They are requesting the connection for a modular home. The closest location of the infrastructure is located on the adjacent property at #15 Second Street, although Public Works will have to determine whether the property can be connected through this connection or if a new one will have to be established. This may significantly change the cost and scope of this project. A qualified professional may be required to determine if this connection is appropriate for the Village to undertake.

As this connection is for a single residence, staff is not concerned with the additional load applied to these systems. Village Bylaws allow for these new connections; however, they must be approved by Council. The resident would be responsible for all costs associated with this project. Staff is recommending that Council consider this request.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to proceed with the service connection request for #5 Second Street, Salmo, BC, V0G 1Z0.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That Council direct staff not to proceed with the service connection request for #5 Second Street, Salmo, BC, V0G 1Z0.

Brandy Jessup

From: Derek Kwiatkowski
Sent: July 10, 2026 12:46 PM
To: Brandy Jessup
Subject: FW: Request for Municipal Water and Sewer Service Connection – #5 2nd Street, Salmo, BC
Attachments: July 14th, 2026 RFD Utility Connection Request #5 Second Street. docx.docx

Subject: Request for Municipal Water and Sewer Service Connection – #5 2nd Street, Salmo, BC

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to respectfully request approval to connect my property located at #5 2nd Street, Salmo, British Columbia, to the Village's municipal water and sewer systems.

I have lived in Salmo my entire life and have always been proud to call this community home. Salmo is a wonderful place to live, and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue building my future here. As part of that future, I am planning to develop this property with a modular home containing three bedrooms and two bathrooms, which will serve as my residence.

Both the municipal water line and sewer line are currently located at the corner of the property. To service the proposed residence, these services would need to be extended approximately 200 feet onto the property.

I would greatly appreciate Council's consideration of this request and any guidance regarding the requirements, approvals, costs, and procedures necessary to facilitate these connections. My goal is to develop the property responsibly and in accordance with all Village bylaws and engineering standards.

This project represents an important personal milestone and will allow me to continue living in the community that I know and love. Connecting to the Village's water and sewer systems will help ensure the property can be developed safely and sustainably for years to come.

For your reference, I have included photographs of the proposed building site to assist Council in understanding the location and existing conditions of the property.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community. I look forward to working with Village staff and Council as I move forward with this project and would appreciate any direction regarding the next steps in the process.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gibbon
Owner, #5 2nd Street
Salmo, BC



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Report to Council

Report Date: July 9, 2026
Meeting Date: Special Meeting - July 14, 2026
From: Fred Paton, Public Works Foreman
Subject: Public Works Report from June 5, 2026 – July 8, 2026

1. OBJECTIVE

To update Council on Public Works operations.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. Spring Activities.

- (a) Routine Maintenance of Village Fleet.
- (b) Raked KP Campground sites and cleaned the campground.
- (c) Installed one (1) headstone at the Cemetery.
- (d) Completed (1) one water shut off/turn on.
- (e) Daily Cleaning of Lions & KP Park Washrooms.
- (f) Bi-Annual inspections completed on most of the Village fleet, will be booking the remainder of the inspections.
- (g) Weekly water samples.
- (h) Dropped F.D. engine (E5) off for additional repairs.
- (i) Watering all flowerpots as needed.
- (j) Filled potholes as part of road maintenance.
- (k) Weekly mowing and upkeep of all of the fields and green spaces around town.
- (l) Monitoring Erie Creek & Salmo River for freshet.
- (m) Painted the legion crosswalks.
- (n) Prepped Village for Canada Day and the parade.
- (o) Completed a new water & sewer connection to a subdivided lot.
- (p) Removed uprooted trees that fell onto roadway during storm.
- (q) Re-Installed a “no through road” sign as requested by a resident as the last one disappeared.
- (r) Replaced a stop sign as someone removed the old one from the post.

2.2.

Attachments:

Nil.



Fire Chief's Report: July 01, 2026

Special Council Meeting July 14, 2026

Since the last report on June 1st, 2026 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 4 emergency incidents:

- 2 Jaws Calls
- 1 Power Pole Fire
- 1 Burn Complaint

DESCRIPTION

June was an unusually quiet month, with less than half of our normal call volume.

Salmo Fire Department crews were dispatched to a reported multi-vehicle motor vehicle incident. Upon arrival, crews determined that the incident involved a single vehicle. Firefighters utilized the Jaws of Life to extricate the lone occupant from the vehicle.

Crews also responded to a report of a power pole on fire. Investigation determined that the severe windstorm experienced last month had likely caused a power line to become displaced from its insulator. Subsequent rainfall provided a path to ground, resulting in electrical arcing and ignition of the pole.

Misc.

Our older engine, E5, was out of service for a significant portion of the month while undergoing engine repairs at a repair facility in Castlegar. During this period, the Ymir Fire Department provided standby coverage with their engine to ensure continued emergency response capability within our area.

Members have continued ongoing training and preparation for the summer season. Training activities included: pumping and drafting operations, rope rescue techniques and wildland firefighting preparation. These training sessions help ensure our members remain prepared for the increased demands typically experienced during the summer and wildfire seasons.

Originally Signed By:

David Hearn, Fire Chief



Bylaw Officer's Report: June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026

Special Meeting July 14 2026

Complaints:

| INFRACTION TYPE | NO. OF INFRACTIONS | RESOLUTION |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Unsightly related | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">There was a complaint against a property that had not mowed their lawn. The Bylaw Officer notified the property owner to cut the grass and the owner complied. |
| Traffic related | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The bylaw Officer issued a green notice and a warning on a trailer that has been parked on the laneway in a back alley. The Village will be following up. |

Enforcement:

| INFRACTION TYPE | NO. OF INFRACTIONS | RESOLUTION |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| Garbage Related | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Bylaw Officer stopped by two (2) separate residences to notify the owners about the garbage strewn about the yard. One owner complied but there was no response at the other residence. |

Follow up Complaints/Enforcement:

| INFRACTION TYPE | NO. OF INFRACTIONS | RESOLUTION |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| <i>Nil</i> | | |

Information submitted by:

Fred Nevakshonoff, Bylaw Officer

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Progress</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| MIABC Report Recommendations | 100% | Repairs completed |
| Glendale Bridge Guardrails | 100% | Construction completed July 3, 2026 |
| Fire Truck Purchase | 85% | MFA Fall Intake, documents mailed to MFA & province for final review |
| Heritage Mine Grant | 75% | Final stage of lighting & signage, COC obtaining quotes |
| DRIF Floodplain Review | 95% | Final report drafted, finalizing maps |
| NG911 GIS Project | 35% | Some data updates sent to RDCK |
| Indigenous Engagement- EM | 30% | Project Expectation Meeting Held January 21, building project framework |
| Official Community Plan | 100% | Reconsidered & Adopted on July 14th |
| Salmo Parks Master Plan | 20% | Creating survey |
| GIS Strategic Plan | 40% | working through data weighting, project priorities |
| Zoning Bylaw Review | 40% | Council & staff reviewing 1st draft |
| Water Reservoir Replacement Study | 10% | Water Plan before proceeding with Reservoir Replacement Study |
| MIABC Best Practices Recommendations | 5% | Policy creation |
| Human Resources Policy Creation | 25% | reaching out to benefits contractor for assistance |
| Water Plan | 5% | Council approved funds in budget |
| Campground Expansion | 15% | Priced out electrical service from FortisBC, potential sites marked out |
| REACH Grant Work | 25% | Opportunity for sidewalk portion out for tender |
| Asset Management Plan | 60% | Staff compiling information |

