



VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD

September 9, 2020

ONLINE – GoToMeeting (as posted)

7:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of July 8, 2020
2. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 15, 2020
3. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 17, 2020

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None at this time.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

1. Silverton Council Continuation of Electronic Meetings

Recommendation:

WHEREAS Ministerial Order 192 allows local governments to determine when they are ready to safely provide in-person public attendance at open meetings; AND WHEREAS due to the ongoing risk of COVID-19 transmission and the physical limitations on Village of Silverton meeting spaces the Village cannot ensure that in-person Council, Committee, and Commission can be safely held in accordance with current public health guidance;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Silverton has implemented the appropriate technology and procedures to enable meetings to be conducted through remote participation;

AND WHEREAS the public is able to effectively participate in remote meetings of the Village of Silverton Council, Committees, and Commissions;

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that Village of Silverton meetings are currently aligned with the principles of openness, transparency and accessibility, and that meetings continue to be held primarily by electronic means until such a time as the Council determines that it is safe and feasible to return to holding in-person meetings.

2. Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the Committee of the Whole Meeting held August 17, 2020, Silverton Village Council supports in principle the hiring of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

3. RDCK Dog Control Service Case Analysis

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, Silverton Village Council confirms interest for inclusion in the Service Case Analysis for the RDCK Dog Control Service Case Analysis with the Slocan Valley Villages and Area H; AND

FURTHER the Village of Silverton Council requests the RDCK Board consider including the Village of Silverton in this Service Case Analysis.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. BCRHN RE: Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia #DifferentTogether Pledge



2. Silvertown Narrative for 100% Renewable Kootenays
Please refer to staff report.
3. RDCK Food Security Proposal RE: Consideration for Endorsement
Please refer to staff report.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. Robin DaRosa RE: Use of Village Boulevards (Right-of-ways)
2. Architectural Institute of BC RE: Legal Decision regarding need to be compliant with Architects Act
3. COVID 19 Provincial Orders Support Team Update
4. COVID 19 Community Action Team RE: Advocacy for Mandatory Masks
5. Honourable Premier John Horgan RE: UBCM Convention

6. Honourable Selina Robinson, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing RE: UBCM Convention
7. RDCK RE: REEP Update
8. ACCRES RE: Thank you for your support
9. Village of Kaslo RE: UCBM Resolution, seeking support
10. Town of Comox RE: National Pharmacare Call to Action
11. Columbia Headwaters Program Manager RE: Information regarding research
12. Honourable Premier John Horgan RE: BC Utilities Commission's Approval of BC Hydro's Application to Amend the Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule 1289

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Mayor Jason Clarke

- BC Mayors Caucus
- Slovan Lake Arts Council Liaison

2. Councillor Leah Main

- RDCK Director for the Village of Silverton
- West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board
- Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission
- Winlaw Regional and Nature Park Commission
- Slovan Valley Economic Development Commission
- FCM Board
- Health Committee – Slovan District Chamber of Commerce
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team

3. Councillor Kerry Gordon

- Municipal Emergency Management
- Slovan District Chamber of Commerce, Alternate
- Composting Project Liaison, Alternate
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team, Alternate

4. Councillor Tanya Gordon

- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Recreation Commission No. 6, Alternate
- Municipal Emergency Management, Alternate
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team
- Rat Control Liaison

5. Councillor Arlene Yofonoff

- Recreation Commission No. 6
- Slovan District Chamber of Commerce
- Cultural Planning Group
- Composting Project Liaison (Healthy Community Society of the North S.V.)
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team, Alternate

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. CAO Report
2. CFO 2nd Quarterly Report

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

1. Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 521 – 2020

Recommendation:

That Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 521 – 2020.

2. Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 497 – 2016 Amendment No. 2

Recommendation:

That Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Village of Silverton Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 497 – 2016 Amendment No. 2.

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD/PRESS

Terms of reference as per the Procedure Bylaw include;

- The maximum time allotted is two (2) minutes.
- The Public Input is for items on the Council Agenda only.
- The Public Input Period provides an opportunity for public input only, without expectation of response from Council.

N. **IN CAMERA MEETING:** there will be an In-Camera Meeting at this time. This meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Sections 90 – 1 (c) employee relations.

The Regular Meeting recessed at _____pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at _____pm

O. **ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA**

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES OF THE *REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 AT 7:00PM*



PRESENT: Mayor J. Clarke, Councillors K. Gordon, T. Gordon, L. Main, A. Yofonoff

ABSENT:

STAFF: H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER



Mayor J. Clarke Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY



None at this time.

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA



076/2020 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES



077/2020 - Moved, seconded That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2020, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

JULY 8, 2020 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None at this time.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

None at this time.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H1. JIM AND KAREN HALEY LETTER

Council requested staff provide more information.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

078/2020 - Moved, seconded That Silverton Village Council supports in principle music in the Outdoor Museum area if COVID 19 rules and regulations are followed.

CARRIED

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

Received for information.

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Received for information.

JULY 8, 2020 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

L1. COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES BYLAW NO. 521 - 2020

079/2020 - Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 521 – 2020 First Reading.

CARRIED

080/2020 - Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 521 – 2020 Second Reading.

CARRIED

081/2020 - Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 521 – 2020 Third Reading.

CARRIED

L2. PERMISSIVE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 497 – 2016 AMENDMENT NO. 2

082/2020 - Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Bylaw No. 497 – 2016 Village of Silverton Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (No. 2) First Reading.

CARRIED

083/2020 - Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Bylaw No. 497 – 2016 Village of Silverton Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (No. 2) Second Reading.

CARRIED

084/2020 - Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Bylaw No. 497 – 2016 Village of Silverton Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (No. 2) Third Reading.

CARRIED

JULY 8, 2020 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD/PRESS

Jim Haley spoke in favour of item H 1.

Press asked for a copy of Councillor Main's report, inquired about the campground, and about item I 1.

Mr. Broughton commented on Water Street, asked Mayor Clarke if he was against cutting trees down, and asked about Mayor Clarke's letter at the last Regular Council Meeting.

N. IN CAMERA MEETING:

The Regular Meeting recessed at 7:43 pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:55 pm.

O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

The Regular Council Meeting in August is cancelled.

P. ADJOURNMENT

085/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 7:55 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor J. Clarke

Chief Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020 AT 4:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Clarke, Councillors K. Gordon, T. Gordon, L. Main, A. Yofonoff

ABSENT:

STAFF: H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clarke Called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 pm.

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

H 3 – Development Permit No. 001 - 2020

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

086/2020 - **Moved, seconded** that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

None at this time.

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None at this time.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

None at this time.

JULY 15, 2020 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

H. NEW BUSINESS

H1. 2019 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

087/2020 - Moved, seconded Be it resolved the Silverton Village Council adopt the 2019 Annual Report and Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

H2. 2019 SOFI REPORT

088/2020 - Moved, seconded Be it resolved the Silverton Village Council adopt the 2019 SOFI Report as presented.

CARRIED

H3. APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 001 – 2020, 116 – 5th AVE., LOT 13, PLAN NEP574, DL 434

089/2020 - Moved, seconded Pursuant to the Chief Administrative Officer's report, the Village of Silverton Council approves Development Permit Application No. 01-2020 as submitted.

CARRIED

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

None at this time.

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

None at this time.

JULY 15, 2020 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

None at this time.

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

None at this time.

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD/PRESS

None at this time.

N. IN CAMERA MEETING:

None at this time.

O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

None at this time.

P. ADJOURNMENT

090/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 4:02 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Clarke

Chief Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020 AT 4:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor J. Clarke, Councillors T. Gordon, L. Main

ABSENT: Councillors K. Gordon, A. Yofonoff

STAFF: H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clarke discussed moving forward with the meeting with two absent Council members. Council believed the items were too important, especially the Lakeside Campground and needed to be addressed as scheduled.

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

None at this time.

D. DELEGATION

None at this time.

E. DISCUSSION

E1. LAKESIDE CAMPGROUND PLANNING

Discussion and direction to staff that they are on the right track and the results of the RFQ will be brought to Council.

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E2. DOG BYLAWS/BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Discussion and direction to staff that this is a high Council priority for 2021, and that Council would like to review and consider changing/updating the Dog Licensing and Control Bylaw last reviewed and adopted by Council in 2007.

E3. BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

Discussion directed by Mayor Clarke “checking in” with Council regarding the vision for moving forward with the last mile with public ownership as previously discussed.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor J. Clarke

Chief Administrative Officer



Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting of Silverton Village Council September 9, 2020

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the invitation from the RDCK to participate in the service case analysis for a Dog Control Service and Bylaw for the Villages in the Slocan Valley and for Area H.

Discussion

BENEFITS & NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

There is no commitment to become part of the service by requesting to participate in the service case analysis and be part of the consultation for the service case analysis.

There are a few benefits in the Village participating in the service case analysis:

- The Silverton Village Council discussed the Village's Dog Bylaw and enforcement at the August 17, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting stating it was a high priority for 2021
- In this agenda there is a resolution for Council to consider a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, with the intent of exploring Dog Bylaw changes and enforcement
- The Village would have a service case analysis for a Dog Control Bylaw that would provide valuable information for Council and their decision-making regarding this topic/service without utilizing the Village's valuable and limited resources

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

None for the Dog Control service case analysis.

There would be financial impacts associated with becoming part of the RDCK service. This is scheduled to be ready for Board consideration in Quarter 2 of 2021 and therefore could be considered for the 2021 Silverton Council Budget.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

None at this time.

If the Village of Silverton Council decides to opt into the Service, the Village of Silverton would need to adopt the regulatory Bylaw passed by the RDCK Board.

Council Consideration

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, Silverton Village Council confirms interest for inclusion in the Service Case Analysis for the RDCK Dog Control Service Case Analysis with the Slocan Valley Villages and Area H; AND

FURTHER the Village of Silverton Council requests the RDCK Board consider including the Village of Silverton in this Service Case Analysis.

OR

Direct staff to thank the RDCK for the offer and state the Village of Silverton is not interested in being part of the Dog Control service case analysis.

OR

Direct staff to thank the RDCK for the offer and state the Village of Silverton is not interested in being part of the Dog Control service case analysis, but is interested in the Dog Control Service and regulatory Bylaw if it is developed and may consider opting into the Service.

Hillary Elliott, CAO



Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting of Silverton Village Council September 9, 2020

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present information regarding the Pledge presented for Council consideration by Councillor Leah Main.

Background

The Village of Silverton became a member of the BC Rural Health Network (BCRHN) approximately 2 years ago.

The following information was provided to the membership by the BCRHN, from the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC:

Recently BC's Lieutenant Governor, Janet Austin, launched an effort to promote the ideals of diversity and inclusion called #DifferentTogether.

From the Lieutenant Governor's website link: (<https://ltgov.bc.ca/blog/equality-and-inclusion/differenttogether-join-me-in-opposing-racism/>)

#DifferentTogether: Join Me in Opposing Racism

Over the past few months, British Columbians have pulled together to vanquish COVID-19, and we have witnessed many acts of kindness and selfless generosity. Sadly, however, our success has been marred by recent incidents of race-based violence and discrimination. I strongly condemn these racist acts; they have no place in our province or our country. I ask you to join me, alongside leaders in government, business and social services, in pledging to uphold the Canadian values of diversity and inclusion and to oppose racism and hate in all its forms. We are stronger when we are #DifferentTogether.

Diversity is at the core of who we are as Canadians. Join me in opposing racism in all its forms.

*Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia
Austin, OBC*

The Honourable Janet

I have attached the Pledge in png format as well in case you want to share it with your organization. You can also find the Pledge on our website at <https://bcrhn.ca/bcrhn-newsreleases/>

Note: this Pledge can be taken as an organization, or as an individual.

Take care,

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy,

*Nienke Klaver
BCRHN Executive Assistant*

Financial Impact

None.

Discussion

Silverton Council may wish to consider taking the Pledge in support of diversity and inclusion.

Silverton Council may wish to consider taking the Pledge in support of diversity and inclusion and explore other ways to support diversity and inclusion within the community.

Silverton Council may wish to express their support for diversity and inclusion, but not take the Pledge.

Silverton Council may wish to express their support for diversity and inclusion, but not take the Pledge and look for other ways to support diversity and inclusion within the community.

For Council Consideration

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council takes the following Pledge:



#DifferentTogether Pledge

*Our B.C. is inclusive and respects people of all ethnicities, cultures and faiths
and their contributions to our collective well-being.*

*Our B.C. holds diversity as a fundamental value at the heart
of the success, strength and resilience of our communities,
workplaces, schools, public and private institutions.*

*I pledge to uphold and promote these values and I commit to
speaking up to oppose racism and hate in all its forms.*

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council takes the following Pledge:



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I pledge to uphold and promote these values and I commit to speaking up to oppose racism and hate in all its forms.

AND FURTHER, directs staff to explore other ways to support diversity and inclusion within the community and bring them back to Council for consideration.

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council express their support for diversity and inclusion.

Sincerely,

Hillary Elliott
CAO, Village of Silverton



Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting of Silverton Village Council September 9, 2020

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present information regarding a request from the EcoSociety, David Reid, Renewable Energy Engagement Director regarding the 100% Renewable Kootenays initiative.

Background

The Village of Silverton signed onto 100% Renewable Kootenays at the Regular Council meeting on July 9, 2019:

073/2019 - Moved, seconded That the community of Silverton aims to transition to 100 percent renewable energy in all energy-use sectors in the community including heating and cooling, transportation, electricity, and waste management no later than 2050. The Mayor and Council of the Village of Silverton request that the Village of Silverton staff collaborate with other local governments, and community stakeholders in the region, as well as leading experts to develop a plan for this transition by December 1, 2020.

CARRIED

Correspondence dating August 12, 2020 from the EcoSociety:

As the plan moves forward, we're looking to customize the subsection focused on each local government.

At the minimum, we need to include a short "about Silverton" that provides relevant context about how people in Silverton live, work, and get around. We would also like to include a brief description of the policy and actions that Silverton has taken on climate and waste reduction so far. The Rossland section provides an example to look at.

At the maximum, I am open to discussing with you how we can best present this section so that it generates ownership and commitment from Silverton residents and elected officials. Each community will have its own process for adopting the plan, and I want to work with you to make that as smooth as possible, including integrating it into other items on the legislative agenda if that's appropriate.

Please have a look at the plan, and let me know how you'd like to proceed. As I mentioned, at the least I'm hoping that someone in Silverton can prepare the brief sections "About Silverton" and "Silverton's actions toward renewable energy to date".

David Reid
Renewable Energy Engagement Director

Financial Impact

Council has not allocated financial support in the 2020 Budget for the Silverton Narrative for 100% Renewable Kootenays.

Discussion

Silverton Council may wish to consider appointing someone from Council or staff to complete "at least" the sections "About Silverton" and "Silverton's actions toward renewable energy to date".

Silverton Council may wish to consider appointing/hiring a third party to complete the request on their behalf.

Silverton Council may wish to consider and draft the sections requested at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

For Council Consideration**Recommendation:**

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council appoint(s) _____ to complete the sections "About Silverton" and "Silverton's actions toward renewable energy to date" for the Silverton Narrative for 100% Renewable Kootenays.

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council will call a Committee of the Whole meeting on _____ at 4pm to complete the sections "About Silverton" and "Silverton's actions toward renewable energy to date" for the Silverton Narrative for 100% Renewable Kootenays.

Sincerely,

Hillary Elliott
CAO, Village of Silverton



Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting of Silverton Village Council September 9, 2020

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present information regarding the RDCK Food Security Proposal to be presented to the Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Lana Popham at the UBCM convention in 2020. Councillor Leah Main has requested this item be on the agenda for Council consideration for endorsement of the proposal.

Background

Councillor Leah Main, as well as, the RDCK Board Chair, Director Aimee Watson have been participating in a Food Security working group since July, that includes membership from across British Columbia. They have created the attached proposal that will be presented to the respective Minister by the RDCK during UBCM this year with regional and provincial action items for the province to consider.

Financial Impact

None.

Discussion

Silverton Council may wish to consider to endorse the attached Food Security Proposal.

Silverton Council may wish to not consider to endorse the attached Food Security Proposal or do nothing.

For Council Consideration

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council endorses the Food Security Proposal as presented by the RDCK to the Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Lana Popham at the 2020 UBCM convention.

OR

Accept proposal for information (no action from Council necessary).

Sincerely,

Hillary Elliott
CAO, Village of Silverton

Food Security Proposal

PURPOSE: To focus on the priority that food security has become during the COVID pandemic, as identified by several local governments.

ISSUE to be addressed:

The pandemic has demonstrated that global supply chains are vulnerable and do break. When it comes to food, this is particularly problematic when so much of our essential food supplies come from outside the province. Even intra-provincially, supply chains have been impacted due to fluctuating volumes, transportation companies shutting down, and local priorities at the source.

There will never be emergency preparedness without a reasonable level of food security which comes from food close at hand. Rebuilding BC's food economies, from the suppliers on up, needs to be done in each region and then interconnected to ensure the all British Columbians have reasonable access to the essentials of a healthy diet.

How do we catalyze the opportunity COVID has presented our communities?

We have divided our input into regional and provincially based actions:

REGIONAL:

1. Conduct Food Shedⁱ plans that provide not only the current picture but the gaps and assets that would assist in building economic viability into the food sector. This is like the North Kootenay Lake Food Shed Planⁱⁱ and Metro Vancouver Food Flow that elucidate sources and volumes of food relative to regional need.

A Food Shed addresses, but is not limited to:

- a. Stakeholders in the Food System, inclusive of the social sector that provides emergency food provisions.
 - b. Assets, gaps
 - c. Market conditions with a review of gaps, opportunities
 - d. Infrastructure and other capital supports needed
2. The Food Shed plan, which is evidenced based, then provides recommendations that inform the creation of Regional Food Hubs addressing:
 - a. Aggregation for farmers, retailers, and NGO's in the social sector of food security
 - b. Infrastructure needs such as:
 - i. local milk bottling plant,
 - ii. flash freezers for fruits and vegetables,
 - iii. an aging cooler for new Class D licenses that process cattle,
 - iv. or a refrigerated cube van able to efficiently distribute perishable food products from and amongst remote communities.
 - c. Other assets identified in the Food Shed plans such as:
 - i. Food sector coordination opportunities to realize efficiencies of scale in smaller markets
 - ii. Policy or regulatory barriers that need to be addressed for success

PROVINCIAL:

ACTION:

1. Regional/Provincial distribution systems that connect local food systems from bio regions to our broader neighboring communities and up to the provincial scale.
 - a. Intent of this item is to address the vulnerability and opportunity that global supply chains are presenting. Knowing our global supply chains have been greatly affected by the pandemic and the pressure to rebuild economies, regional based distribution systems connect local food systems with each other to improve sustainability, access, food basket of options and most important, viability for local farming and food sector
 - b. This regional distribution system would be designed based on the results of regional Food Shed plans that identify who is growing what, where they are growing it, and how to support each other in enabling a diverse food basket
 - c. Explore and adopt more proactive and creative tax incentives and other measures for lowering barriers to new farmers who need help accessing land.
 - d. Drawing on the evidence base secured through the above activities, provide grants and loan guarantees for infrastructure projects.

2. Agricultural Land Bank as an addition to the Agriculture Land Reserve

For all of these actions, it is imperative to recognize that most of British Columbia is rural, with only 11 municipalities out of 162 with a population over 100,000. Size matters and has a strong influence on how programs can work in different communities. These programs need to be flexible and implemented in partnership with Regional and Municipal governments so that they can be tailored to best serve the food systems, farming and fishing businesses, and citizens of their respective areas. Local government is the front line of all levels of government, enabling us to have that essential knowledge of how and who to connect. However, our funding sources are limited to local taxation and the ever increasing need to raise taxation for the essentials such as fire and water services, we would anticipate provincial funding for these activities with the local government being the leaders in ensuring the actions above are achieved.

¹ Food sheds have been described by Jack Kloppenberg as “selfreliant, locally or regionally based food systems comprised of diversified farms using sustainable practices to supply fresher, more nutritious food stuffs to small scale processors and consumers to whom producers are linked by the bonds of community as well as economy.” (Kloppenber, J. 1991. Social theory and the de/reconstruction of agricultural science: a new agenda for rural sociology. *Sociologia Ruralis* 32(1), 519- 548;)

ⁱⁱ <http://nklcss.org/documents/food/foodshed.pdf>

From: robin darosa

Sent: May 14, 2020 10:57 AM

To: tanya.gordon@silverton.ca; kerry.gordon@silverton.ca; leah.main@silverton.ca; arlene.yofonoff@silverton.ca; jason.clarke@silverton.ca

Subject: Using the Boulevards as Camping and Storage Spaces for RV's, boats, etc.

Last year we had an instance of [REDACTED] niece living on the boulevard in her van, as well as [REDACTED] parking their daughter's trailer on the boulevard all summer as a residence to stay in. There are also summer residents who also think the boulevards are places where they can store their oversized pontoon boats. I don't know what [REDACTED] is up to, but he's moved his trailer onto the boulevard on Leadville recently.

If you don't have enough room in your yard to store these items, you probably shouldn't have them. Recently the fellow who parked his green Suburban at the boat launch all last spring and summer has been parking his vehicle on village property by the Silverton Resort. He was there for quite a while. He tried to park across from our house on Leadville this past weekend, but I discouraged him from doing that. He does not live in Silverton, I believe he is homeless.

Does the Village want to set a precedent and encourage others to live on the boulevards? There should be a bylaw banning the use of boulevards for camping and storage. That is not what they are for. Please put a stop to this. Thank you for your swift attention to this matter.

I'd also like to add unlicensed vehicles being prohibited from boulevards also. Thank you.

Robin DaRosa



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August 26, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

Re: The "Langford Decision" and the Application of the *Architects Act*

On behalf of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (the "AIBC"), I am reaching out to all local governments in British Columbia to share and provide context for a recent decision of the BC Supreme Court relating to the *Architects Act*. I hope that you will share this letter with your council and appropriate planning and building staff.

Overview

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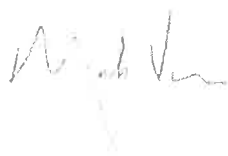
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: August 26, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Undisclosed recipients:
Subject: COVID-19 Provincial Orders Support Team - Updates on Enforcement Regimes and Restart of POST Call Centre

We are writing today to provide you with information on new enforcement measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, re-establishment of COVID-19 Provincial Orders Support Team (POST) call centre operations and changes to ticketing authorities for price gouging and secondary selling.

New enforcement tools/measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the provincial state of emergency, numerous provincial orders have been issued to help slow the spread of COVID-19. To date, BC's approach to obtaining compliance with provincial orders has focused on education. BC's community bylaw enforcement officers, provincial compliance and enforcement officers, health officers and police have all played a key role in this effort to date.

BC continues to see increases in the daily numbers of positive COVID-19 cases. In addition, there are growing concerns about non-compliance with Provincial Health Officer (PHO) orders in relation to large gatherings and events and the link between these events and gatherings and an increase in positive cases. Recent examples of non-compliance and concerns about increasing cases have resulted in a need to implement new tools to support stronger enforcement of Provincial Orders.

Effective August 21, 2020, new measures are enacted under the provincial state of emergency, using the extraordinary powers of the Emergency Program Act (EPA) in ongoing support of the Province's all-of-society approach to the COVID-19 response and BC's Restart Plan. The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued order **M314** "Gatherings and Events (COVID-19) Order" under the EPA. Information on the release of the order along with a backgrounder can be found here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0046-001568>.

Under the order, police, along with select provincial compliance and enforcement officers (Gaming Investigators, Liquor and Cannabis Inspectors/Investigators, Conservation Officers and Community Safety Unit Officers) are now empowered to enforce public health orders and issue violation tickets for infractions related specifically to events and gatherings:

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- For gatherings of 50 people or less, not following the conditions stated in the PHO order on gatherings or events (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>) (\$2000 fine);
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The new ticketing authority has not been extended to bylaw enforcement officers at this time. Bylaw enforcement officers are asked to continue their work supporting efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 within the community by providing information and assistance to the public and health officers on PHO orders. Up-to-date PHO orders can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>.

Where an information and education approach has been unsuccessful and excessive and persistent non-compliance is occurring, bylaw officers should continue to contact regional public health officials or WorkSafeBC as they have been. In addition, bylaw enforcement officers are now asked to contact police agencies for support if further enforcement action such as ticketing is needed (the same as they would on other matters where police support is warranted/required).

COVID-19 Provincial Orders Support Team (COVID-19 POST) Call Centre operations re-established:

In April 2020, the COVID-19 POST and call centre was established to support local authorities in obtaining compliance with provincial orders to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Provincial compliance and enforcement officers from Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch and the Community Safety Unit were available through the call centre to support local government bylaw officers and others assisting with compliance of orders.

Call centre operations were recently transitioned from live telephone support to email support in response to a decrease in the number of calls for support.

Effective Wednesday, August 26, 2020 the COVID-19 POST Call Centre will once again be available to support local authorities and police. The call centre will be staffed from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00pm and can be reached by telephone at 1-833-309-4631 or through an online web form at the following link:

<https://gov.bc.ca/provincialorder/callform>.

Please note that the call centre is not available to the public.

When contacting the call centre, callers are connected with a provincial compliance and enforcement officer who can provide:

- up-to-date information about current PHO and Ministry orders;
- clarification of enforcement authorities;
- advice and guidance for obtaining compliance with orders;
- information about how and when it is appropriate to report violations to a health officer and others for consideration of further enforcement; and,
- advice and guidance on pursuing enforcement through the issuance of violation tickets under the new "Gatherings and Events (COVID-19) Order".

Change in ticketing authorities for Price Gouging and Secondary Sales

On April 19, 2020, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Mike Farnworth issued orders under the EPA allowing police and other enforcement officers to issue \$2000 violation tickets for price gouging and the reselling of medical supplies and other essential goods during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

An order-in-council was made effective on July 10, 2020 that ends the temporary empowerment allowing provincial compliance and enforcement officers, and local community enforcement officers, to issue violation tickets for price gouging and secondary selling under the EPA. After July 10, 2020 only police officers are authorized to issue violation tickets for violation of the secondary sale and price gouging orders.

We hope you find this information to be a helpful resource to you and your staff.

Best Regards,

COVID-19 POST Leadership Team

S/Cst. Charlene Beck

Investigator / Operations Project Coordinator

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Subject: Mandatory Masks

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Minister of Municipal Affairs Selina Robinson

Minister of Health Adrian Dix

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry

13 August, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

This letter comes to you from the majority of the COVID-19 Community Action Team of the New Denver and Silverton area, and arises from discussion by members of the team regarding the impact of tourist activity in our area during the past month. Just as a reminder, the CCAT has been meeting since March. Among the projects we have developed or supported are a mental health/food sustainability garden box program, involving local volunteers who made and distributed 44-3x5 raised beds; coordinating an effort between non-profit societies and local business to keep essential services open; purchasing materials so that volunteers could make and distribute masks; and supporting small businesses by providing masks and sanitizer.

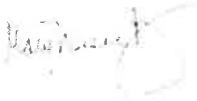
It has been disconcerting that the provincial government has not issued a health order requiring masks in stores. As the Prime Minister of Ireland said this week when he mandated masks, "When people are given a clear direction, they follow it." While we appreciate the sentiment that people should want to take care of each other, the responsibility for keeping people safe has essentially been downloaded onto store owners, as have been the necessity for assuring that customers use hand sanitizer, observe the posted limitation on the number of people in the party or attend to the

number of people allowed in the store. This is a financial burden as well as a mental health burden. Many visitors to the area seem to be operating under the assumption that because they are in a rural area, there is no disease here. When hundreds of people visit our little grocery store in a single day, the chances are very high that someone is walking in with the virus and endangering others.

With regard to masks, the research is now clear. Wearing a mask not only protects other people, it also reduces the risk of contracting COVID-19, and reduces the severity of symptoms. (See <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23498357/>.) With rising cases in B.C., requiring masks is one concrete step we can take to slow the spread of COVID-19, and still maintain maximum freedom to socialize.

As we go into August with the reasonable expectation of even more visitors, we ask you—we beg you—please, advocate insistently to Provincial government that such a regulation be implemented province-wide.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Dr. Mary Therese DesCamp for CCAT

COVID-19 Community Action Team of New Denver and Silverton

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July 2, 2020

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

My caucus colleagues and I are looking forward to connecting with you all again at this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention, being held virtually from September 22-24.

UBCM provides a wonderful opportunity to listen to one another, share ideas, and find new approaches to ensure our communities thrive. With local, provincial, federal, and First Nations governments working together, we can continue to build a better BC.

If you would like to request a meeting with a Cabinet Minister or with me as part of the convention, please note that due to the abbreviated format this year, these meetings will likely be scheduled outside of the regular program dates. To make your request, please register online at <https://ubcmreg.gov.bc.ca/> (live, as of today). Please note that this year's invitation code is **MeetingRequest2020** and it is case sensitive. If you have any questions, please contact UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca or phone 250-213-3856.

I look forward to being part of your convention, meeting with many of you, and exploring ways that we can partner together to address common issues.