Village of Salmo Special Council Meeting July 14, 2026
 Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2026

| Account Name | 30-Jun-26 | | 31-May-26 | | 30-Jun-25 | |
|---|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | Balance | Balance | Balance | Balance | Balance | Balance |
| Chequing Community Plus (Operating Account) | \$3,069,937.11 | | \$2,336,371.74 | | \$2,941,702.27 | |
| Masterplan Community Plus - Wellness Centre Equipment | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| Masterplan Community Plus - Community Works | \$417,424.32 | | \$417,407.30 | | \$417,217.26 | |
| Masterplan Community Plus - Salmo Parks | \$16,409.32 | | \$16,385.62 | | \$16,123.25 | |
| Masterplan Community Plus - Growing Community | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| Maximizer Community Plus - Civic Works Reserves | \$176,368.12 | | \$175,977.59 | | \$171,440.66 | |
| Maximizer Community Plus - Sewer Civic Works Reserves | \$4,251.39 | | \$4,245.28 | | \$4,177.68 | |
| Maximizer Community Plus - Cemetery Care | \$26,874.04 | | \$26,835.44 | | \$26,408.16 | |
| Maximizer Community Plus - Water Civic Works Reserves | \$336,749.36 | | \$336,265.69 | | \$330,911.74 | |
| Maximizer Community Plus - Lions Park (Previously Curling Rink) | \$19,684.04 | | \$19,655.77 | | \$19,342.81 | |
| Maximizer Community Plus - Wellness Centre | \$128,609.16 | | \$128,424.44 | | \$126,379.69 | |
| Maximizer Community Plus - Fire Department Equipment | \$144,493.17 | | \$144,285.64 | | \$141,988.34 | |
| Maximizer Community Plus - Jaws of Life | \$253,435.54 | | \$253,071.53 | | \$249,042.17 | |
| Maximizer Community Plus - Ambulance | \$13,296.48 | | \$13,277.38 | | \$13,065.99 | |
| Membership Shares | \$25.00 | | \$25.00 | | \$25.00 | |
| Patronage Shares | \$2,238.00 | | \$2,238.00 | | \$2,238.00 | |
| | \$4,609,795.05 | | \$3,874,466.42 | | \$4,460,063.02 | |
| Accounts Receivable | | | | | | |
| Utilities | \$84,826.54 | | | | | |
| Taxes | \$329,390.98 | | | | | |
| Other | \$41.00 | | | | | |
| | \$414,258.52 | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$0.00 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Grand Total (Assets minus Liabilities) | \$5,024,053.57 | | | | | |

Village of Salmo

Accounts Payable June 5 to July 9, 2026

| Cheque # | Pay Date | Vendor Name | Description | Paid Amount |
|----------|------------|---|---|-------------|
| 018706 | 2026-06-05 | Ace Courier Systems | Water Sample Shipping | \$83.76 |
| 018721 | 2026-06-22 | Ace Courier Systems | Trackless/WWTP Supplies, Water Sample Shipping | \$649.14 |
| 018707 | 2026-06-05 | Air Liquide Canada Inc. | Fire Dept Supplies | \$18.06 |
| 018723 | 2026-06-22 | Air Liquide Canada Inc. | F.D. Supplies | \$17.47 |
| 018719 | 2026-06-05 | Alumichem Canada Inc. | WWTP Supplies | \$4,843.78 |
| 018724 | 2026-06-22 | ASI-Asset Strategy Inc. | Professional Services - Asset Management | \$4,161.15 |
| 018708 | 2026-06-05 | Beaver's Septic Tank | WWTP Maintenance | \$409.50 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Collabria | Adobe, GPS, LGMA, Postage, Hoses, Insurance, PW/WWTP Supplies | \$12,664.11 |
| 018727 | 2026-06-22 | Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation | Office Internet Services | \$280.00 |
| 018709 | 2026-06-05 | Commissionaires British Columbia | Bylaw Enforcement Services | \$260.03 |
| 018725 | 2026-06-22 | Commissionaires British Columbia | Bylaw Enforcement | \$311.69 |
| 018726 | 2026-06-22 | Custom Dozing Ltd. | Summer Road Maintenance | \$2,310.00 |
| 018710 | 2026-06-05 | Doane Grant Thornton | Annual Audit Fee | \$7,599.48 |
| 018729 | 2026-06-22 | Dobko Debra | Cemetery Plot Cancellation | \$118.12 |
| 018728 | 2026-06-22 | Drycake by Vanderbeken Enterprises Ltd. | WWTP Supplies | \$1,033.20 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Fortis BC - Natural Gas | Natural Gas Expense | \$49.30 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Fortis BC - Natural Gas | Natural Gas Expense | \$218.29 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Fortis BC - Natural Gas | Natural Gas Expense | \$88.93 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Fortis BC - Natural Gas | Natural Gas Expense | \$47.04 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Fortis BC - Natural Gas | Natural Gas Expense | \$47.04 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Fortis BC - Natural Gas | Natural Gas Expense | \$67.29 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Fortis BC - Natural Gas | Natural Gas Expense | \$45.90 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Fortis BC - Natural Gas | Natural Gas Expense | \$71.92 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$48.18 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$1,674.24 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$344.75 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$3,184.48 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$294.45 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$1,073.73 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$504.13 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$396.17 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$71.18 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Fortis BC Inc. | Electric Expense | \$870.95 |
| 018730 | 2026-06-22 | GFL Environmental Inc. 2020 | Residential, PW/WWTP Garbage Services | \$11,924.28 |
| 018711 | 2026-06-05 | Hall Printing | Office Supplies | \$642.94 |
| 018742 | 2026-07-03 | Hearn Tim | Refund Credit Roll#1120 | \$275.00 |
| 018712 | 2026-06-05 | Icesoft Technologies | Voyent Alert Subscription | \$2,576.00 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Imperial Oil Esso | P.W. & F.D. Fleet Fuel Charges | \$2,283.66 |

Village of Salmo
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| Cheque # | Pay Date | Vendor Name | Description | Paid Amount |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Imperial Oil Esso | F.D. PW Fleet Fuel Expenses | \$1,509.07 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Inland Allcare | KP & Lions Washroom Supplies | \$218.19 |
| 018743 | 2026-07-03 | Jensen Shawn | Double Payment of Taxes - Refund | \$1,185.26 |
| 018716 | 2026-06-05 | Kelowna Barrette | Janitorial Services | \$409.50 |
| 018731 | 2026-06-22 | Kendrick Equipment (2003) Ltd. | 2017 Trackless Parts | \$63.29 |
| 018732 | 2026-06-22 | Kootenay Precision Mechanical | Glendale Bridge Guardrails | \$56,760.64 |
| EFT | 2026-06-25 | LHASA Developments Ltd. BC | Refund Property Tax Overpayment | \$1,723.97 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Lordco Auto Parts | 2021 Ford Ranger Parts | \$63.38 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Lordco Auto Parts | Shop Supplies | \$72.49 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Lordco Auto Parts | 2012 Trackless Parts | \$249.31 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Lordco Auto Parts | WWTP Supplies | \$47.91 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Lordco Auto Parts | 2012 Trackless Parts | \$242.57 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Lordco Auto Parts | Shop Supplies | \$5.92 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Lordco Auto Parts | 2021 Ford Ranger Parts | \$24.54 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Lordco Auto Parts | Shop Supplies | \$5.92 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Lordco Auto Parts | 2018 Loader Parts | \$33.98 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Lordco Auto Parts | Hyundai Hoe Parts | \$44.17 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Lordco Auto Parts | Hyundai Hoe Parts | \$161.92 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Lordco Auto Parts | KP Bleachers Parts | \$37.83 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Lordco Auto Parts | Small Tools/2017 Trackless Parts | \$370.40 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Lordco Auto Parts | Shop Supplies | \$19.63 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Lordco Auto Parts | Shop Supplies | \$53.96 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Lordco Auto Parts | Small Tools Materials | \$149.77 |
| 018714 | 2026-06-05 | Martech Motor Winding Ltd. | Well Pump Purchase | \$11,487.16 |
| 018733 | 2026-06-22 | Mills Office Productivity | Building Permit Office Supplies | \$107.82 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | 2026-07-03 | Moneris Solutions | Service Fees | \$319.99 |
| 018713 | 2026-06-05 | Mountain Logic Solutions Inc. | WWTP Maintenance | \$754.43 |
| 018744 | 2026-07-03 | Orge Kailey | Canada Day Market Manager 2026 | \$150.00 |
| 018715 | 2026-06-05 | Passmore Laboratory Ltd. | Water Sample Testing | \$220.00 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | ProTELEC Security & Safety Ltd. | CW Safety Motitoring | \$94.50 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | ProTELEC Security & Safety Ltd. | CW Safety Monitoring | \$94.50 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | 2026-07-08 | Province of BC | School Tax Payment | \$186,398.48 |
| EFT | 2026-06-12 | Receiver General for Canada | Payroll Remittance | \$18,354.25 |
| 018717 | 2026-06-05 | Redwood Engineering Ltd | Glendale Bridge Guardrail Engineering | \$1,871.80 |
| 018734 | 2026-06-22 | Redwood Engineering Ltd | Engineering - Glendale Bridge Guardrails | \$1,342.66 |
| 018722 | 2026-06-22 | Richens Ann | Campground Management | \$400.00 |
| 018741 | 2026-07-03 | Richens Ann | Campground Management | \$2,270.00 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Rite-Way Mechanical Repairs Ltd | 2012 Trackless Parts | \$110.78 |