Sincerely,

John Horgan
Premier

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July 2, 2020

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In this unprecedented time, I believe it is more important than ever that we continue to connect and work together. I have deeply appreciated our calls throughout the pandemic and hearing directly from you about how you are supporting your communities, and how we can support you. Your feedback has been invaluable and has informed our government's responses to COVID-19 as we all work together to keep the people of British Columbia safe.

While this year's UBCM Convention will be different in many ways, I am looking forward to the opportunity for all of us to come together and to spend time discussing the needs of your community.

I am writing to provide you with some initial information regarding the process for requesting a meeting with me during the UBCM Convention, taking place this year from September 22 to 24, 2020.

As the UBCM Convention for 2020 will be held in a virtual and abbreviated format, Provincial Government meetings will be held by conference call and will likely occur outside of the shortened program to allow delegates to fully focus and participate in the Convention.

You will receive a separate letter from the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, containing information about the online process for requesting a meeting with the Premier or other Cabinet Ministers.

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To get the most out of your delegation's meeting with me, it continues to be helpful for you to provide as much detail as possible on the topic you wish to discuss in the online form. Providing this information in advance gives me a better understanding of your delegation's interests and helps us to make progress on delivering for the people of your community.

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Mayors and Regional District Chairs

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Sincerely,

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Selina Robinson
Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release
July 13, 2020

RDCK Media Release - Regional Energy Efficiency Program – Home Renovation - One year update and a new campaign to save energy and money

[Click here to view on the RDCK website](#)

Nelson, BC: To celebrate the second year of the Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) – Home Renovation program, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is pleased to announce a new **REEP – SaveNow** which goes live today! Due to COVID-19, our approach to REEP had to either stop, or, like us all, adapt. Working hard with our partners at FortisBC and Nelson Hydro, we adapted and are excited that our new REEP – SaveNow will offer RDCK residents, both renters and homeowners, with online access to free energy saving products.

REGISTER NOW AT WWW.RDCK.CA/REEP

“Saving energy and money is even more important at this time of uncertainty, so we’ve adapted REEP to support residents in making their homes more energy efficient,” said Paul Faulkner, Senior Energy Specialist, RDCK. “By offering residents access to energy saving products, we are creating an opportunity for renters and homeowners to save money now, while we wait for energy evaluations to start up again.”

As part of the SaveNow campaign, participants can choose energy efficiency products at no charge. Depending on their preference and heating system, they can choose from programmable or smart (such as the Ecobee or Nest) thermostats which enable remote control of your home’s heating system, plus various energy saving bundles. Simply follow the steps online, go through the ordering process and then products will be shipped directly to your address for free. Installing energy saving measures not only can help with utility bills through the summer and the upcoming heating season, but for many years to come.

FortisBC, the natural gas and electricity provider to many residents in the area, is continuing to provide funding for the program as part of their ongoing campaign to reduce energy consumption in British Columbia.

“We appreciate the opportunity to partner with RDCK’s Home Renovation initiatives to help our customers save energy and improve the comfort of their homes,” said Beth Ringdahl, Residential Program Manager, FortisBC. “We encourage everyone - homeowners, renters and income-qualified customers to take advantage of this program.”

The RDCK is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. REEP – Home Renovation was developed to assist homeowners in making their buildings more energy efficient. REEP is an expanded version of Nelson’s EcoSave Program

and is now open to all residents within the RDCK. Since the program's launch last April (2019), 335 residents have registered.

To claim your free energy saving gift(s) and learn more about the Regional Energy Efficiency Program, visit www.rdcksavenow.ca. The order form will be set up to select various energy saving products as well as an option to register for the REEP. It is not mandatory to register for the program in order to receive the free products, however, a program representative will contact you and explain how you can access free product installation.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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Backgrounder:

REEP – Home Renovation basics:

- RDCK residents register at www.rdck.ca/reep
- Registrants can then access a subsidized EnerGuide home energy evaluation.
 - The energy evaluation recommends energy efficient upgrades (retrofits) to reduce energy consumption, save money and lower greenhouse gas emissions.
- The combined cost for the pre-retrofit and post-retrofit evaluations is \$725 and with the program subsidy and current rebates, the resident only pays \$140.
- There is also an income-qualified option - FortisBC and BC Hydro's Energy Conservation Assistance Program - ECAP. For those who qualify, the evaluation and installation of energy saving products is free and may even include a new energy efficient refrigerator and natural gas furnace.
- Upon registration, program registrants access current rebate offers, financing options, a local contractor guide and energy coaching.



Greetings,

On behalf of the 31 British Columbian member retailers that make up the Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers (ACCRES), I wish to thank the province of BC for the recently announced changes that allow private cannabis retailers to accept online payment.

This change will result in our members begin better able combat the unregulated market and provide service to the people of BC through the COVID-19 crisis. We believe this modification allow to online payment is a positive step in ensuring that private cannabis retail in BC remains viable and we are deeply grateful for your role in making part of that request a reality.

Again, my thanks to all those who worked to make these changes possible. We look forward to continued progress on the cannabis and the success of the project of legalization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Greenwood".

Matthew Greenwood

Interim President

Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers (ACCRES)

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On Behalf of:

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ACCRES Board of Directors:

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July 23, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: A Strategy for Rural Economic Development Through Health Care

The Council of the Village of Kaslo is sponsoring the following resolution, which was identified by the Association of Kootenay-Boundary Local Governments as a top shared priority, to the UBCM Convention this September.

A Strategy for Rural Economic Development Through Health Care

Whereas local health care at all stages of life impacts the economic development of communities: e.g. family members lose work time, people and their businesses move out of the community or choose not to locate there;

And whereas "ageing in place" keeps seniors close to home, where their partner, family or friends are better able to provide loving support and care, which reduces the load on health care providers and improves quality of life for all;

And whereas concentrating health services in regional centres transfers a significant economic burden to individuals in the form of transportation costs, increased energy consumption and housing in-affordability;

And whereas providing health care jobs in small communities stimulates the local economy with numerous spin-off benefits, creating opportunities to attract new people, their families, and businesses;

And whereas our elderly, and all patients, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, not as "users";

Now therefore be it resolved that we call upon the Government of British Columbia to build a strategy to expand rural community health care services with consideration for maximizing local

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economic impacts, creating professional job opportunities, access to affordable housing, improving social wellbeing and reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.'

(Resolution 23/2020 Passed January 28, 2020)

We appreciate your consideration to support our resolution, which has become even more timely and relevant considering the impacts Covid-19 on the health and vitality of small, rural and remote communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzan Hewat". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Suzan Hewat

Cc: BC Municipalities and Local Governments
The Honourable Adrian Dix, British Columbia Minister of Health

National Pharmacare Call to Action

From The Office of
Councillor Stephanie McGowan
Town of Comox

Dear Community Leaders,

With the economy in crisis because of COVID-19, now is the time for the federal government to fulfill its promise to implement a universal, public national pharmacare program. The need for pharmacare has never been starker.

Rapid implementation of a universal pharmacare system could help Canadian households, businesses, and municipalities and avoid needless suffering.

Prior to COVID-19, Canada's patchwork of private and public drug plans left 1 in 5 Canadians with little or no prescription drug coverage. Canadians were already three times more likely to skip prescriptions because they could not afford them than residents of comparable countries with universal pharmacare systems, like the United Kingdom. COVID-19 will make this worse.

Over 3 million Canadians have lost their jobs because of the COVID-19 pandemic and 2.5 million more are working less than half of their usual hours. All 5.5 million of these Canadians now have less income to pay for medicines that they or their family members need. Those who were fortunate enough to have had work-related health insurance may lose that too.

Even before COVID-19, thousands of Canadians already ended up in hospital and hundreds of Canadians died every year as a result of their inability to afford the medicines they need. More will do so as a result of their reduced incomes and loss of drug coverage – right at a time when we need Canadians to avoid hospitals as much as possible.

Canada's patchwork of private and public drug plans is not just letting patients down, it is also costing far more than a universal pharmacare system would. Canada spends at least 50% more per person on pharmaceuticals than countries with universal, single-payer pharmacare systems. Other countries spend less because they use their nation-wide purchasing power of to negotiate lower prices for brand name and generic drugs.

The inefficiency in Canada's system is placing a heavy financial burden on Canadian households and employers. Local governments are among those bearing this burden. In 2015, Canada's local governments spent an estimated \$500 million to provide private drug coverage for our public sector employees. The costs of these plans have increased dramatically since, driven by increased availability and use of high-cost medicines, the costs of which are very difficult for individual employers to manage.

Having multiple drug plans operating in every province – including multiple private plans for public sector employees – needlessly duplicates administrative costs and reduces Canada's power to effectively manage prices. Wasteful spending on these drug plans has long diverted resources from services that Canadians need from local governments. Now, with reduced local government revenues stemming from the COVID-19 mitigation efforts, the cost of these plans are an even greater problem across the country.

It is therefore time for the federal government to implement the long-promised universal, comprehensive, public pharmacare plan. Since the 1960s, five separate national commissions have recommended that medically necessary prescription drugs be included in Canada's universal, public health insurance system. Just last year, Trudeau's Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare produced an evidence-based and practical implementation plan that would begin this year.

The creation of a universal pharmacare plan was in the Liberal platform, in mandate letters for the minister of health and deputy prime minister, and a top of the priority of the NDP, whose support is critical in this minority parliament.

COVID-19 has made the case for implementing universal even stronger.

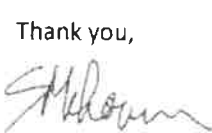
The federal government has the opportunity right now to provide an immediate \$3.5 billion for universal, public coverage of between 100 and 200 medicines of greatest importance to the health of the Canadian population. This would improve access to essential treatments when Canadians most need it while, according to the governments' own estimates, save Canadian households and employers billions of dollars more than it cost government to run.

We ask municipalities to join us in requesting that the federal government by sending your own message or inserting your community name and letterhead on the attached document requesting the Federal Government follow through with their Advisory Council's recommendations and move forward with implementing this program. All messages should be sent to:

Honourable Minister of Health
Patty Hadju
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9
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Special thanks to:
Professor Steve Morgan, UBC
Melanie Benard, Canadian Health Coalition
Oxana Genina, Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions

Thank you,



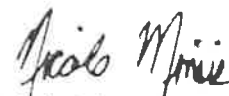
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Sent: August 17, 2020 5:09 PM
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Subject: Recreation Ecology research project in your area
Attachments: Recreation Conservation & You, Columbia Headwaters.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council of Silverton,

I am writing to let you know about a new recreation ecology research project happening in southeastern BC. Dr. Karine Pigeon is leading the research and is a postdoctoral fellow working with Dr. Pamela Wright (University of Northern BC) and Dr. Aerin Jacob (Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative).

The goal of this collaborative research project is to understand when, where, and how people are recreating in the Columbia Headwaters region of BC (and in the Kananaskis-Ghost area of Alberta). Using this information alongside current wildlife research can assist in better planning to ensure that both wildlife and people are safe.

Attached is a brochure that explains the project and you can find out more and follow the project [here](#).

If you have any feedback or know of any potential synergies or data on specific recreation activities, please contact Karine Pigeon directly at karine.pigeon@unbc.ca or 780-223-7317.

Please feel free to pass along this brochure and the link, and if you would like printed copies I am happy to send you some.

Thanks!

Nadine

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July 31, 2020
File No. 5330-20
0400-20

Email: premier@gov.bc.ca

Premier John Horgan
Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Horgan,

Reference: BC Utilities Commission's Approval of BC Hydro's Application to Amend the Net Metering Service under Rate Schedule 1289

This letter is in response to the British Columbia Utilities Commission's (BCUC) decision on the approval of BC Hydro's application to amend the net metering service rate. The Clean BC Initiative identifies a change towards using cleaner energy to the greatest extent possible with a target year of 2030 although this decision contradicts the plan. A few short years ago BC Hydro worked with the City of Fort St. John to allow for the construction of an innovative clean energy source, this decision now effectively stops any further investment in, or development of, new alternate energy sources.

The energy price currently paid to existing customers in accordance with the previous rate schedule was 9.99 cents per kWh. The BCUC approved BC Hydro to use a revised amount that will be calculated each January starting in 2025 that will be based on the daily average Mid-C prices for the previous calendar year. BC Hydro indicated in their submission to the BCUC that the average Mid-C amount for hydro generation would be 4.16 per kWh based on 2018 consumption numbers which is a decrease of 5.83 cents. It is acknowledged that the BCUC provided a five-year Transition Energy Price that will terminate in 2024 as part of this rate amendment and this transition period is appreciated. Although, this may dissuade other local governments to undertake clean energy initiatives in the future since cash strapped municipalities may not be able to justify the capital and operating cost incurred in comparison to any revenue that may be generated or cost savings realized. As it now stands for the City of Fort St. John, the revenue that our micro-hydro station will generate in the future will barely cover the annual operating costs let alone recover the cost of constructing this clean energy station.

BC Hydro stated in its submissions to the BCUC that the "vast majority of customers in the Net Metering Program in fiscal 2018 (1,044 or 80%) received no Surplus Energy Payment and of the 256 customers who received a Surplus Energy Payment, 215 or 84% receive a payment of less than \$500." Additionally, BC Hydro indicated "Overall, this means that the majority of customers are not materially impacted by an update to the Energy Price as they are likely to receive minimal Surplus Energy Payments or none at all." In one of the City's submissions to the BCUC, the City asked what the value of payments were for the 16% of customers who would have received over \$500. This question remains unanswered.

One of City Council's strategic goals is the implementation of policies/programs that will provide long term financial sustainability for the City moving into the future. The City was successful in obtaining a federal grant for the construction of a micro hydro project at the City's south lagoons in 2013. Since the micro hydro project was completed, the following revenue amounts were received:

2016	\$66,304.68
2017	\$65,655.49
2018	\$58,085.40
2019	<u>\$57,094.60</u>
TOTAL	\$247,140.17

One of the criteria Council considered as part of this proposed project was based on the premise that this would be a revenue source for the City and the revenue received would partially offset operating costs incurred. It is acknowledged that BC Hydro indicated that this program's intention was never to purchase energy from a supplier and was initiated as a load offsetting program rather than a means of securing additional power supply. It should be noted that this information was not conveyed to the City by BC Hydro when City staff were considering this project as part of the draft capital budget to present to Council.

The City has no objections to BC Hydro's clarified stance on the net metering program – if – BC Hydro implements the BCUC panel's suggestions by 2025:

- Net metered hydroelectric plants be treated differently from other types of net metered installation since:
 - *these plants generate the largest excess generation thus may have some capacity value to BC Hydro, and*
 - these projects require large capital to construct the infrastructure in comparison to other net metering generators.

The City's micro hydro facility provides consistent energy generation thus should be considered as a reliable energy supplier to BC Hydro.