Village of Salmo
Accounts Payable June 5 to July 9, 2026

| Cheque # | Pay Date | Vendor Name | Description | Paid Amount |
|----------|------------|--|---|---------------------|
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | S.C. Mechanics | 2021 Ford Ranger Bi-Annual Inspection | \$275.68 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | S.C. Mechanics | 2012 Ford F150 Bi-Annual Inspection | \$275.52 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | S.C. Mechanics | 2012 Trackless Bi-Annual Inspection | \$482.17 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | S.C. Mechanics | 2017 Trackless Bi-Annual Inspection | \$413.28 |
| 018737 | 2026-06-22 | S.C. Mechanics | 2012 Ford F150 Parts | \$1,565.54 |
| 018739 | 2026-06-22 | Salmo Pump | F.D. Fuel Purchase | \$85.48 |
| 018736 | 2026-06-22 | Salmo Village Grocery | Office Supplies | \$33.68 |
| 018738 | 2026-06-22 | Sensible Solutions Inc. | IT Managed Services | \$2,437.91 |
| 018735 | 2026-06-22 | Skyway Hardware (1985) Ltd. | Garbage Collection, KP Park, Lawn Maintenance, Shop, WWTP | \$219.69 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Summit Truck & Equipment | Supplies | \$79.95 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Summit Truck & Equipment | Parts - 2012 Trackless | \$97.59 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Summit Truck & Equipment | 1998 Loader Parts | \$37.65 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Telus | 2012 Trackless Parts | \$36.75 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Telus | Alarm Monitoring | \$29.40 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Telus Communications Inc. | Alarm Monitoring | \$1,172.49 |
| EFT | 2026-06-05 | Telus Communications Inc. | Telephone Fax Internet Services | \$85.01 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Telus Communications Inc. | Office Fax Charges | \$85.01 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Telus Communications Inc. | Office Fax Charges | \$1,191.08 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Telus Mobility | Telephone Fax Internet Expenses | \$189.92 |
| EFT | 2026-06-23 | Telus Mobility | CAO & PW Cell Phone Expense | \$101.57 |
| 018740 | 2026-06-22 | VH Sport | Emergency CW Cell Phone Expense | \$264.08 |
| 018720 | 2026-06-05 | Yellowhead Road & Bridge Kootenay | SDJ Promo Expense | \$5,338.20 |
| | | Employee Benefits, Reimbursements and Salaries (PP12, PP13, PP14, Council 6) | Dust Control | \$72,855.51 |
| | | | Total: | \$436,342.49 |

Credit Card Details:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| 2026 Ford Ranger Ins. | \$1,566.00 |
| Adobe Subscription | \$47.02 |
| Canada Flag | \$250.83 |
| F.D. GPS Subscription | \$72.74 |
| Fire Hoses | \$881.74 |
| LGMA Conferences (CAO) | \$1,238.48 |
| Postage | \$29.34 |
| PW Supplies | \$46.57 |
| Replacement Cov. 2026 Ranger | \$1,932.00 |
| WWTP Supplies | \$1,528.80 |
| WWTP Sludge Bin | \$5,070.59 |
| | \$12,664.11 |

Brandy Jessup

VILLAGE OF SALMO

From: Neil MacLeod <neil@shambhalamusicfestival.com>
Sent: May 5, 2026 11:05 AM
To: Village of Salmo
Subject: EPC Meeting & Emergency Water for 2026 Festival
Attachments: Village of Salmo_20250716_085119 (1).pdf

Good morning,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Neil MacLeod, who sends his apologies for missing the last EPC discussion for Salmo. Unfortunately, Neil was in hospital for the past couple of weeks, but he has made a good recovery and is now back to work. He is looking forward to attending the next meeting.

I'm also writing to request the inclusion of Village of Salmo potable water in the emergency response plan for the 2026 Shambhala Music Festival. I've attached the 2025 approval request for your reference.

If permission is granted again this year, we would appreciate some clarity on how the water would be accessed in the event of an emergency, as well as who the point of contact would be for coordination.

We appreciate the Village of Salmo's ongoing support, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,
Rachel
on behalf of Neil



Neil MacLeod
He/ Him/ His
Chief Executive Officer



July 24-27, 2026



DATE Jun. 15/26
NO 28 TO M+C-Jul. 14/26
FILE NO 0400-90
VILLAGE OF SALMO



June 11, 2026

RDKB: Area G/Village of Salmo
Attn.: Mayor Diana Lockwood
PO Box 1000
Salmo, BC V0G 1Z0

Dear Mayor Lockwood and Council,

It is with sincere gratitude that we once again extend our thanks to Area G and Salmo for your continued support of the KBRH Health Foundation's **Mental Health Matters Campaign** through the Columbia Basin Trust's Resident Directed Grants (ReDi) Program. Your generous contribution of \$407.20 in this second year of support is deeply appreciated and reflects your ongoing commitment to strengthening mental health care in our region.

As we continue building momentum toward our \$2 million campaign goal, partnerships like yours are helping turn this vision into reality. Your renewed investment ensures this important work continues by enhancing care environments, expanding access to vital resources, and creating spaces that support healing, dignity, and recovery for individuals and families throughout the Kootenay Boundary region.

Your support is helping advance critical improvements across three key areas. **The Daly Pavilion**, KBRH's acute care psychiatric unit, will benefit from upgraded security, improved care spaces, and updated furnishings to create a safer, more therapeutic environment. **Harbour House**, a residential rehabilitation facility, will see renovations that enhance safety, comfort, and therapeutic resources. The **Pediatric Outdoor Space** will provide children, youth, and families with a secure, restorative environment that supports healing and emotional well-being.

Now in the second year of this transformative campaign, every contribution brings us closer to our \$2 million goal and to creating lasting change in mental health care close to home. Your continued partnership is helping ensure individuals of all ages have access to compassionate, dignified care when they need it most.

On behalf of the KBRH Health Foundation Board of Directors and staff, thank you for standing with us once again in support of Mental Health Matters.

Sincerely,

Lisa Pasin
Executive Director
KBRH Health Foundation



**VILLAGE OF SALMO
MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Quarterly Crime Statistics
2025/2026 Q4 - JAN to MAR 2026**

Salmo RCMP Detachment
365 Main Street, PO Box 550
Salmo, BC V0G 1Z0
Telephone (250) 357-2212
Fax (250) 357-2622

Salmo RCMP Detachment

DATE Jul. 3/26
NO 29 TO Jul. 14/26
FILE NO 7580-20

Dear Mayor Lockwood:

DATE **June 4, 2026**

VILLAGE OF SALMO

| CRIME CATEGORIES | Last Year | Current Year |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Homicide / Attempted Homicide | 0 | 0 |
| Assaults | 0 | 3 |
| Sexual Offences | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 |
| Auto Theft | 0 | 0 |
| Break and Enters | 2 | 0 |
| Theft From Motor Vehicle | 0 | 0 |
| Drug Investigations | 1 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle Collisions | 0 | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Collisions W Fatality | 0 | 0 |
| Impaired Driving - CC | 0 | 0 |
| Impaired Driving - MVA (IRPs) | 2 | 0 |
| TOTAL PERSONS/VIOLENT CC | 3 | 6 |
| TOTAL PROPERTY CC | 7 | 8 |
| TOTAL OTHER CC | 4 | 7 |
| TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE | 86 | 103 |

| COMMUNITY | Last Year | Current Year |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Files involving Alcohol/Drugs | 5 | 5 |
| Files involving Domestic Violence | 0 | 0 |
| Mental Health Related Calls | 14 | 22 |
| Files with Youth negative contacts | 0 | 0 |

Should you have any questions or concerns, or wish to discuss these statistics further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-357-2212.

Yours truly,

Corporal Derek Bodner
Salmo RCMP Detachment

DATE Jul. 8/26
NO 30 TO M+C-Jul.14/26
FILE NO ~~0186 01~~

Brandy Jessup

From: Nick Wong <nwong@bcinvasives.ca>
Sent: July 8, 2026 11:04 AM
To: Derek Kwiatkowski; Village of Salmo; dlockwood@rdck.bc.ca
Cc: Hueppelsheuser, Tracy AF:EX
Subject: July 2026 Dutch Elm Disease Survey
Attachments: af_dutch_elm_disease.pdf; DED_brochure.pdf

VILLAGE OF SALMO

Good morning Mayor Lockwood and Mr. Kwiatkowski,

My name is Nick Wong, Science and Operations Manager with the Invasive Species Council of BC and together with Tracy Hueppelsheuser, Director of Plant Health with the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, we are reaching out today about a survey we are intending to initiate in your area. As you may have heard BC's first confirmed detection of Dutch elm disease (DED) was made in July 2024 in the Kootenay Boundary Regional District.

DED is a federally regulated plant disease in Canada caused by a fungus, *Ophiostoma ulmi* (Buisman) and *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi* (Brasier), which blocks the tree's ability to conduct water, causing rapid wilting, leaf browning, and ultimately tree death, within one to three years. The fungus is mainly spread by elm bark beetles and elm firewood. Dutch Elm Disease infects all species of American elm (*Ulmus americana*), rock elm (*U. thomasi*) and slippery elm (*U. rubra*).

As popular urban tree, elms are a highly favoured shade and boulevard tree and their loss would drastically alter BC's urban landscapes. Costs to communities would be high for dead tree removal and replanting. In Montreal, nearly 90% of the city's elm trees succumbed to the disease from 1970 through 1980, and Toronto had lost 80% of its elm population by 1976.

As a result of the 2024 detection in BC, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has [established a regulated area which includes parts of the Regional Districts of Kootenay Boundary and Central Kootenay](#), with the goal of creating awareness about the issues and limiting human-assisted spread via firewood or plants.

To investigate further, we intend to contract Living Tree Environmental who are experts in monitoring tree health, to do a comprehensive survey of elm trees on public and private lands where possible in Salmo to look for symptoms of or infected DED trees this summer. They are DED experts who have worked extensively in other provinces. Surveys are also being planned for Castlegar, Cranbrook, Fruitvale, Grand Forks, Nelson, Roseland and Trail. Our goal is to start the week of July 20th and continue for approximately 2 weeks. Each community will take 1-4 days to complete.

The Living Tree Environment staff will be noticeable in your communities with well-branded gear and vehicles. In addition to checking the trees on public land (parks, roadsides, etc), they will approach residents if they see elm trees on private properties that they wish to assess.

We would like to partner with your community and get the word out about this important tree health initiative. Are there community webpages or social media hubs where information could be shared with residents before the survey begins? Are there other ways to reach residents in your community?

We would like to meet with you to answer any questions and share more about the project and provide information and messaging.

We've included a couple resources on DED as attachments for your information. Living Tree Environmental will also have a BC-focused brochure available.

Finally, if there is someone else within your municipality who is more appropriate to direct this email could you please forward it along or let us know who that might be?

Many thanks for your time and consideration.



**Invasive Species
Council of BC**

Nicholas Wong

Ph.D., RPBio

He/Him/His

Manager, Science and Operations

Invasive Species Council of BC

Workdays: Monday – Friday

☎ (604) 716-7544

✉ nwong@bcinvasives.ca

🌐 BCinvasives.ca

The Invasive Species Council of BC gratefully acknowledges the territories of the Indigenous Peoples of BC where we live and work to maintain healthy ecosystems for all.

🌿 Healthy landscapes begin with connection, stewardship, and shared responsibility. [See how Indigenous knowledge supports invasive species management](#)

[Donate](#) or [join as a member](#). Charity Registration #: 856131578RR0001



December 2024

Dutch elm disease (DED) is caused by two species of the fungus *Ophiostoma*, *Ophiostoma ulmi* and *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi*. The fungus is transmitted from infected trees to healthy trees by at least three species of elm bark beetles. In June 2024, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed DED caused by *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi* in multiple American elm trees in British Columbia (B.C.) in the Kootenay Boundary Regional District. Introduction of this disease poses a significant threat to both the nursery industry and to landscape plantings of elm in the province.

Hosts

Elms (*Ulmus* spp.) are hosts of DED. American elms are the most susceptible. Siberian, Chinese and other elms are generally resistant but can harbour the disease. *Zelkova carpinifolia*, an ornamental tree in the elm family, is also a host.

Symptoms

Symptoms of the disease first appear in June or early July. Leaves wilt, yellow and turn brown in the summer, often on one side of the tree (Figures 1A, 1B & 2A). This is followed by dieback of branches and eventual death of the tree. Brown staining can be seen in the sapwood of affected branches by peeling back the bark (Figure 2B).

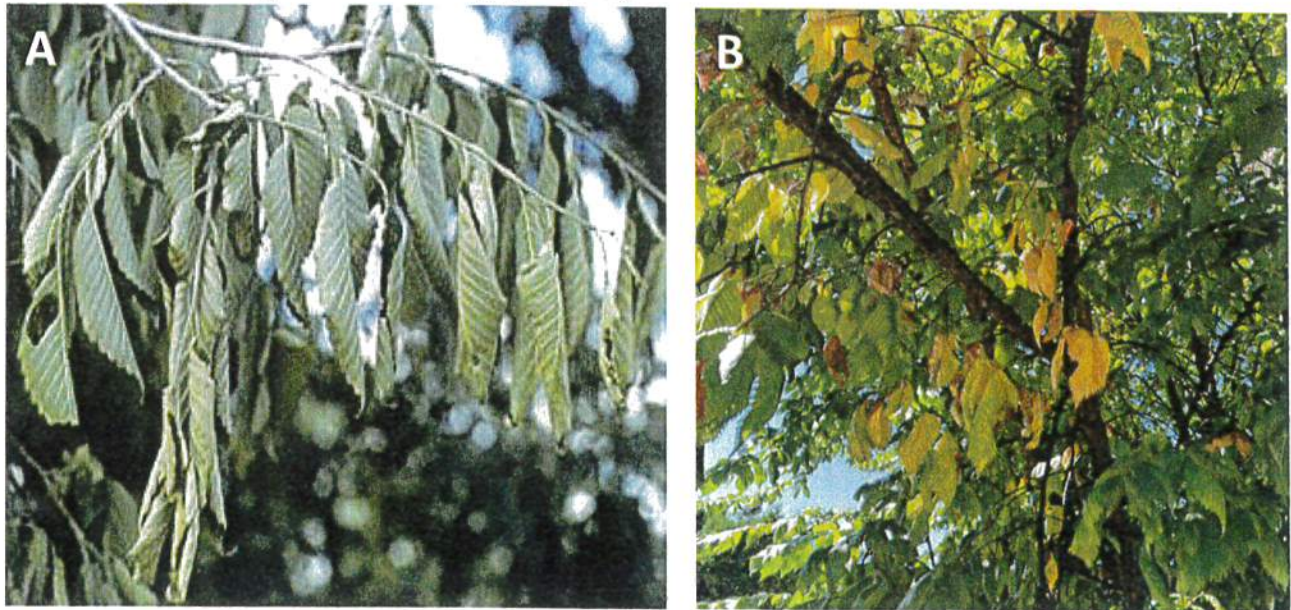


Figure 1. Flagging branches of an infected elm tree (A) and branch dieback (B). Photo credit: Dr. Gary Platford, Winnipeg, Manitoba (A), and B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food (B).

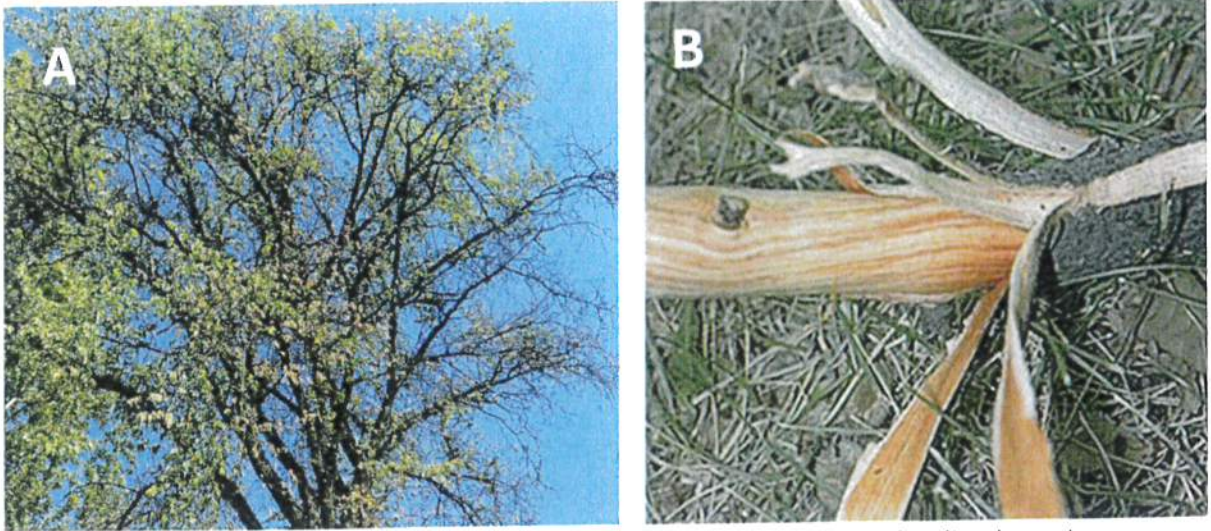


Figure 2. Dieback and flagging caused by Dutch elm disease (A) and vascular discoloration under bark of infected elm branch (B). Photo credit: B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food (A) and Saskatchewan Environment (B).