- Establish a virtual new metering program that will allow the City to offset the additional load generated from its micro hydro facility to all of its meters. The net metering program's criteria is that the energy generated is offset by the meters associated to the infrastructure. The City's micro hydro facility has two meters associated with it although overall, the City has a total of 63 different meters. The two meters make up less than 6% (net) of the overall energy used for City's operations.

BC Hydro's responses regarding this application has raised additional questions. Within the decision, "The Panel acknowledges BC Hydro's evaluation that it presently has a surplus supply of electricity and this is expected to be the case until at least 2030". This directly contradicts the Provincial Government's Clean BC quote: "Specifically by 2030, the policies in this strategy will require an additional 4,000 gigawatt-hours of electricity over and above the currently projected demand growth to electrify key segments of our economy." Which statement is correct?

City Council would greatly appreciate receiving the Province's reply to the questions indicated above and confirmation as to if the Province is going to mandate BC Hydro to include BCUC's recommendations into their upcoming internal review.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lori Ackerman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lori Ackerman
Mayor

cc Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
 Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
 BC Hydro Board Chair
 UBCM member municipalities

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 19, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Conroy.MLA, Katrine; Richard Cannings
Cc: shewat@rdck.bc.ca; awatson@rdck.bc.ca; wpopoff@rdck.bc.ca; office@newdenver.ca; helliott@silverton.ca
Subject: Zincton Resort proposal comments
Attachments: KL comment final.odt

Dear elected officials,

please find attached my comments on the Zincton Village Resort proposal for the area between New Denver and Kaslo. In this era of climate change and other uncertainty, we need to consider what right-sized and appropriate developments are for our communities. Putting still more eggs in the ski tourism basket which might implode under the weight of circumstances, is not a wise move.

Please let me know what your perspective is on this proposal and how you intend to support our community through this very divisive and contentious issue.

Sincerely,
K.L. Kivi
New Denver, BC

MountainResortsBranch@gov.bc.ca, subject line:Zincton Resort. Or, letters can be sent to: Kelly Northcott, Mountain Resorts Branch, Min. of FLNRO, #510-175 Second Ave. Kamloops, BC V2C 5W1.

Dear Kelly Northcott,

I am a resident of New Denver and a long-time resident of the West Kootenay region. I'm a very active outdoors person: I wildcraft, I bird, I hike, I'm a naturalist, I cross-country ski and am passionate about my homeplace. I live here because it has a low population, is generally tranquil, has a significant amount of undeveloped, undesignated crown land, is close to three provincial parks, has clean unpolluted water and is in the Inland Temperate Rainforest with the resulting high biodiversity of plants and animals.

I am solidly opposed to this proposed Zincton development for so many reasons, I'm not sure I can even list them all. Overall, I share the community values that so many of us across the East and West Kootenay worked to uphold during the Jumbo Wild! Campaign: wilderness preservation, right-sized, appropriate development and a democratic process that included local settler and First Nations priorities.

In light of these, the Zincton Village proposal is deeply flawed in many ways, but I'll highlight just a few.

1. Wilderness and Biodiversity: red-listed, blue-listed, Grizzlies, goats, toads and wolverines included, one just has to walk/cycle/drive between New Denver and Kaslo to understand the profound ecological values of that area. A diversity of animals and plants thrive there because the ecosystem is robust. How many places are still so healthy? Places that we can easily travel to where the animals still roam freely? Put the wreck-reational resorts in places where people have already done their damage. Wilderness is where we don't live. Once we live there with our modern infrastructure and "needs", it's no longer wilderness.

As this is Core Grizzly habitat as revealed by the work of biologists like Michael Proctor and Wayne McCrory, it needs to remain that way. Habitat loss and the loss of intact ecosystems are by far the greatest threat to biodiversity. The regionally important connectivity which would be impacted would negatively affect the Grizzly population of 'conservation concern' south of the proposal. The entire resort area would compromise what is one of the very best all-season grizzly bear habitat areas including important huckleberry patches. My understanding is that the all-season resort activities will endanger the already small Grizzly population south of Hwy 31 and its ability to recover. To mix this with mountain biking in particular is paramount to asking for Grizzly-human conflicts. Also, wolverine biologists Andrea Kortello and Doris Hausleitner have predicted that the Zincton development will have negative impacts on both wolverine habitat and habitat connectivity. Population level impacts are expected due to habitat fragmentation and loss of an important North-South movement corridor across highway 31A for both species.

2. Water: one only has to witness this year's freshet blow-out on Carpenter Creek to know that there are land stability issues up above. Kane Creek, which is in the proposal area, is one of the tributaries of Carpenter that uprooted massive trees and continues to send coffee-coloured water downstream to Slokan Lake. Erosion and subsequent sedimentation have huge impacts on water quality and quantity, affecting everything and everyone down to the lake and beyond. Areas within the proposal are already deeply impacted by old mining activity, logging and poorly built roads. Is it wise to add more trails,

soil compaction, roads, disturbance and other infrastructure to this already unstable terrain? Is it in our downstream interests to further fragment the forest?

3. First Nations: local Sinixt people (and settlers) use the area for important cultural activities such as berry picking, root digging, fishing, hunting and medicine harvesting. The proponent claims to have to have following governmental protocols around First Nations consultation yet this is just hoop jumping, not free, prior and informed consent from the traditional occupants of this land, the Sinixt. In complete violation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, he has not consulted the Sinixt who uphold their millenia-long inhabitation, use and laws on their unceded traditional territory. Regardless of official governmental recognition, the United Nations Declaration upholds Indigenous rights to “determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development and use of their lands or territories and other resources.”

4. Wildcrafting: I was up in the proposal area multiple times this spring to harvest spring foods and every time I was there, I encountered dozens of others doing the same. I and others harvest: nettles, spring beauties, glacier lilies, false solomon seal, etc. In fall, we harvest huckleberries if the bears let us. And there are always fisherpeople on the lakes and, in season, hunters in the woods. The area is so extensively used by locals already that there is literally no room for 1750 more people.

5. Socio-economic impact: the magnitude of Zincton Village with its 1,500 daily visitors is completely out of whack with our 500-inhabitant village culture, infrastructure and services. This volume of tourists would swamp New Denver and Kaslo, rather than support a resilient and right-sized economic growth. Studies clearly show (Hal Clifford's "Downward Slide") the numbers of skiers is in decline and the Kootenays already have 13 ski resorts = many not fully subscribed - in that economic basket. Other studies show the economic and social impact on small BC communities to be intense and negatively far reaching. Furthermore, there are already major commercial recreation tenures in that valley and if Zincton Village goes ahead, the entire valley between New Denver and Kaslo will be fully tenured and wildlife will have no place to go and the locals will be pushed out. To add insult to injury, I understand the proponent wants to charge locals to access his tenure and take over parts of the other operators existing tenures.

Note that “bunk houses” for the inevitable out-of-town, out-of-country young folk who staff most resorts in our area are rampant with drug use and violence against young women.

6. Safety: the highway between New Denver and Kaslo, along which the Resort would locate itself is winding and high elevation. During the summer, it is a major motorcycling destination with many accidents occurring every year. In the winter, we deal with intense winter driving conditions including at least one avalanche path that routinely, annually, hits the road between New Denver and Three Forks. At all times of year, there are bear, moose, deer and other animals on the roadway and animal-vehicle collisions are frequent. It is simply a high hazard road in all seasons. Having people who are unfamiliar with the rapidly changing weather and road conditions, in addition to the usual traffic, endangers us all and adds pressure to already stressed and underfunded infrastructure. We already have enough of that to contend with, without adding another resort into the already difficult situation. Furthermore, to upgrade it would be costly require many more incursions into the surrounding wetlands that are very rich in wildlife.

Furthermore, in this era of climate change and the increased frequency and intensity of forest fires, a village such as this would be at high forest fire risk. Fighting fires are costly and I'd like to see BC

taxpayers' monies spent on defending existing communities instead of adding more extremely vulnerable ones to the roster.

7. Local Recreational Uses: This whole area is heavily used already, year round, by locals and visitors to the area. Most importantly, why is the Whitewater watershed in the Zincton Village proposal?!?! The trails there were developed by West Kootenay EcoSociety and Valhalla Wilderness Society for public use with public monies. Volunteers have maintained this trail for decades. This is a hugely popular local destination and I guarantee wilderness enthusiasts from all over the region and beyond will be up in arms if the Zincton Village proposal usurps this sacred and special spot. I certainly will not stand for it to go forward.

On a final note--our communities fought Jumbo for decades and won. This will differ only in that we are much clearer in our vision for our region so any pushing forward of this will come at a considerable political cost. How much political capital do we expend on this type of resort when people in this community are increasingly committed to the New Green Deal? I would much rather you spend my taxes on something other than fighting a decades long battle supporting an unnecessary playground for the wealthy that will be stopped anyway.

Sincerely,
K.L. Kivi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 30, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Silverton
Subject: Zincton

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Zincton development. I am a resident living in rural New Denver, only minutes from the proposed development. I have owned a home in this area for 17 years, run a small business, and am actively involved in community organizations. I currently serve as convenor of the COVID 19 Community Action Team, serving with village council members, the local grocery store owner and the school principal, among others. I am deeply concerned about the economy and health of this area.

Here are the impacts of the proposed Zincton development as I understand them.

The local environmental impacts: This plan will not only destroy the wildlife connectivity corridor which the Province itself has designated, it is plunked down in the middle of grizzly and wolverine habitat.

The international environmental impacts: this is a high-end resort. Has Mr. Harley figured in the impact of all those air miles, either by commercial airline or private helicopter? These too are impacts to be considered. And what about all those additional cars on these winding mountain roads?

The social impacts: loss of access. This area is proposed as an exclusive resort. The public, which has skied and hiked and worked for preservation of this area for years, will now be excluded unless they PAY TO SET FOOT ON PUBLIC LAND.

Another social impact: with the exception of some short-term jobs in the development phase, this stand-alone resort does nothing for the area economy. It does not provide stability in terms of diversified economic opportunities—most employment will be of the bed-changing, room cleaning variety. The wages from these tourist service jobs are not adequate for adults trying to support a family.

A practical question: the road which leads to the proposed resort has been closed by avalanche multiple times in the past ten years. The roads into this community are two-lanes, narrow, winding—and they edge a very cold and deep lake. Accidents are a given. Who is going to pay for increased ambulance and emergency rescue when people who don't understand the realities of winter travel come to this area?

THIS IS THE THIRD ATTEMPT IN THE PAST FEW YEARS TO GRAB EXCLUSIVE TENURE OF THE MOUNTAINS BETWEEN NEW DENVER AND KASLO. We need land use planning, not piecemeal proposals that pick the land apart. We want land use planning that works for the environment, the wildlife, and the communities who tend the land, not power-driven fantasies that ignore the environment, the social impacts, and the existing community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rev. Dr. Mary Therese DesCamp

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 19, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Silverton Village
Cc: Wendy King
Subject: Letter to Silverton Mayor & Council
Attachments: Signature no address.jpg; Untitled attachment 00592.html; Zincton Response SLSS_Final.pdf; Untitled attachment 00595.html

Topic: Proposed Zincton All-Season Resort

Dear Mayor Clarke and Councillors T. Gordon, K. Gordon, Main and Yofonoff,

Please find attached the Slovan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) letter of opposition to the proposed Zincton Resort which SLSS filed with Mountain Resorts Branch, FLNRORD. We are requesting that the Silverton Village Council make note of our concerns regarding the sensitivity of the hydrology in the area and the fact that it is in a critical connectivity corridor for several wildlife species-at-risk. We are aware that the proponent of the resort has requested support from the Village of Silverton and we hope that you will give serious weight to our hydrologic, wildlife and sustainability concerns when considering this issue.

Respectfully, Sally Hammond, Vice President, SLSS



SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY (SLSS)
Response to the ZINCTON ALL-SEASONS RESORT
Expression of Interest

Date: June 5, 2020

The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society's underlying mandate is the protection of water quality and flow into the Slocan Lake Watershed. The proposed Zincton All Season Resort covering a village site, staff housing, accommodations, parking lot, gondola infrastructure, skiing terrain and extensive mountain bike trails, is deeply concerning from a hydrological, wildlife and sustainability perspective. In the face of continual climate change, we need to treat our ecosystems sensibly and use an integrated approach as to how we manage those ecosystems in order to protect biodiversity, our forests and water sources. Our overarching concerns with the 'Zincton All Season Resort' EOI are outlined as follows:

Sensitive Hydrology: The recreational expansion and envisioned network of trails are along London Ridge and between Kane and Seaton Creeks. There are 32 tributaries from London Ridge into Kane and Seaton Creeks. These creeks are two of the three major flows west from this area into Slocan Lake and form the aquifer that then feeds New Denver water wells and systems. No hydrologic information or understanding has been provided for where the water to support 1,750 daily guests will come from or how this will affect drainage patterns and flow. There is also no information presented on how sewage and waste management will be handled near these waterways. These creeks are active year-round and in narrow, precipitous mountain valleys. There appears to be no environmental assessment work performed to date for how the proposed village, valley parking lot or housing will be constructed without affecting the creek beds or wetlands so essential for wildlife habitat and water flow maintenance, especially in the face of climate change. A special concern for Seaton Creek is the large amount of heavy metals from historic mining that is 'trapped' by its wetlands. Changes to water quantity and timing of flow could release these heavy metals into Slocan Lake, affecting fish in the creek and lake. The lodge proposed for the valley between London and Whitewater ridges drains into Kaslo creek, but it is a broad area of significant wetlands and treed, cool refugia for water and wildlife.

Protection of Wildlife Corridors: The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society views the wildlife and ecological communities supported by the watersheds in our area as a keystone to maintaining a sustainable hydrology for water flow and nutrient feed. This proposed Zincton resort/tenure, along with the existing Retallack resort/tenure, the proposed Retallack heliskiing/trail expansion, the existing Stellar heliskiing tenure and the proposed Lyle/Mt. Brennon resort area will result in recreational tenures covering approximately 13,000 hectares between the Goat Range Provincial Park and Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park. This ever-expanding ecosystem pressure will have long term adverse impacts on the ability for this stretch of wilderness to serve as a wildlife corridor and climate change refugia in the Kootenays. SLSS has solicited expert advice and research information from three local, accredited biologist/researchers: a wildlife biologist who specializes in bears and western toads, a biologist specializing in documenting

species at risk (SAR) and wetlands in our area, and a wildlife biologist focused on wildlife connectivity corridors in our area. There is no question, this is a critical corridor for grizzly bears. This proposed development will sever the main North-South Central Selkirk grizzly bear corridor between Goat and Kokanee Ranges (fragmenting them into smaller populations causing genetic isolation), a corridor which includes the nearby Valhalla Wilderness Park. This area also has significant populations of black bear, wolverines, mountain goats, moose and other ungulates. The Western Toad migration route near Bear and Fish Lakes is well-studied and conservation efforts to protect the Western Toad are ongoing. There are numerous species of sensitive and unique vegetation in the subalpine and alpine zones of this wilderness, subalpine fens, valley bottom swamps and marshes. The cumulative effects of year-round human use, access roads, greatly increased road traffic, the planned number of buildings and infrastructure components required along with the development of extensive trail networks and gondolas will have a negative impact on: vegetation (loss of species/decreased vegetation/ wildlife food sources); wildlife population (displacement/fragmentation) and wildlife mortality rates (road kill/human conflicts). None of this has been recognized or addressed in this Expression of Interest.