Life Cycle

DED is transmitted from infected trees to healthy trees by the European elm bark beetle, *Scolytus multistriatus*, (Figure 3A) an introduced species which is present throughout Southern B.C. It can also be spread by the native elm bark beetle (*Hylurogopinus rufipes*) which is common in Eastern and Central Canada but is not known to occur in B.C. DED may also be spread by the banded elm bark beetle (*Scolytus schevyrewi*), which was first detected in B.C. near Kelowna in 2010. The beetles breed in weakened trees in galleries constructed under the bark (Figure 3B). Galleries excavated by European elm bark beetles (*S. multistriatus*) and banded elm bark beetle (*S. schevyrewi*) are parallel with the wood grain (vertical), whereas the galleries of the native elm bark beetle (*H. rufipes*) are perpendicular (horizontal) to the grain.

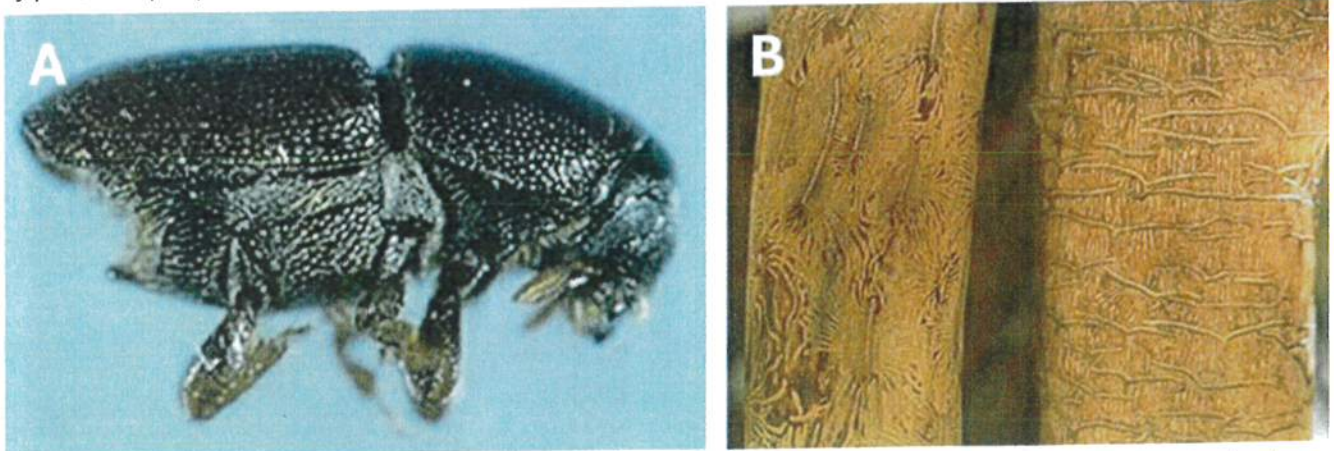


Figure 3. European elm bark beetle (A); European elm bark beetle galleries (vertical), left trunk, and native bark beetle galleries (horizontal), right trunk (B). Photo credit: Thérèse Arcand, Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service (A) and Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service (B).

In infected trees, the beetle galleries become colonized by the Dutch elm disease fungus. Larvae spend the winter in the galleries. In the spring, a new generation of beetles emerge which spread

the fungal spores to healthy elm trees as they feed on branches. Beetle feeding introduces the fungus to the vascular tissue where the fungus colonizes and clogs xylem vessels causing a vascular wilt. The disease can also spread by natural root grafting to adjacent trees. Long distance spread usually occurs through movement of infested elm firewood or logs.

Distribution

DED is widely distributed around the world, including Western Asia, Europe, Canada, United States (including Washington State), and New Zealand.

Prevention

- If planting elm trees, obtain nursery stock only from a local, reliable source.
- Controlling beetles may protect nurseries from feeding and potentially transmitting DED to nursery plantings.
- Early detection is the most important step to prevent the spread of this disease.
- Do not prune healthy elm trees from April 1st to September 30th to prevent the beetles potentially spreading disease to healthy trees.
- Many landscape and forest pests can be spread in firewood. Never transport elm wood or wood products with bark to new locations. Leave your firewood at home and pick up local wood when camping. Don't take extra firewood home with you.
- If an elm tree is confirmed in your area, there are preventative fungicides registered. Contact an arborist.

Reporting Trees

If the disease is suspected, please report to CFIA through their [pest reporting page](#) or a local office. You can also contact the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food and submit suspected samples to the [Ministry of Agriculture and Food - Plant Health Laboratory](#).

Management

When DED is confirmed, proper removal of infected and neighbouring trees is important to reduce spread of DED. Removal should be done as soon as possible, contact CFIA or BCMAF for tree removal options.

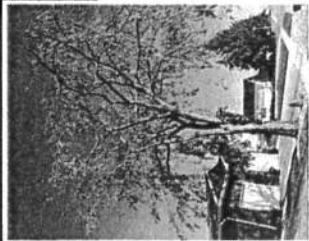
Additional Information

- [Dutch elm disease \(DED\) Ophiostoma ulmi and Ophiostoma novo-ulmi - inspection.canada.ca](#)
- [D- 97-07: Phytosanitary Requirements for the Importation from the United States and Domestic Movement of Elm Material \(Ulmus spp. and Zelkova spp.\) to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Dutch Elm Disease Ophiostoma ulmi \(Buisman\) Nannf. and Ophiostoma novo-ulmi \(Brasier\) within Canada - inspection.canada.ca](#)

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DED PREVENTION TIPS

- Hire a trained and certified arborist to properly remove dead, dying and rubbing branches from your elm trees. Be sure to properly dispose of all elm wood by either burning or burying the wood to a depth of 25 centimeters of topsoil
- Be sure to water your tree regularly. Especially during periods of dry weather. Improving your elm trees health and vigour will make it less susceptible to elm bark beetles (A vector of DED)

DED SURVEILLANCE

- DED symptoms are most noticeable between June 15 and August 25th
- Annual comprehensive surveys include the inspection of all American elm trees (No matter if they are on located on public or private property) in a community for symptoms of DED and also the detection of any elm wood violations. All DED infected elm trees and violations should be removed and disposed of promptly
- All communities with American elm trees in their urban forest should complete annual DED surveys. American elm trees are a valuable part of the urban forest because they provide shade for homes, decrease damage to streets by keeping asphalt cool, provide habitat for birds, mammals, insects and many other organisms and absorb large amounts of Carbon Dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming!

ELM BARK BEETLE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

- The presence of elm bark beetles can be monitored using kairomone/pheromone baited sticky panel traps which can confirm the need for elm bark beetle management programs.

OTHER FOREST HEALTH AGENTS THAT AFFECT AMERICAN ELM TREES

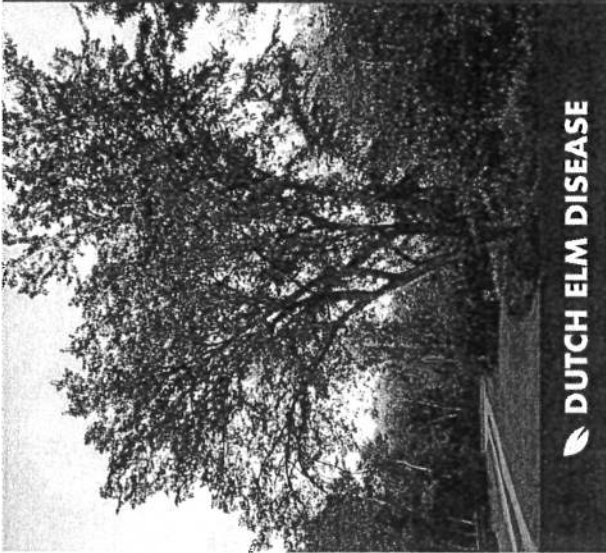
- Dothiorella and Verticillium wilts are 2 other fungal diseases that can impact the health and vigour of American elm trees. Symptoms for both of these fungal wilt diseases includes wilting leaves and branch die-back in the crown, staining in the vascular tissue and mortality of the tree. The mortality occurs at a slower rate than DED. Pruning and removal of the dead and dying branches can slow the rate of spread of these diseases
- Bacterial wet wood/slime flux is a common condition that occurs in deciduous tree species and is caused by bacterial infections in wounds on poor pruning cuts. This infection may have a negative impact on the structural integrity and safety of a tree in your neighbourhood
- Insect infestations by native insect pests (ex. Cankerworms, forest tent caterpillars, woolly elm aphids) or introduced species (European elm scale) can have a negative impact on the health and vigour of your elm trees. The more stress a tree sustains, the more likely the tree will attract elm bark beetles that could be carrying the DED wilt fungus