Economic Sustainability: Taking into account the hydrologic, species and ecosystems covered in this proposal, a wide range of site-specific Environmental Assessments would be required to further understand the appropriate protection and mitigation measures that would be required of such a development and tenure. It is difficult to surmise how this development will be economically viable in either the short term or the long term, the overall approach appears to be dated and exclusive. The SLSS Board is convinced that the Zincton development will be of limited economic benefit to the local communities of New Denver and Silverton. A community values study has shown that Slocan Lake residents highly value healthy ecosystems and biodiversity, wilderness parks and conservation, and support only limited development on crown land. There is already plenty of existing recreational access and established trails into the back country along this Kaslo to New Denver corridor. The Zincton development proposes a 'town' three times the size of New Denver and will only be 10 minutes away. This will place increased pressure on our existing medical facilities, paramedics, volunteer search and rescue, fire protection and roads. It will also decrease the area available for local recreation users - pushing them out of their own backyard, we need to keep the alpine accessible to all.

In summary, SLSS concludes that the Zincton All Season Resort plan should be denied. Our conclusion is based on the direct adverse impact on water quality and wetland refugia and cumulative negative impact on key focal species including grizzly bear, wolverine, mountain goat and western toad in the long term. All the various ecosystems within this sensitive alpine and sub-alpine terrain have high ecological values that are far reaching and go beyond the physical terrain to be developed. The apparent lack of any Environmental Assessments or cultural studies to date (preliminary or otherwise), raises the question as to whether the proponent of this development has the depth of understanding to undertake such an endeavour. In addition, the EOI contains many erroneous environmental and ecosystem assertions, which cause us to seriously questioning the overall credibility of this proposal. We respectfully submit our concerns and are available to discuss further should you require more details.

From: Board of Directors, Slocan Lake Stewardship Society

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Subject: Zincton proposal

To the Mayors and Councils of both of our Villages, Silverton and New Denver, and to the RDCK representatives of our area, and the federal and provincial politicians who represent us :

I find it disturbing that this proposal, with its obvious flaws, has even got to the place where it is being entertained by those who represent us locally.

I have written to the Mountain Resorts branch with my objections to this proposal and I will outline them briefly:

I came to this area more than 50 years ago because of the clean air, water, abundance of wildlife and peaceful atmosphere. In that time I watched Whistler, BC turn from a similar environment to a "world-class" resort, basically a small city playground for the rich. Property owners in the area saw their taxes go up so high that they could not afford to live there anymore. Bears became endangered animals. Whistler made a few people rich, but not the original residents, including animals, and it has completely changed the environment from a beautiful wild place to a small city.

The New Denver-Kaslo corridor is home to wildlife, some of which are species at risk. When I ride my bicycle to Fish Lake which I do at least once a week, I see moose, bears, western toads and at times deer. I know there are other shy animals like wolverine and mountain goats up there but I have not seen them. I can imagine what impact a resort of 1750 people will have on the wildlife. There are already other resorts in close proximity, including a heli-skiing operation (Stellar) and Mount Brennan Backwoods Recreation and the Retallack Resort, both of which have applied for expansion of their areas of use. The noise and disturbance from helicopters, road building, snow cats, snowmobiles, ATVs, mountain bikes, current logging operations, gondolas and a massive influx of people will be threatening to the animals and plants of this sensitive wildlife corridor and the ecosystem it is in.

Please don't be taken in by the prospect of short-term jobs and money for a few in our community. We may lose the very things of value that make our small communities special.

Sincerely,

Helen Davis
New Denver

I wish to response to the Zincton All Season Resort EOI.

I am not in favour of this proposal for many reasons. My strong opposition is based on two significant considerations. One is the likely impact of a development of this size on the area's wildlife habitat and the wildlife therein. I am aware that the Master Plan of the adjacent Goat Range Provincial Park lists 41 species at risk, including 10 red listed and 31 blue listed species, including grizzly bears, mountain goats, wolverines and western toads, all known to reside within the proposal area. It's highly likely their populations would suffer serious decline as a result of the development's infrastructure and significant increased human presence. As well, the extensive size of the proposed tenure would break important wildlife connectivity with areas to the south.

My second reason is the likely negative impact that the development will have on the general public. The highway 31 A corridor traverses some of the highest quality scenic, recreation, tourism and wildlife lands in the West Kootenays. In addition to tourists enjoying the drive, this corridor is used by many outdoor recreationists for hiking, skiing, wildlife viewing, berry picking, fishing and photography. Although there are already several large and smaller commercial recreation tenures along the 31 A corridor, there has been until now, enough accessible public land to accommodate these activities. While technically a commercial recreation tenure does not exclude the public, experience has shown that the interests of commercial tenure holders create conflicts with non-commercial recreationists. A development the size of the Zincton Resort is a defacto expropriation of public lands for private use. The proposed alterations to the landscape and the large number of people will alter the landscape in such significant ways that it would no longer be attractive or suitable for other users.

In conclusion, I urge you to not grant the requested commercial recreation tenure. If it is not rejected outright, I request that the Minister responsible order an environmental impact assessment.

Yours truly,

Jim Rutkowski,(long time resident of Silverton and avid backcountry recreationist)

To Mayor & Council: Re Zincton Resort Proposal

I am opposed to this development for the following reasons:

1. Climate Change: The operations of the resort including construction will result in an increase in greenhouse gases eg. transport to & from the resort by car, truck & aeroplane on a daily basis, fossil fuelled machines used in construction of roads, lifts, glading, houses, lodges etc, generators to provide electricity (I have not seen any proof in the proposal that solar panels & a run of the river hydro system will be able to provide all the electricity required to run lifts and power residential & commercial buildings, especially in the winter.) This is a tourist business. Tourism means travel. Travel means increase in greenhouse gases & rising temperatures. Rising temperatures mean an unpredictable & potentially devastating future unless we start doing something to halt them NOW.
2. Wildlife: The Hwy 31A corridor is habitat for grizzly (Whitewater Basin) & black bears, wolverines, mountain goats, moose (especially up Kane Creek where a road, gondola & staff accommodation is proposed), deer, beavers, western toads (which cross the highway at Fish Lake), and many birds. This development with its village & lifts construction as well as summer & winter activities would severely impact & disturb their territories, limiting their range even further. Added to that, encounters between bears & humans, whether out on trails or in the village will increase, leading to the inevitable result of killing the bears. In the village, garbage, unless responsibly dealt with, will become an attractant leading to the same outcome. Alpine and subalpine regions in the tenured area would be damaged/eroded by heavy mountain bike & hiking traffic on the built trails. The resort with 3 lifts would add to current noise levels from helicopters, snowcats, snowmobiles, ATVs and dirt bikes further disturbing wildlife.
3. Economic Spin Offs: Zincton village with all its amenities ie restaurants, retail, grocery store would be self sufficient. People staying/working/living up there would have no need to patronize New Denver businesses on a regular basis unless they get bored with all that fantastic powder or epic mountain bike rides.
What has happened in other small towns in BC eg Revelstoke, Whistler which have become ski resort towns is that housing, both ownership & renting, becomes unaffordable for locals due to higher demand. Property taxes increase due to higher values and pensioners on a fixed income find it more & more financially difficult to stay in their homes. There is currently a trend of people looking to move away from such resort towns because they no longer want to live there. The bulk of the jobs offered by the ski industry are relatively low-paying, short term ie a season eg lifties, restaurant wait staff, retail, suited to a younger and more transient demographic; there would be higher paying construction jobs in the initial construction phase which would benefit local contractors, but not in the long term. People employed at Zincton, if staff accommodation is not adequate will have to find accommodation in New Denver/Silverton, as the closest & Kaslo. New Denver/Silverton already has a dearth of rental accommodation and many vacation homes staying vacant for most of the year.

4 Traffic: Hwy 31A is a winding narrow highway with constant frost heaves in the winter and motorcycle accidents in the summer. The resort development would lead to more traffic both winter & summer, creating a higher risk of accidents. In the summer, increased traffic would jeopardize the western toad migration crossing the highway at Fish Lake.

5 The covid crisis has pointed out the vulnerability of tourism in a pandemic situation; and has also highlighted how much pollution we have generated by our "normal" lifestyle. We need to take the opportunity to forge a different way of living; not being so reliant on people from far away for our livelihoods.

6 The Hwy 31A corridor already has skiing & mountain biking tenure holders eg Retallack which have commercialized the back country – a different type of resource extraction from its mining history resulting in similar degradation of the environment. A ski resort which is allowed to exclude public users or charge them a fee to use it, limits access to a huge area which has been used by independent outdoor recreationists for decades; the Whitewater trail which is included in the proposed tenure area was built by public volunteers. This is one of my main objections.

I have lived in the Kootenays for over 40 years and have hiked & skied in the Hwy 31A corridor for almost all that time. It has always been my favourite place in the region. I have lived in New Denver for the past 15 years, on Hwy 31A and I dread the thought of more daily traffic past my place, especially in the winter, which has always been a respite from the hordes of loud motorcycles speeding past my place in the summer (but that's another topic!). And I dread to see this corridor lose its rough, relatively undeveloped charm for the sake of "progress & growth" and personal profit.

The proponent ticks all the environmental boxes with words like carbon neutral, low impact to make it sound like this resort is doing all the right things, but green technology cannot totally mitigate the effect of 1500+ visitors a day on this region's biodiversity.

Sincerely.....Susie O'Donnell, New Denver

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: ZINCTON

Please know that along with many other people living in this area, I am strongly against the proposed Zincton development.

The reasons are many and have been well documented. Above all, my message is LEAVE THE WILDERNESS ALONE.

Please take this into account when decisions are to be made concerning the Zincton proposal.

Sincerely

Kay Costley-White

From: Nadine Raynolds <Nadine@y2y.net>
Sent: July 23, 2020 3:35 PM
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Subject: Letter to Mayor and Council re Zincton
Attachments: Y2Y letter re Zincton and Mt Brennan Lodge tenure applications June 2020....pdf; Y2Y letter re Retallack and tenure applications, Need for LUP, January 2020 .pdf; Zincton Resort Proposal Comments M Proctor.pdf

Dear Mayor Clarke and Councillors Gordon, Gordon, Main, and Yofonoff,

I am writing to share the letter that the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y) submitted to the Province regarding the Zincton All-Season Resort EOI. I understand that you are interested in collecting information to help inform any possible decisions regarding this resort development proposal.

The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y) has a bold and ambitious vision for an interconnected system of wild lands and waters stretching from Yellowstone to Yukon, harmonizing the needs of people with those of nature. We are a non-profit charitable organization and our mission is to connect and protect habitat so people and nature can thrive. We work with a wide variety of partners, including government, Indigenous leaders, businesses, hunters, recreationists, researchers, and non-profits to advance opportunities for greater conservation. The Columbia Headwaters region of BC is a unique and priority area within the Y2Y geography.

As a science-based and collaborative organization, we work closely with a number of researchers in the Columbia Basin. Our letter is attached for your information, as well as the submission from Michael Proctor of Kaslo, who has been researching grizzly bears in our area for decades. I understand that you may have also received important information about the impacts this resort could have on wolverines, as well as the concerns related to a lack of land use planning and access management. As I am sure you are aware, there are a number of concerns that this proposal raises.

Please let me know if I can help provide any further information or connections with researchers in the region.

Thank you,
Nadine

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RE: Zincton All-Seasons Resort Expression of Interest and Mount Brennan Lodge Crown Land Tenure Application

We are writing in response to the Zincton All-Seasons Resort Expression of Interest as well as the Mount Brennan Lodge Crown Land Tenure Application #4406102.

We request that the Province not entertain any new resort development or adventure tourism applications for the Kootenay-Columbia until modern land-use planning, including access management planning and the assessment and monitoring of cumulative effects, can be completed. This is consistent with our January 25, 2020 letter to Premier John Horgan and Minister Doug Donaldson (attached). This region is already covered in commercial tenures and these particular applications are controversial for a number of reasons.

The Zincton Resort and Mount Brennan Lodge proposals are located in a critically important wildlife connectivity area. The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y) is a science-based collaborative organization, and there is considerable scientific evidence indicating the significance of this north-south grizzly bear corridor. These tenure proposals would not only impact core grizzly bear habitat, but seriously jeopardize connectivity. This corridor is essential for the long-term persistence of grizzly populations to the south which are currently too small to persist over time without connectivity to the populations in the north. Vehicle traffic on Highway 31A is currently at relatively low volumes, allowing for the maintenance of this important connectivity between Goat Range Provincial Park and Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park.

With respect, we also remind you of your government's 2017 promise, in response to the BC Auditor-General's report *An Independent Audit of Grizzly Bear Management*, to take action on a Grizzly Bear Management Strategy.



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These proposed commercial developments are also located in known high quality wolverine habitat. Recent studies indicate this area has the highest density of wolverines in all the ranges of the West Kootenays. These developments could have significant impacts on this rare species with respect to habitat loss and fragmentation, as well as loss of connectivity across Highway 31A due to higher human activity and traffic levels. Wolverines are known to be displaced by intensive recreation use, particularly female wolverines which require deep snows for their dens.

Mountain goats and western toads are two additional indicator species found in this area that are expected to be impacted by these proposed developments. Habitat loss, disturbance and direct mortality, and loss of connectivity are serious concerns.

In addition to the wildlife impacts, these proposals are highly divisive in the local communities. There has been considerable lack of information and misinformation from the proponents and confusion by community members regarding process. There is local opposition from the recreation community which is increasingly being squeezed out by commercial interests. New Denver and Kaslo are small communities looking for creative and sustainable ways to be viable and thrive. The creation of an exclusive, fully serviced village at Zincton contradicts many local and regional planning and economic development studies and initiatives.

Another important factor is the direct violation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People which upholds rights to "determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development and use of their lands or territories and other resources." Continuing to give out commercial tenures in First Nations traditional territories makes it more difficult for those Nations to exert their decision-making authority should they desire a different approach to land relationship planning, now or in future.