HELPFUL LINKS

- <https://www.alberta.ca/society-to-prevent-dutch-elm-disease.aspx>
- <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/forest-health/dutch-elm-disease>

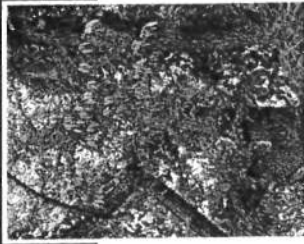


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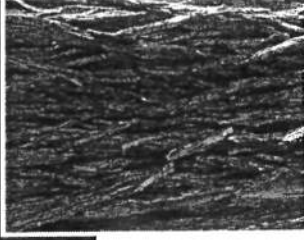
DUTCH ELM DISEASE





SYMPTOMS OF DED

- Early season symptoms (Mid to late June) include no leaf flush or branches with green sagging leaves (flagging)
- Mid to late season symptoms include premature leaf drop, yellow to brown colouration of leaves in July and August along with curling of leaf margins
- As the growing season continues, the symptoms progress throughout the remainder of the tree canopy until all vascular tissue is affected
- The vascular tissue may have a brown colour when analyzed in cross-section



DED HISTORY

- Dutch elm disease first appeared in Eastern Canada in the 1930's and then spread to Western Canada by wood shipments. Once it arrived in the west it has established itself locally via elm bark beetle flights and root grafting
- DED was first diagnosed in Saskatchewan in 1981 and has now become established throughout Southeast Saskatchewan and has spread as far west as the communities of Gravelbourg and Outlook
- Alberta has had 2 confirmed cases of DED in Wainwright (1998) and Lethbridge (2 trees in 2020)
- Dedicated comprehensive management programs helps slow the spread of this disease in municipalities

DED BIOLOGY

- DED is a disease caused by the pathogenic fungus (*Ophiostoma ulmi* or the more virulent strain *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi*) which grows within and inhibits the function of the vascular tissues in infected elm trees
- Once an elm is infected with DED, it can succumb to the disease in just a few weeks

WHAT DOES AN ELM TREE LOOK LIKE?

- An American elm tree has a distinct umbrella or vase-shaped growth form
- They have been a very popular shade tree due to their tolerance for the extreme growing conditions in Western Canada
- Their leaves have asymmetrical (ovate) bases, are typically dark green in colour, have double serrated leaf margins and have alternating buds/branches
- The bark (cork cambium) is charcoal grey in colour with deep diamond shaped grooves and has a layered (light and dark pattern) when viewed in cross-section

DED VECTORS

- There are three vectors for DED: 1. 2 species of elm bark beetles (native and smaller European), 2. Root grafts between trees and 3. Unsterilized pruning tools that transfer the disease from infected to healthy trees.
- Firewood movement is a very common mode of regional disease spread in Western Canada. It is unlawful to move elm wood without acquiring a permit.





THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR MCKELLAR

Alternate Director Report for Council Meeting held on July 14, 2026.

RDCK:

The Board approved entering into an Annual Operating agreement for British Columbia Transit for public transport system from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.

The funds for the financial services grant were released for all groups that had submitted the documents as per Salmo's Non-Profit Organizational Taxation and Funding release policy (F-011), the other groups will be contacted by staff for the required documents so that funds can be released.



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

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on July 14, 2026.

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness Committee: It is time to set up any rain barrels you may have as this summer could be a very dry one and having extra water on hand would be fruitful for your plants. Encourage everyone to have a "GO BAG" ready at your front door in case of any emergency. Takes away stress.

Citizen Engagement: Although the Slow-pitch tournament saw its fair share of rain it turned out to be successful event. July 1 saw an amazing amount of people out celebrating and one of the longest parades in some time. I received appreciation for a fantastic day the Village of Salmo hosted.

RDCK:

West Kootenay Transit Committee:

- a) BC Transit website has been updated bctransit.com
- b) Open loop payment option, they are loadable now
- c) Selkirk College UPASS is a no go for now, they feel there are not enough students right now, maybe in 2027
- d) June 29 Service Change, the new schedule is out now and can be viewed at bctransit.com/west-kootenay
- e) Fleet Electrification 2 electric Nova buses will be deployed in Nelson later this year and 13 hybrid electric buses will replace buses currently operating around Trail and Castlegar in 2028/29.
- f) Transit and On-Street Infrastructure

2026 Transit SuperStar Every year, BC Transit recognizes excellence and celebrates the Transit SuperStars making a positive difference in transit systems across the province.

- Safety First - Adapt and Thrive - Community Minded – Team Spirit and our very own **TOM DOOL won this honour! Way to go Tom.**

All Recreation: Staff will be developing an unstaffed fitness facility policy to enhance all our places.

Draft Regional Parks, Trails & Water Access Strategy is out for final comment from the public. If you have not done the survey this is the time. <https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/regional-parks-trails-andwater-access-strategy/>

Asset management update - In 2025 an asset management coordinator was hired, reporting to the Senior Project Manager under Environmental Services, to complete the implementation of the AMP including developing and leading an internal asset management committee of staff. Staff brought a report to the January 2026 Board meeting outlining the roles and responsibilities of the committee, and the multi-year plan to implement the recommendations from Roth-lams. That employee resigned in early 2026 and the position has not been recruited for since, while senior management, and supporting managers and staff, determine the best path forward for utilizing funding for staffing, and evaluating the forward-looking plan presented to the Board. The needs of the organization have evolved, and so staff are formulating how to fit the recommendations to the current needs.

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: For the pool the discussion about donation vs fee as you need a person sitting at the desk to collect fees and you don't for donations. After the summer we will reevaluate this as commission looked at ways o how to work through this situation.

We saw higher use of the fitness center this winter and it could be because of the small amount of snow or that people are starting to use the fitness center more. Adding the extra hour last year has proven to be the right decision.

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): We have made it to 20 years and since inception in 2006 under the name SIDIT we funded 857 projects with \$75million having a total project value of \$275 million creating 30K jobs. ETSI-BC portion since 2021 we funded 470 projects with \$12.6million having a total project value of \$31 million creating 26K jobs. Please see the attachment for the spring funding intake at the end of this report.

Central/Joint Resource Recovery: Next meeting TBD

West Kootenay Hospital Board: We heard from Tyler Dobie - Victorian Hospital of Kaslo Auxiliary - Long-Term Care Expansion & Integrated Health Infrastructure Planning, Betty Brown - Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation, and the West Kootenay Boundary Project Updates.

Letter of Support was requested for Big White Mountain Rural Health Hub.

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: Blewett Community Society and the Nelson Nordic Ski Club have put in requests asking to expand what is happening on these grounds.

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: We will be meeting with the ministry at UBCM in September as we continue to bring our collective thoughts forward.

Community Collaboration Meeting: I will not be able to attend as I will be attending the RDCK board meeting although Councillor Lins will be able to give an update.

RDCK Launches Rural Organic Waste Management Rebate and Incentive Program

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is launching a new program to help rural residents reduce organic waste and support regional climate resilience. The Rural Organic Waste Diversion and Climate Resilient Communities project, funded by Columbia Basin Trust, provides financial and practical support for residents living outside the RDCK's larger municipalities to better manage food and organic waste at home.

Through this initiative, eligible households can receive a rebate of up to \$175 toward the purchase of approved organic waste management systems. Options include backyard composters, food waste digesters, tumbler composters, vermicomposting systems, Bokashi kits, and electric food recyclers.

"The RDCK is committed to helping residents reduce what goes to landfill while building solutions that work in rural settings," said Alayne Hamilton, RDCK Acting Resource Recovery Manager – Projects & Programs. "This program makes it easier for households to take action, whether they're new to composting or looking to improve their current approach."

Program Highlights

Residents in RDCK electoral areas and eligible municipalities can access:

- \$175 rebate per household toward the purchase of an eligible organic waste management system, such as a backyard composter or electric food recycler.
- Free organic waste collection containers for residents who self-haul organic waste to RDCK disposal facilities.
- Tipping fee vouchers that allow for free disposal of containers of food waste, along with clear guidance on accepted and prohibited materials. Who Is Eligible The program is open to residents living in RDCK electoral areas (outside municipal boundaries), as well as residents within the incorporated municipalities of Salmo, Slocan, New Denver, Silverton, Nakusp, and Kaslo. Residents of Nelson, Castlegar, and Creston is not eligible due to access to municipal organic waste diversion services. Rebates will be available from program launch through August 2027, with funding and resources distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

To participate, residents must complete a short survey to confirm eligibility and receive guidance on the best organic waste management options for their needs. Supporting factsheets are available to help residents understand system costs, effort required, and considerations such as wildlife safety.