We request again that you please allocate the resources needed to conduct proper planning for the Kootenay-Columbia. Proactive planning, which unites rather than divides communities, is long overdue. Your leadership is urgently needed.

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Thank you.

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Subject: Zincton resort proposal
Attachments: ZinctonEOIcomments_kortello_hausleitner.pdf

Village of Silverton Mayor and Council, attn: CAO Hillary Elliott

Hello Hillary,

As local biologists studying wolverine, a species at risk, we thought you might be interested in information on how the proposed resort is likely to impact this species. Here is our submission regarding the Zincton proposal.

Thank you!

Andrea Kortello

Doris Hausleitner

Comments Submitted By:

Andrea Kortello, MSc. R.P.Bio, Grylloblatta Ecological Consulting

Doris Hausleitner, MSc. R.P.Bio, Seepance Ecological Consulting

We are responding to the Expression Of Interest (EOI) for Zincton. Seepance Ecological Consulting and Grylloblatta Ecological Consulting conducted a five year inventory of wolverine populations in the West Kootenays to assess distribution and connectivity. Wolverine are listed under Schedule 1 of the federal Species at Risk Act and are blue-listed in British Columbia.

Habitat quality around the proposed resort is ranked high for wolverine (Lofroth and Krebs 2007) and our research detected a higher density of wolverine in the Goat range of the Central Selkirk Mountains, where the proposal is located, than any other mountain range we sampled, including the Valhalla, Kokanee, Purcells and Monashee ranges (Hausleitner and Kortello 2016).

Wolverine, especially female wolverine, are vulnerable to human disturbance from winter recreation (Krebs et al. 2007, Kortello et al. 2019). Heinemeyer et al. (2019) demonstrated that wolverine are displaced from suitable habitat by both motorized and non-motorized winter recreation, including backcountry skiing.

Under **Summary of existing environmental conditions**, the Zincton EOI states “no at-risk terrestrial or aquatic species were found”. This statement is misleading on many species accounts however we will focus here only on wolverine. Although no wolverine were detected using a genetic bait station study in 2014 in a single 3-month sampling period within the boundaries of the proposed resort per se, wolverine were detected directly adjacent to the area (data available from the BC Conservation Data Centre). One female wolverine was detected at two bait stations; 2 km from the boundary in the Kane Creek drainage (immediately west of the proposed area) and 5 km east of the area boundary, in the Davis Creek drainage. Male home ranges in the British Columbia interior vary between 340 km² - >2800 km² while female home ranges vary between 150 km² - 520 km² (Krebs and Lewis 2000). Hence, at minimum, the Zincton proposal would fragment this particular female’s home range and that of her mate. The impact of this disturbance cannot be considered negligible, given a very low estimated population of 160 wolverine in all of southeastern BC including the Rocky Mountain, Purcell and Selkirk ranges (Mowat et al. 2019).

Numerous independent anecdotal observations of wolverine tracks, wolverine and a female wolverine with kits in the Kane Creek drainage (collected as part of the Wolverinewatch.org citizen science database) also suggest that the Kane Creek drainage is important wolverine reproductive habitat. High levels of human activity in the area could be expected to displace wolverine from this habitat.

In addition to displacement from habitat, we also predict that the Zincton EOI will have impacts on wolverine population connectivity. Our research has demonstrated that wolverine in the Kokanee (south of Hwy 31A) and Goat (north of Hwy 31A) ranges are a single genetic

population (Hausleitner and Kortello 2016), and that the highway at its current traffic volume does not pose a detectable barrier to wolverine dispersal. It has been shown that wolverine avoid high traffic roads (Austin 1998) and that female wolverine genetic connectivity can be negatively impacted by high traffic highways even within protected areas (Sawaya et al. 2019). Anderson et al. (2006) estimated that barrier effects for carnivores, including wolverine, become apparent at daily annual traffic volumes of 2000-5000 vehicles per day and winter traffic volumes of 300-500 vehicles per day. Summer traffic volumes for Hwy 31A are currently approximately 500 vehicles per day (BC Ministry of Transportation Traffic Data). Although winter data is not available it is likely substantially less. The Zincton EOI proposes to facilitate 1500 skiers per day in winter, the only access to this along Hwy 31A. This substantial increase in traffic will certainly exceed predicted volume thresholds for barrier effects and likely impair North-South population connectivity, fragmenting and isolating habitat and exacerbating existing dispersal barriers.

It is facile to assume no impact on a species at risk because there are no detections within the drawn boundaries, particularly when said species have home ranges of greater than 300 km² and the recent occupancy study that was conducted in the area was not focused on this scale of impact. It is also facile to assume that the impacts of human recreation on species at risk from this proposal do not extend beyond the boundaries of the proposed tenure. Backcountry recreationists are unlikely to remain within lift accessed terrain, such activity is inherent in the nature of backcountry skiing. Lift access on the slopes of Whitewater Mountain and Mt. Brennan will certainly facilitate substantial increase human use in adjacent drainages and remote valleys, increasing the footprint considerably. These indirect impacts have not been addressed. Finally, there is no consideration of the impacts of increased traffic on Hwy 31A with respect to either loss of connectivity or wildlife road mortality.

We predict the Zincton EOI will have negative impacts on both wolverine habitat and habitat connectivity. Population level impacts are expected due to habitat fragmentation and loss of an important North-South movement corridor across highway 31A.

Thanks for your attention to this issue.

Andrea Kortello and Doris Hausleitner

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Please Note the documents referenced below were of considerable size and sent to Council Via email.
Thank you, Hillary Elliott, CAO Village of Silverton

From: Amber Peters <amber@vws.org>
Sent: July 22, 2020 7:53 PM
Subject: Valhalla Society in opposition to Zincton Mountain Resort

To the Village of Silverton Mayor and Councillors,

Please see the attached review of the proposed Zincton Mountain Resort by the Valhalla Wilderness Society, as well as Registered Professional Biologist Wayne McCrory's Wildlife Impact Assessment.

Thank you for considering the many reasons to reject this proposal. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amber Peters
BIT, Campaigner
Valhalla Wilderness Society

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Mayor Clarke's Report to Sept 03, 2020

- △ Connectivity Meeting (July 07)
 - Went over what last mile projects could look like
 - Tasked with reaching out to our Councils to make sure we are all on the same page with regards to what it is we want last mile connectivity to look like
 - For Silverton we want fibre to the homes with the asset (the fibre) being publicly owned/controlled
- △ VoS Regular Meeting (July 08)
 - See E(1)
- △ Vos Special Meeting (July 15)
 - See E(2)
- △ CBT Mayors and Rural Area Directors Input Meeting (July 20)
 - See J(1)a
 - Pushed hard for CBT to consider changing CBCBs mandate to include providing last mile connectivity and internet services
 - A draft plan can be found at <https://ourtrust.org/columbia-basin-trust-strategic-plan/>
 - See J(1)b
 - Public feedback on the draft plan will be accepted until Friday, Sept. 11th @ 4:30pm
 - △ <https://ourtrust.org/feedback>
- △ COTW Meeting (August 17)
 - See E(3)
- △ New Denver Mayor/CAO Meeting (September 02)
 - Had a general discussion on how we can work together more effectively
 - Confirmed a desire from both communities to share resources where it makes sense
- △ RCMP – Jamie Moffat (September 03)
 - Went over policing concerns for the area
 - Largely traffic calming
 - Some concerns over health order compliance (COVID related)
 - △ People can call the RCMP if they witness large gatherings (over 50 people)
 - △ Was given the number for the border watch tip line 1.888.502.9060
 - People can call this number to alert the boarder watch to anyone with out of country license plates that may need to be followed up with

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Subject: Your Discussion Guide has been submitted.
Date: Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 9:26:57 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Columbia Basin Trust - Forms
To: jason.clarke@silverton.ca

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this Discussion Guide. We look forward to discussing in more detail with you shortly.

Select your Committee or Organization Elected Leadership

Your Name Jason Clarke

If you walked down the main street of your town today how would it feel? On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the most challenging and 10 functioning very well, how would you rate the current state of your community?

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Briefly explain why you chose that rating for your community.

Silverton has room for more businesses, that much becomes obvious when strolling the main street. What is also very apparent is it's citizenry have a lot of home pride, are hard working and generally enjoy well maintained properties. This is also reflected in the care and effort the Village staff put into maintaining the public spaces, buildings and amenities.

Identify the most significant challenge your community is facing now.

Our largest challenge is connectivity - specifically reliable high speed internet at an affordable rate. A lot of work has been done to bring fiber to the valley (thanks CBBC!). What we are facing now is the challenge of how to go about the last mile - specifically fiber to the homes. Silverton would like to see all of it's residents connected to the outside world via fiber. We would also like to see the infrastructure remain publicly owned or owned by an organization for the public like CBBC. We feel this is essential to remaining vibrant and viable as a community.

Identify the major challenge(s) that you expect will emerge in the coming six to twelve months.

As stated above, bringing last mile to our residents in a way that allows maximum bandwidth and public control over the asset.

Explain why you have highlighted these current and anticipated

It's the next logical step in connecting the residents of the valley.

challenges.

First, identify one opportunity that either your community or the Basin can act on immediately. Then, briefly explain why you chose it.

We can always use more help updating/restoring our heritage/aging buildings.

First, identify one complex and/or longer-term opportunity that might take some time to act on. Then, briefly explain why you chose it.

I would like to see CBBC change it's mandate to include providing last mile connectivity and internet services.

What role could the Trust play in pursuing the opportunities you identified? Try and be specific.

I think it would be well suited to handle planning/building the required infrastructure as well as brokering/providing services over that infrastructure. I feel that CBBC would be the best entity to provide a valley wide solution in an inclusive, affordable manner. I also feel that CBBC would be well suited to helping ensure the infrastructure is used in the public's best interest.

Would you like to receive future correspondence from the Trust related to the Interim Plan?

Yes

I agree to the declaration above.

I agree

User ID

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DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2022

August 2020

Who We Are

Columbia Basin Trust is governed by the *Columbia Basin Trust Act* and our work is guided by the Columbia Basin Management Plan, which includes:

- *Charter*: an enduring document that outlines our values and vision and guides the organization's work. View it online at ourtrust.org/charter.
- *Strategic plan*: this document outlines priorities and activities the Trust will undertake to support communities.

Our Mission

The Trust supports efforts by the people of the Basin to create a legacy of social, economic, and environmental well-being and to achieve greater self-sufficiency for present and future generations.

Our Mandate

- manage our assets for the ongoing economic, environmental and social benefit of the region, without relieving governments of any obligations in the region
- include the people of the Basin in planning for the management of the assets
- work with others to coordinate activities related to the purpose of the Trust

Basin Context

The Trust serves the region consisting of all the watersheds that flow into the Columbia River in Canada. The Trust operates in the traditional territories of the Ktunaxa, Lheidli T'enneh, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Syilx Nations (see back page for map).

Over Summer 2020 and given the significant and evolving impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trust developed this draft short-term strategic plan in consultation with Basin residents, with a timeframe of 2020-2022.

Developing the Strategic Plan

In keeping with the Trust's legislation, the Trust sought input from Basin residents in developing this plan including the strategic priorities, desired outcomes and guiding principles.

Guiding Principles

In addition to the values outlined in the Trust's Charter, the Trust will be guided by the following principles:

- *Flexible*: Recognizing that needs for support in the Basin are diverse, and that communities are unique, the Trust's approach will be flexible, with varying levels of support as required.
- *Focused*: The Trust's efforts will be focused to maximize impact in areas identified as priorities in the Basin.
- *Respectful*: The Trust treats people with respect, honouring the rich and diverse cultures in the Basin and recognizing Indigenous rights, presence and importance.
- *Responsive*: The Trust recognizes the changing landscape in the Basin and beyond, and will remain adaptive and agile in supporting emerging issues.
- *Value Added*: As the Basin's needs will be significant, Trust support will not displace any level of government support, nor decrease the likelihood of support from other sources to address Basin needs.

What People in the Basin Told Us

Through engagement with Basin residents, the following priorities were identified as areas for the Trust to focus its efforts over the timespan of this plan. In addition to these priorities, the Trust will continue to fulfill its broad social, economic and environmental mandate and continue key programming.

Priorities (listed alphabetically)

- *Ecosystem Restoration*
- *High-speed Connectivity*
- *Housing*
- *Local Food Production, Processing and Distribution*
- *Support for Business Renewal*
- *Supporting Communities*

Priorities 2020-2022

Ecosystem Restoration: Help maintain and improve ecological health and native biodiversity in a variety of ecosystems, such as wetlands, fish habitat, forests and grasslands.

Objectives

- Identify projects focused on enhancement, restoration and conservation by seeking input from community groups, First Nations representatives and government experts.
- Identify projects that create local employment opportunities.
- Support community organizations to identify and secure funding for projects from other sources including governments.
- Support projects to undertake longer term monitoring.

Desired Outcomes

- Ecosystem health in the Basin is measurably improved.
- Community organizations are sharing best practices related to ecosystem restoration.
- Local jobs are created.
- Sustainable, long-term monitoring is in place.
- Ecosystems are restored for a range of community values and uses.

High-speed Connectivity: Increase reliable, affordable, high-speed connectivity in the Basin with a special emphasis on underserved rural areas.

Objectives

- Expand the physical fibre optic network.
- Increase usage of existing network.
- Obtain grants from other entities such as the provincial or federal governments.

Desired Outcomes

- The Trust's fibre optic network is expanded to underserved areas.
- Rural Internet service providers are supported in providing high quality and affordable services.
 - There is increased connection to existing fibre from both residential and commercial users.
 - Explore partnerships with Internet service providers to develop last mile networks in Basin communities.
- The Trust and its partners are prepared to quickly take advantage of funding opportunities from provincial and federal governments.

Housing: Increase housing stock to help address availability and affordability of housing in the Basin.

<p><i>Objectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work along the housing continuum to provide and maintain affordable housing options. • Support efforts to address local and regional housing priorities, including First Nations. • Pursue funding opportunities, including provincial and federal, private sector and non-profit sector opportunities. 	<p><i>Desired Outcomes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of new affordable rental units is increased. • Existing affordable housing stock is retained and repaired. • Housing entities are prepared to take advantage of available funding opportunities. • Opportunities for affordable home ownership are realized.
<p><i>Local Food Production, Processing and Distribution:</i> Basin residents have access to more locally produced and processed food.</p>	
<p><i>Objectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support local food production and producers. • Explore value-added food processing. • Increase market access. 	<p><i>Desired Outcomes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basin residents have access to locally grown, healthy food • Regional and/or community food distribution partnerships are explored. • Connections are explored between food producers and community food access organizations. • Existing food producers are supported to grow and market their products. • Opportunities exist for new entrants to primary production and/or community-based agriculture to meet local food demand.
<p><i>Support for Business Renewal:</i> Basin businesses are resilient to recent challenges, able to adapt, expand their operations and employ Basin residents.</p>	
<p><i>Objectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small businesses are resilient and adaptable. • Basin businesses have access to assessment and advice for increased efficiency or expansion. • Businesses maintain and create jobs. • Basin businesses have access to capital. • Basin residents have skills and training for available jobs. • New graduates have opportunities to gain employment experience in their field. 	<p><i>Desired Outcomes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities have businesses that survive and adapt to changes brought about by COVID-19. • Communities support Basin businesses through shopping for goods and services locally. • Communities have businesses that continue to employ current employees and have opportunity to create new jobs. • Communities have businesses that have continued access to capital required to conduct their business. • Basin residents have safe and affordable child care in place to enable them to work. • Basin residents have access to employment training.

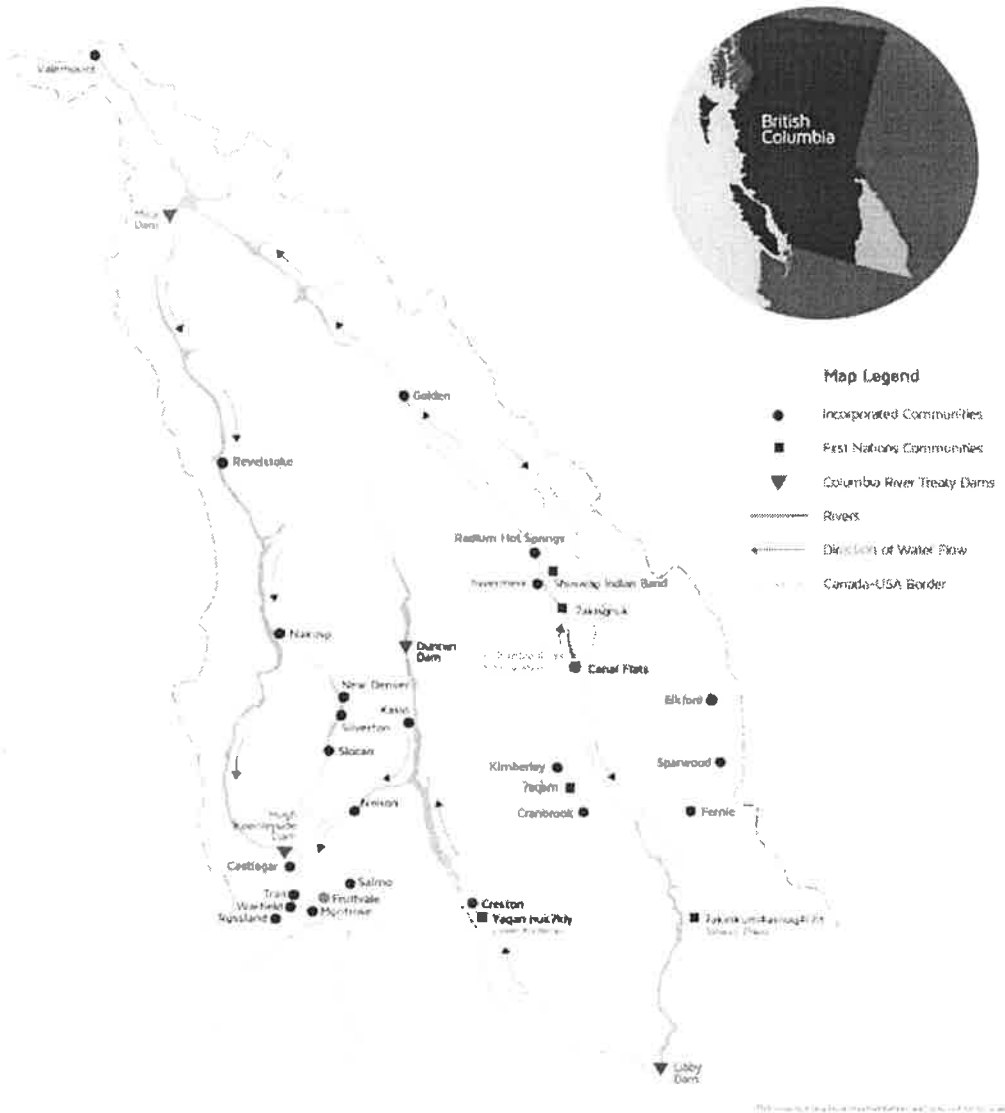
Supporting Communities: Communities achieve their aspirations with flexible and proactive support from the Trust.

Objectives

- Provide guidance and access to resources for communities that seek in-depth support to realize their aspirations.
- Support communities as they develop ideas and prepare to secure funding for their projects.
- Support communities to enhance trails, public gathering spaces and other outdoor recreation and cultural venues.
- Support community-serving non-profits with access to resources and guidance, access to technology, and overall sustainability.
- Provide timely financial support to community projects.
- Support community-serving organizations to address challenges including poverty, isolation or marginalization.
- Support communities in providing opportunities and amenities for youth.

Desired Outcomes

- Communities realize their aspirations, and see their well-being enhanced.
- Communities proactively identify and develop project ideas, and are successful in securing project funding.
- Communities have a range of assets that enhance the quality of life for their residents and visitors.
- A strong non-profit sector can meet community needs.
- Residents benefit from community projects.
- Vulnerable or potentially vulnerable populations have access to support.
- Youth are engaged in identifying and pursuing their aspirations and are connected to the community.



Meetings attended since July Council meeting:

9 July

- FCM Rural Forum
This Forum has worked energetically with FCM Table Officers and Big City Mayors Caucus advocacy for Broadband funding, and Transit and local government operating funds contribution from federal government
- FCM Finance and Audit

15/16 July

- RDCK Joint Resource Recovery
- RDCK Board

21 July

- Rosebery Parklands and Galena Trail Commission

23 July

- FCM Executive Committee
Planning toward upcoming FCM election, AGM, and September Board Week

5 August

- Slovan Valley Economic Development Partnership
Review 2019/2020 work plan – start discussions toward renewal of contract for 2020/2021
- Sustainability Service Agenda Review

6 August

- FCM Rural Forum

12 August

RDCK - Wildfire Risk Reduction Workshop

The Province has recently changed the way it administers, funds and delivers its Wildfire Mitigation Program. This workshop was a start to understanding and realigning how RDCK and its member electoral areas and municipalities function within the new program.

We were only able to cover about half the planned materials, and a second workshop will be scheduled in the near future.

Topics for presentation by FLNRORD and BCWS (BC Wildfire Service):

- Community Resiliency Investment Program
- Community Wildfire Resiliency Committee Engagement Process
- Wildfire Risk Reduction Projects (opportunities for collaboration)
- Fuel Treatment Design and Objectives

Takeaway from this workshop: Sifco is an invaluable Village resource, and we should continue to rely on them for direction and program design.

13 August

Food Security Working Group

I have been participating in this pan-BC discussion/policy/action group since early July. We have formulated a Food Security Proposal (circulated separately) that we will be presenting to the Ministry of Agriculture in response to discussions with the Ministry of Agriculture towards renewing community engagement, seeking ways to work together on this initiative.

17 August

- VoS -Committee of the Whole

18-20 August

- RDCK Sustainability Service
Ongoing discussion and monitoring of REEP, wastewood fibre energy capture, and watershed governance
- RDCK Rural Affairs Committee
- RDCK Joint Resource Committee
- RDCK Board

26 August

- FCM Urban Indigenous Working Group

27 August

- FCM Member Relations Committee
- Executive Committee

31 August

- FCM Committee Chairs Briefing
- FCM Election Readiness Working Group
- Slovan Valley Economic Development Partnership
Setting priorities for 2021 prior to meeting with Community Futures, which holds the contract to deliver services and supervise employee on our behalf

1 September

- SVED Partnership meeting with Community Futures
Set workplan priorities for 2021, which will include a focus on business supports and relationship with Chamber of Commerce and "neighbourhood" business associations; refining the new website, including updating content and developing tools for businesses to use; supporting local/regional agriculture and food businesses; and Slovan Valley branding

3 September

- FCM Programs Governance Representatives
- Rosebery Parklands and Galena Trail Commission



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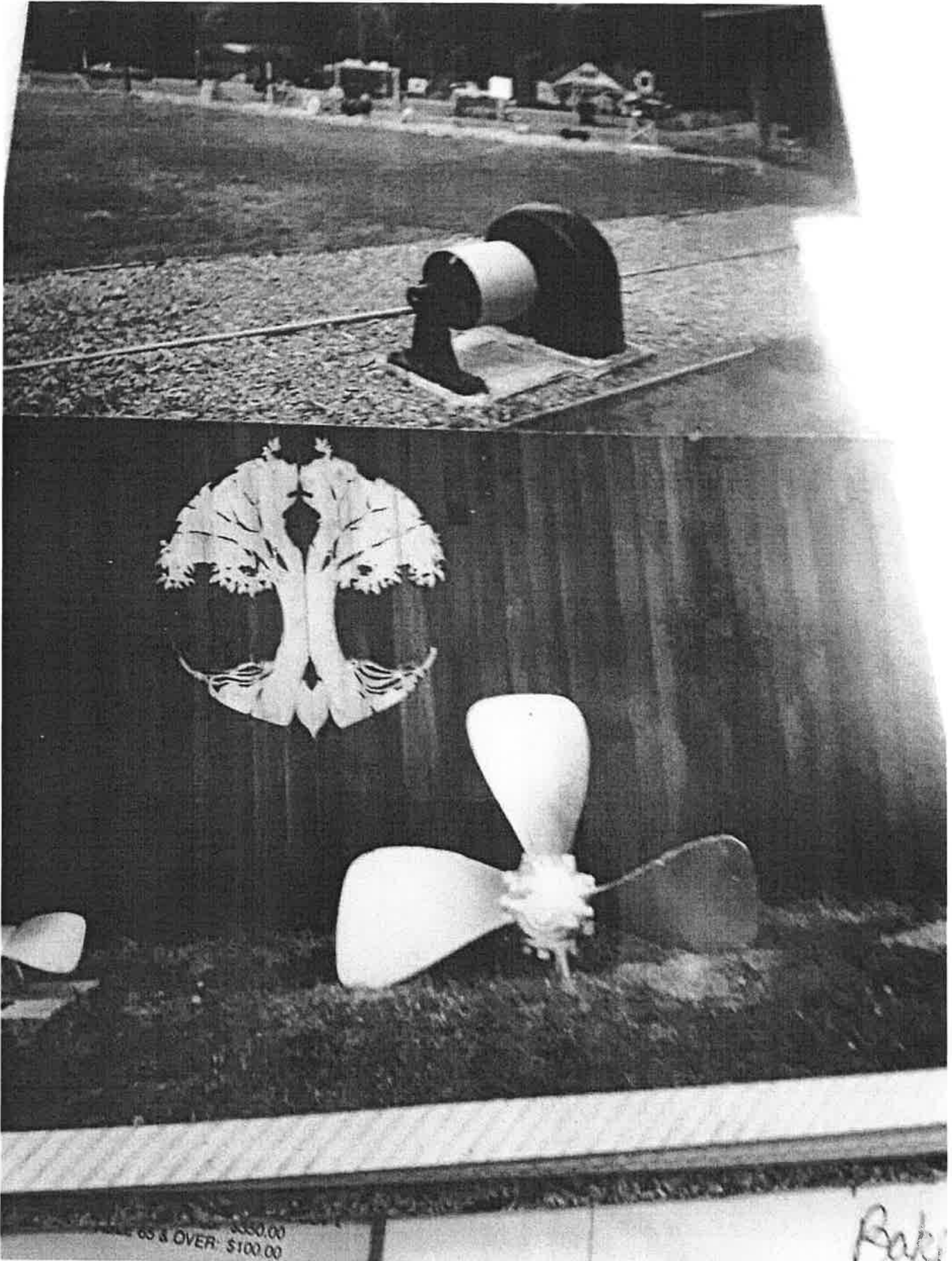
Ms. Bjerg recalls, "...I remember being down at the park seeing the boat burn, that's how I know it was cold... but I was 9 or so, ...my dad lit it on fire and I believe mum took the pics... must have been a weekend as I wasn't in school that day."²⁶⁸ Figure 6.25.²⁶⁹ Although no written record has been found of when the Rosebery (2) was burned, from Ms. Bjerg's account, it was likely in the fall of 1960 as the dead grass in the photo has not seen the impact of snowfall and was still standing. The back of her photo was stamped with the date 'May 4, 1961', the date the film was developed.

The propeller from the Rosebery (2) is located in the Village of Silverton's Public Works yard. The diameter of the propeller is 200.7 cm. (79 inches). It is inscribed with, "THE WM. KENNEDY & SONS, LIMITED, OWEN SOUND, ONT." Figure 6.24.²⁷⁰ In better times, Figure 6.26²⁷¹ shows the Rosebery (2) on a postcard ca. 1943-1956.



Figure 6.24: The propeller from the Rosebery (2).

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Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting – September 9, 2020

This administrative report covers the period July 4, 2020 to September 3 as to the activities, functions, and meetings I have attended in my capacity as Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Silverton.

This month the CAO continued to be very busy with calls and research with other agencies regarding COVID 19 and how the orders by the province have affected the Village and its operations.

We have been busy adapting to orders or mitigation efforts that are similar to our neighbouring municipalities and the RDCK. Item G 1 on the agenda is an example of the continuing affects of COVID 19 and the added workload on local governments as we continue to live with COVID 19.

Arbour Days – Organic Waste ONLY!!!!**September 21-24**

COVID 19 has been very disruptive to the Village and continues to be as we prepare for the fall months.

Financial Operations:

Staff have also been managing the numerous grants that are currently underway such as the Memorial Hall upgrades from CBT, as well as, past grants and completing projects listed here.

The Annual and SOFI Report were presented and then approved by Council in July. The CAO has almost completed the RFQ regarding the Lakeside Campground, it will be issued by the end of next week.

Functions:

With the addition of the Lakeside Campground work, the Gallery insurance claim, COVID 19, and other corporate affairs, the CAO work plan has been greatly disrupted. Therefore, no real progress has been made regarding the OCP and Zoning Bylaw update, however, staff have been still trying to move the file forward and networking to do so. Due to the work with SIFCo and Village partners that will involve the Zoning Bylaw, the next timeline for preparing a draft for Council is April of 2021.

Projects:**RDI Climate Adaptation Project**

We continue to work on this project and trying to figure out how to make this vital service tool sustainable and representative of all Village assets that require management and financial planning. The CAO met with one of the project managers this month to provide input regarding

information sharing, the experience presenting to other municipalities and where to focus moving forward. A couple of the main topics are Natural Asset Management and Emergency Management.