Supporting Waste Reduction and Climate Action

Organic waste diversion plays a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and extending landfill life. By supporting rural households with practical tools and funding, the RDCK aims to increase participation in waste reduction efforts and improve local self-reliance, wildlife safety, the circular economy, and environmental outcomes.

“This project recognizes that rural residents face unique challenges,” added Hamilton. “By providing flexible options and practical support, we’re making it easier, safer, and more affordable for everyone to participate in organic waste diversion.” The Columbia Basin Trust is the sole funder of this initiative, and the RDCK gratefully acknowledges their valuable contribution to local climate resilience and regional sustainability.

Learn More and Apply Residents can learn more, review eligible systems, and apply for the rebate by visiting: engage.rdck.ca/projects/ruralorganics.

Federation of Canadians Municipalities (FCM) conference:

I attended this conference in Edmonton Alberta from June 4-7, 2026. This conference is where all local government’s from across Canada get together to learn new and innovative ways and learn things from each other that helps not recreate the wheel which saves money when you bring back the ideas. The networking is so valuable as it can get you connections to help your communities and help with your personal growth to learn how to do things better. It is a packed four days.

We heard from people with lived experience of homelessness, and how to make social policy help all and be acceptable for the communities they live in. They show cased that places that have services can make changes and differences to improve peoples lives along with the municipalities.

Turning waste into opportunity:

As local governments manage landfills, wastewater treatment facilities and organic waste systems, this workshop showed the importance of looking into the future with ideas to generate energy and use waste that we are already dealing with. Securing funding can be a challenge although you must have the want and will to do a project in the first place. The Green Municipal Fund supports energy analysis, technology choices and can help with this tax funded program.

Intact Insurance spoke about the limited resources and how many items local governments have to decide what is the best preventative action to support the community. How important it is to invest in resilience to manage flood and wildfire and that most people appreciate those decisions. They had brochures that explained what to do in the event of an emergency. Check out the fire smart poster that you can do around your home to help if you have a fire coming towards you that may help in saving your home.

Other items of interest for insurance are that Intact help with grants to do roofs if you have a fire smart assessment, they say to shingle roofs although are the cheapest are not as fire smart as a

metal one and know what you can do to be more resilient in an event. Please see last page of my report to see how you can improve your home surroundings.

Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) spoke about how to get through the groundwork before growth in municipalities for more housing.

Every new house will need to have utility hook-ups, roads, sidewalks which involves community infrastructure (ex wastewater, water).

Infrastructure is not the biggest barriers to investing in it, market conditions and regulations/polies are and matter more.

Some key challenges are municipalities are constrained by debt limits (this is the available capital to invest), tax revenues are not high enough to invest for growth, and municipalities cannot borrow against expected future revenue.

Challenges faced by developers:

When you have a market downturn it increases the risk that developers will not receive a return for equity invested prompting delays for projects when the housing market shows. If there is more than one developer, the initial investor must take on a higher capital and risk burden than their competitors.

The Canada Infrastructure Bank's Infrastructure for Housing Initiative offers loans to cover the cost of enabling the infrastructure for new housing.

IHI lends to both developers and municipalities for site-specific and community infrastructure. The lending does not need to be repaid until housing or serviced lands are monetized. They can lend concessionally at the Government of Canada's borrowing rate to lower cost of capital. The loan from CIB can reduce and share risk compared to other available forms of financing.

Projects should meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The project must require an investment of at least \$50 million.
- The project must be new or involve significant necessary upgrades to existing infrastructure.
- The borrower must be responsible for delivering public infrastructure (municipal, Indigenous, university, or other public sector entity).
- The project must enable growth of residential housing units in Canada.
- The project must create incremental revenues as growth occurs that are sufficient to repay the loan.

All parties were there as a political keynote. I feel it doesn't matter what party you stand for it is good that they take out the time to come and speak to the people working the from lines of government. Local government is the closest to the people and should know what is coming down the pipeline.

I was at a very interesting workshop about nuclear energy and got to learn the benefits of this kind on energy. The name is scary although it is the cleanest energy and most efficient energy.

There were lots of questions about education, communication, safety, collaboration, social benefits and the sustainability for safety measures.

Attended many more workshops although I am highlighting the ones that I felt can have a direct impact on this local government.

The trade show is always a wealth of information. Western Financial Group has three granting streams, Indigenous Infrastructure, Community Infrastructure, and AMM Infrastructure grants. Deadlines are November 3, 2026. They have invested in \$2.7 million to support infrastructure projects which equates to 185 projects at \$5000 to help build safe, inclusive and resilient spaces.

What the Federal Government is asking provinces about defence (D.I.A.N.A.) and how we are working on defence for our country.

D.I.A.N.A. refers to NATO's **Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic**. Established to accelerate dual-use technologies for security and defence, the program operates its North American regional hub in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Canadian involvement in DIANA includes the following specific entities and highlights:

- **Regional Office (Halifax, NS):** Located at the TD Centre (1791 Barrington Street), it is one of DIANA's three principal staff locations, alongside London, UK, and Tallinn, Estonia.
- **Accelerator Sites:** Canadian innovators access programming at affiliated sites such as the Centre for Ocean Ventures & Entrepreneurship (COVE) in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.
- **Test Centres:** Canada hosts 16 of the more than 200 allied test centres where startups can de-risk and validate their technologies.
- **Innovator Cohorts:** Dozens of Canadian dual-use technology firms have been selected to participate in DIANA's accelerator programs, securing contractual funding and mentorship.

The four days ended with a talk about what economic development (ec dev) means to our communities. How infrastructure in turn is ec dev. We heard from Zita Cobb from Fogo Island off Newfoundland and how they came back to life by investing in their community. Get involved in Destination Canada by telling your community story as you know it best.

Regional Advisory Committee & FY2027 Spring Funding Intake Summary

For Release: June 8, 2026

Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

At the June 5, 2026 Joint Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting of the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC), Committee members recommended 33 projects for ETSI-BC funding, in the amount of \$1,011,000. The total value of these projects represents just over \$3.06 million of investment in the region, meaning that for every dollar of ETSI-BC funding, an additional \$2.05 was raised from other sources.

ETSI-BC FY2027 Spring Funding Intake Approvals by RAC Region

| | # Projects | \$ Approved | % of Total Funding |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Columbia-Kootenay | 13 | \$413,000 | 41% |
| Thompson-Okanagan | 20 | \$598,000 | 59% |
| TOTAL | 33 | \$1,011,000 | 100% |

These projects will help build and diversify the region’s economy. The ETSI-BC FY2027 Spring Funding Intake focused on two of its core Funding Streams: *Building Economic Development Capacity, and Innovating & Advancing Key Sectors*. Project partners include local governments, First Nations, industry groups, Chambers of Commerce, Community Futures, and non-profit organizations in BC’s Southern Interior.

Projects approved in this Funding Intake will be carried out in 6 First Nation communities and 8 of the 9 Regional Districts in the ETSI-BC service area. More information about this funding can be found in Attachment 1 of this document and on the ETSI-BC [News page](#).

Since relaunching as ETSI-BC in 2021, the regional economic trust has invested \$14.5 million into 507 economic development initiatives to date. This ETSI-BC funding has helped bring in an additional \$28.1 million in investments, for a total project value of \$42.7 million, and helped create or maintain almost 27,000 jobs throughout the Southern Interior.

ETSI-BC Board Chair Paul Donald emphasizes the broader impact of the investments. “Each funding decision is rooted in community need and regional opportunity,” he says. “By supporting projects that strengthen local capacity and encourage innovation and regional collaboration, we are helping communities adapt, grow, and build resilient economies for the future.”

ATTACHMENT 1

The following list of projects has been approved for funding by ETSI-BC, following the Joint RAC Committees' recommendation made at the June 5, 2026 Joint RAC meeting.

ETSI-BC APPROVED FY2027 SPRING FUNDING INTAKE PROJECTS

| Organization | Project Name | Approved | Total Project Value |
|--|--|----------|---------------------|
| Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce | Downtown Armstrong Facade Improvement Program | \$25,000 | \$63,000 |
| Armstrong, City of | Wayfinding Signage Program Implementation | \$30,000 | \$113,000 |
| Central Interior Business Accelerator Society | Central Interior AI Adoption & Micro-Team Network | \$50,000 | \$101,000 |
| Clearwater, District of | Clearwater Economic Development Roadmap | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Community Futures East Kootenay | Growing the East Kootenay Community Finance Ecosystem | \$25,000 | \$37,000 |
| Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce | Creston Valley Co-Working Space | \$49,000 | \$501,220 |
| Downtown Salmon Arm Business Improvement Association | Reimagining Downtown: Vacant Space Activation Program | \$8,000 | \$16,000 |
| Elkford, District of | EVEI Strategic Plan and Sustainability Framework | \$11,000 | \$16,000 |
| Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce | Kaslo Year-Round Tourism Development Project | \$20,000 | \$25,000 |
| Kimberley, City of | Building Kimberley's Capacity for Economic Development | \$25,000 | \$50,000 |
| Kootenay Association for Science and Technology | KAST Kootenay Innovation Summit Conference 2027 | \$50,000 | \$185,758 |
| Ktunaxa Nation Council | Mobile Biochar Production Unit Feasibility Study | \$45,000 | \$254,300 |
| Lake Country, District of | District of Lake Country Economic Development Strategy | \$30,000 | \$115,000 |
| LocalMotive Farmers Network Cooperative | LFN Cooperative Supply Chain & Operations Planning | \$40,000 | \$135,000 |
| Lower Kootenay Band | Yaqan Nu?kiy Online Economic Development Platform | \$23,000 | \$23,978 |
| Lumby & District Chamber of Commerce | Business Facade Refresh | \$25,000 | \$47,500 |
| Naramata Centre Society | Feasibility Study for a Shared-Use Commercial Kitchen | \$12,000 | \$31,000 |
| New Denver, Village of | Downtown Revitalization Implementation Plan | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| North Shuswap Chamber of Commerce | North Shuswap Destination Trail Framework | \$25,000 | \$39,000 |
| Okanagan Film Commission | Columbia Shuswap Film & Photo Inventory | \$40,000 | \$85,000 |
| Peachland, District of | District of Peachland Revitalization Tax Exemption Program | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Penticton, City of | Penticton Waterfront Tourism Enhancement Project – S.S. Naramata | \$50,000 | \$209,771 |
| Princeton & District Chamber | Princeton Business Attraction and Retention Strategy | \$25,000 | \$26,200 |

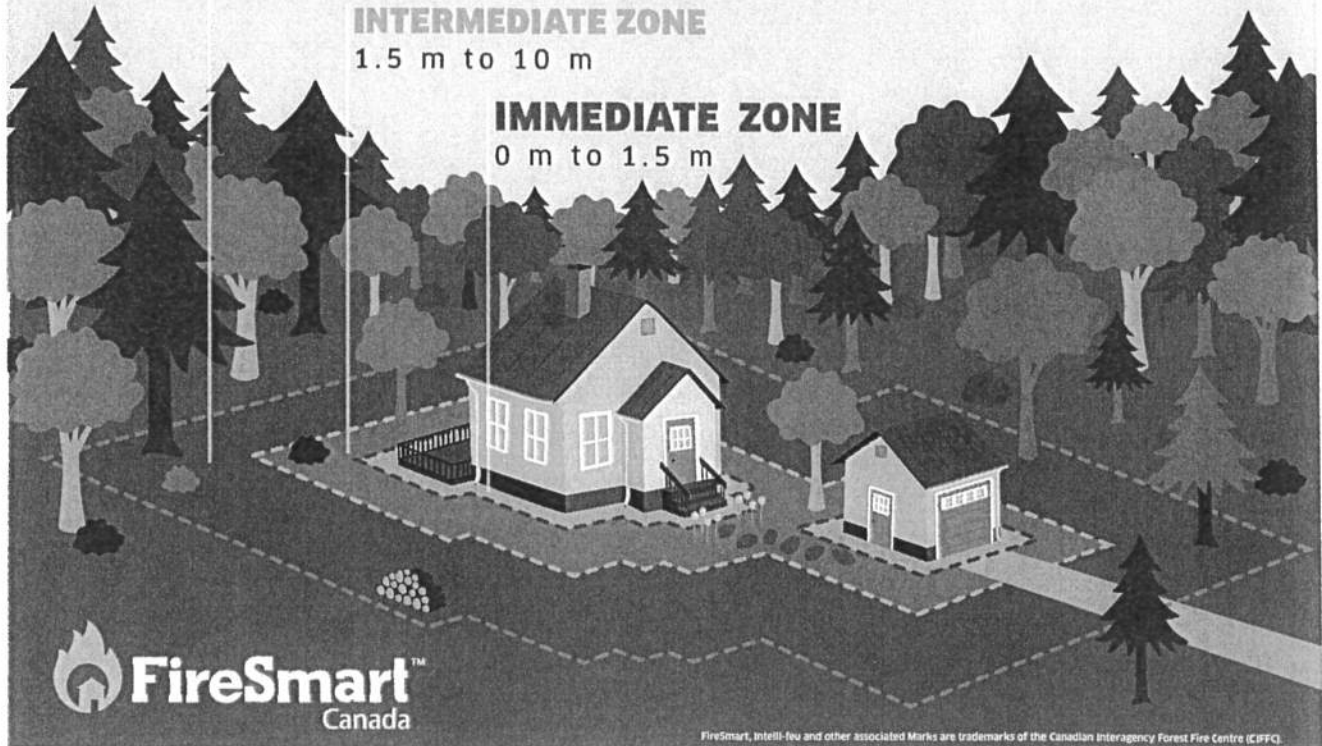
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| Salmon Arm Economic Development Society | Kitchen Skills Program at Zest Commercial Food Hub | \$18,000 | \$37,730 |
| Shuswap Band | Parson School Adaptive Reuse Feasibility Study | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Silver Star Resort Association | Silver Star ExploreNorthOkanagan.com - eCommerce Platform | \$20,000 | \$48,034 |
| Simpcw Resources LLP | Spatial Fibre Supply Analysis | \$30,000 | \$60,000 |
| Skeetchestn Indian Band | Integrated Clean Energy Hub | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Sparwood, District of | Sparwood Industrial and Commercial Land Assessment | \$50,000 | \$78,900 |
| Trail & District Chamber of Commerce | Community Tourism Strategy Implementation – South Kootenay | \$20,000 | \$62,500 |
| Upper Similkameen Indian Band | Mascot Mine Aerial Tramway (Phase 3) | \$60,000 | \$198,441 |
| West Kelowna Economic Development Corporation | WKEDC Inaugural Strategic Plan | \$35,000 | \$75,000 |
| Wildsight Society (Regional Branch) | Community Forest Biochar & Youth Training Initiative | \$45,000 | \$296,734 |
| | TOTALS | \$1,011,000 | \$3,057,065 |

HOME IGNITION ZONE

EXTENDED ZONE
10 m to 30 m

INTERMEDIATE ZONE
1.5 m to 10 m

IMMEDIATE ZONE
0 m to 1.5 m



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Check out the *FireSmart Begins at Home Guide* for an in-depth look at how you can build wildfire resiliency.

IMMEDIATE ZONE

0 m to 1.5 m

The Immediate Zone is a non-combustible area that starts at the house and extends to a 1.5 metre perimeter around the home and attached structures, including decks. Reduce the chance of wind-blown embers igniting your home by starting with these proactive steps:

- Choose non-combustible building materials when constructing or renovating your home.
- Clear vegetation and combustible material down to mineral soil and cover with non-combustible materials like gravel, brick, or concrete.
- Avoid planting woody shrubs or trees. If any are present, prune and maintain them regularly.

INTERMEDIATE ZONE

1.5 m to 10 m

Elements in the Intermediate Zone are managed so they don't transmit fire to your home. Here are a few actions you can take to reduce your home's vulnerability:

- Plant fire-resistant vegetation and select non-combustible landscaping materials.
- Avoid incorporating any woody debris, including mulch.
- Keep combustible items like firewood piles, construction materials, patio furniture, tools, and decorative pieces out of this zone.
- Move trailers, recreational vehicles, storage sheds, and other combustible structures into the Extended Zone. If that is not possible, store firewood inside your mitigated garage, shed, or other ember-resistant structures.
- Create a non-combustible ground cover, like a gravel pad, underneath and 1.5 metres around trailers, recreational vehicles, and sheds.

EXTENDED ZONE

10 m to 30 m

The goal in the Extended Zone is not to eliminate fire, but to reduce its intensity. If your property extends into this zone, a few important steps you can take include:

- Selectively remove evergreen trees to create at least 3 metres of horizontal space between the single or grouped tree crowns.
- Remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground.
- Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass, and needles to eliminate potential surface fuels.
- Continue to apply these principles if your property extends beyond 30m. Work with your neighbours in overlapping zones and seek guidance of a forest professional if affected by other conditions, like steep slopes.

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