Asset Management Phase 3 and Climate Adaptation Initiatives:

The CAO met with the project lead with LandInfo Technologies and a new online platform will be completed in the next month which will greatly improve and address the capacity issues regarding Asset Management for small, rural communities. Progress has been made for Natural Assets and Tree Inventory and other assets within the Village. I will be working on this file next month as the project progresses. We continue to work with LandInfo Technologies for solutions.

Fire Resiliency 2020 for Silverton, Slocan, and New Denver in Partnership with SIFCo

The Village partners met with SIFCo on September 3rd for an update on this important partnership project. There were discussions on the progress of the project, with the decision to request an extension to complete works in 2021 due to COVID 19 and the major disruption and negative impacts it had on this project that focuses on public interaction and engagement or site visits to residents' properties.

Sidewalk Upgrade/Footbridge Upgrades

The sidewalk project is underway! The Outdoor Museum space will have a new surface and be completed by the end of September. Staff are preparing the sidewalk starting at the Outdoor Museum, with the plan to then working down the east side of the highway in 2021 for the continuation of upgrading our sidewalks for a more walkable Silverton; material and time permitting. The footbridge treads will also be re-surfaced.

Computer System and Equipment Upgrades 2020

Almost completed. COVID 19 disrupted services and site visits.

Memorial Hall Upgrades

Go and have a look at the great progress! We are complete!

Public Works:

Have continued to meet and worked with several of our project partners to complete the Council initiatives for Fire Resiliency, ICABCCI, RDI Climate Adaptation, Asset Management, and contractors for completion of 2020 capital projects to compile all the different information and to meet with stakeholders. This also is on-going for the CAO and public works staff for 2020.

Staff have been busy with work on:

- Improvements for public access to the beaches/lake (pics attached)

- Prepping the Footbridge for the new re-surfacing material
- Prepping the Outdoor Museum sidewalks for the new re-surfacing material (pics attached)
- Starting preparations for the east side of the highway sidewalk for re-surfacing in 2021
- boulevard clean up/mowing grass/mowing grass (very good year for grass!)
- memorial capital project
- yard waste and branches pick up
- Council capital projects for 2020
- General clean up

Staff have been very busy regarding COVID 19, how it affects the Village operations and future measures to put in place to mitigate risks to operations for the “new normal”.

Meetings:

Virtual meetings regarding COVID 19

SIFCo and Village Partners

RCMP annual meeting

Numerous corporate business meetings, phone calls and following up on active items for the Village.

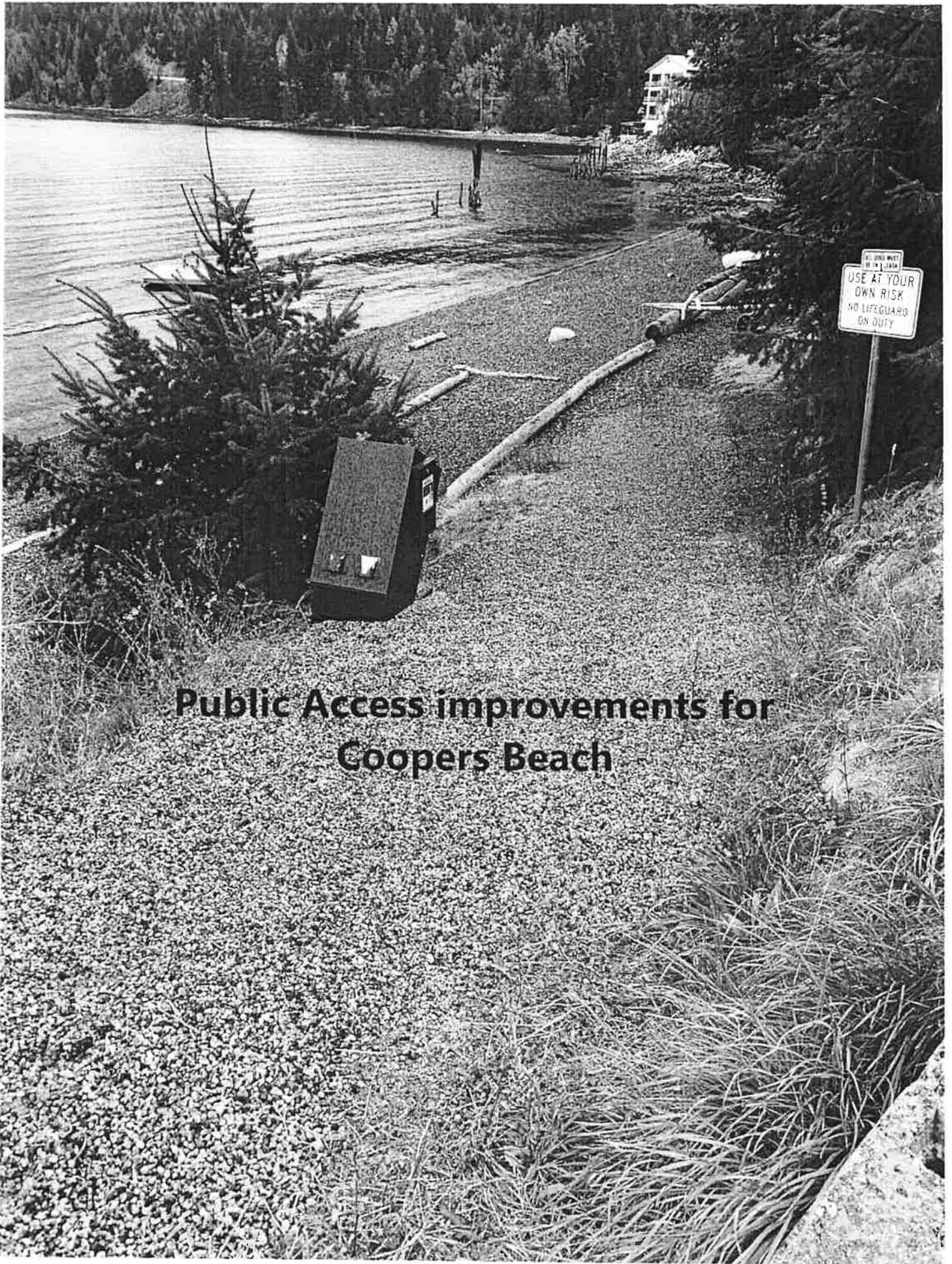
Had correspondence with several community members/groups regarding concerns, requests, or questions and following up from correspondence to Mayor and Council.

Met with staff regularly.

CAO Training/Courses:

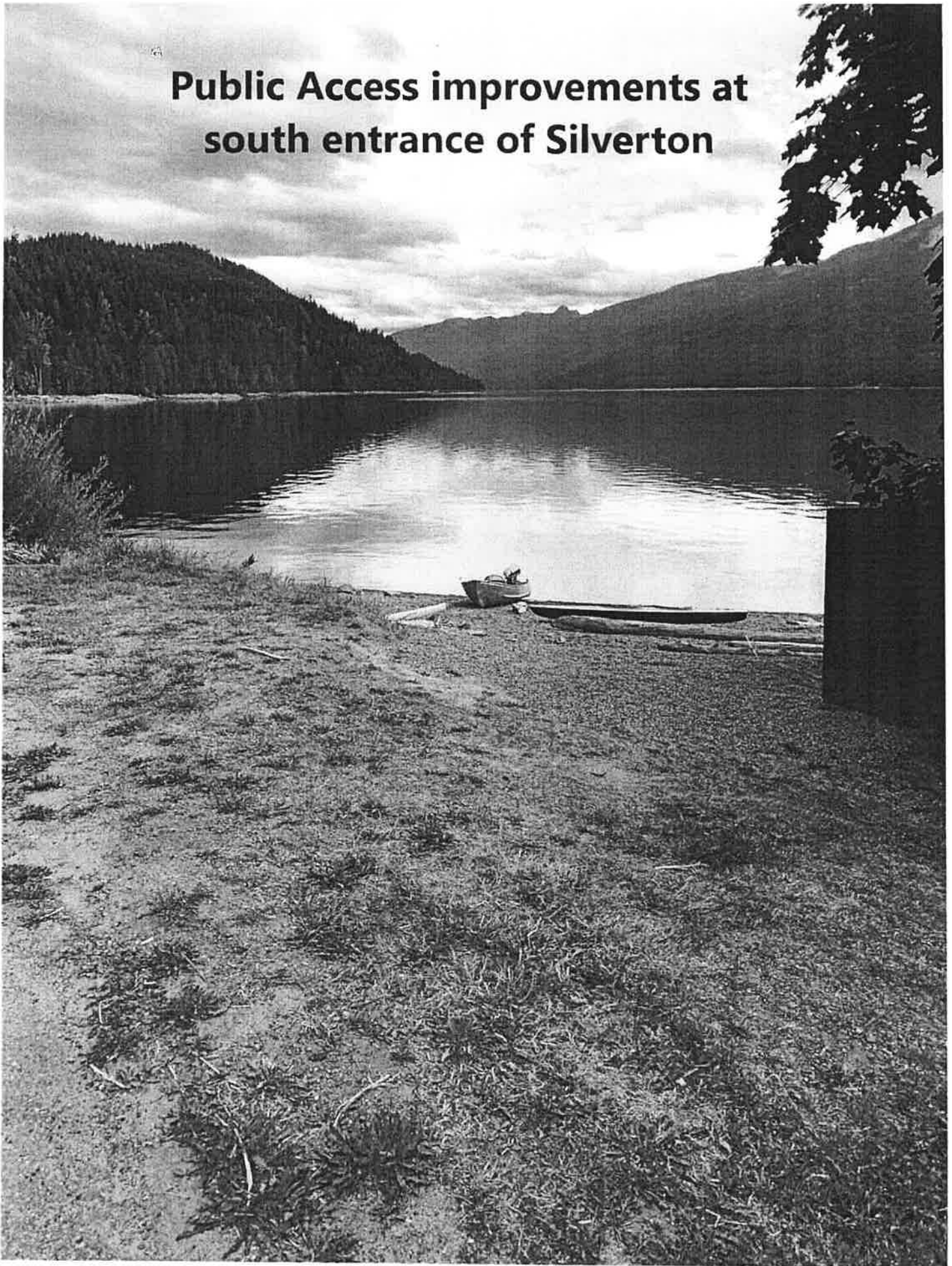
CAO has been shortlisted for Fall Courses through Capilano as part of the on-going CAO education, and have a list of possible courses for the new year as now all the courses are offered on-line.

Hillary Elliott, CAO



**Public Access improvements for
Coopers Beach**

**Public Access improvements at
south entrance of Silverton**



Outdoor Museum sidewalk to be repaired with resurfacing material





Outdoor Museum sidewalk to be repaired with resurfacing material



Outdoor Museum sidewalk to be repaired with resurfacing material

VILLAGE OF SILVERTON
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - OPERATING FUND

For the Period Ended June 30, 2020

	YTD	2020	Balance	%	YTD	2019	Balance	%
	Actual	Total	Remaining	Rem	Actual	Total	Remaining	Rem
		Budget				Budget		
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$ 159,133	\$ 163,202	\$ 4,069	2 %	\$ 158,573	\$ 162,223	\$ 3,650	2 %
Sales of Services	25,215	54,175	28,960	53 %	32,759	54,150	21,391	40 %
Other revenue	19,739	13,060	(6,679)	(51)%	15,635	23,760	8,125	34 %
Investment income	2,025	1,500	(525)	(35)%	2,437	1,500	(937)	(62)%
Grants - unconditional	297,952	291,153	(6,799)	(2)%	291,153	291,000	(153)	- %
Grants - conditional	24,743	585,266	560,523	96 %	19,632	362,274	342,642	95 %
Water user fees	<u>88,473</u>	<u>87,320</u>	<u>(1,153)</u>	<u>(1)%</u>	<u>84,108</u>	<u>84,800</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>1 %</u>
Total revenue	<u>617,280</u>	<u>1,195,676</u>	<u>578,396</u>	<u>48 %</u>	<u>604,297</u>	<u>979,707</u>	<u>375,410</u>	<u>38 %</u>
EXPENSES								
General Government	142,014	256,858	114,844	45 %	139,836	257,306	117,470	46 %
Protective services	14,084	529,225	515,141	97 %	22,071	271,969	249,898	92 %
Transportation services	51,427	163,895	112,468	69 %	50,680	169,530	118,850	70 %
Environmental health services	11,039	28,183	17,144	61 %	10,358	23,744	13,386	56 %
Recreation and cultural services	35,038	73,400	38,362	52 %	12,313	49,700	37,387	75 %
Water utility operations	<u>18,568</u>	<u>71,102</u>	<u>52,534</u>	<u>74 %</u>	<u>17,803</u>	<u>54,929</u>	<u>37,126</u>	<u>68 %</u>
Total expense	<u>272,170</u>	<u>1,122,663</u>	<u>850,493</u>	<u>76 %</u>	<u>253,061</u>	<u>827,178</u>	<u>574,117</u>	<u>69 %</u>
NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)	<u>345,110</u>	<u>73,013</u>	<u>272,097</u>	<u>373 %</u>	<u>351,236</u>	<u>152,529</u>	<u>198,707</u>	<u>130 %</u>
CAPITAL								
General - Memorial building upgrade	34,627	80,700	46,073	57 %	-	38,000	38,000	100 %
- Highway sidewalk	1,943	20,000	(18,057)	90 %	-	40,000	40,000	100 %
- Computer upgrade	-	4,000	(4,000)	100 %	-	10,000	(10,000)	100 %
- Footbridge upgrade	-	-	-	- %	-	40,000	(40,000)	100 %
-Outdoor exercise equipment	-	-	-	- %	1,369	8,000	(6,631)	83 %
Water	-	35,000	(35,000)	100 %	-	-	-	- %
	<u>36,570</u>	<u>139,700</u>	<u>103,130</u>	<u>74 %</u>	<u>1,369</u>	<u>136,000</u>	<u>134,631</u>	<u>99 %</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 308,540</u>	<u>\$ (66,687)</u>	<u>\$ 375,227</u>	<u>563 %</u>	<u>\$ 349,867</u>	<u>\$ 16,529</u>	<u>\$ 333,338</u>	<u>017%</u>

NOTES

Revenues

- Taxes have been billed and collected as expected.
- Sale of Service revenue is lower than prior year and what was budgeted due to the loss of campground revenue, which had brought in \$10K by this time last year.
- Other revenue is higher this year as compared to the same period last year with the major factor being the sale of the campground logs for \$4,600. Memorial and Fire Hall rental revenue was strong in the first two months of the year, falling off substantially in March due to COVID-19.
- Investment income dropped slightly in the second quarter of the year, as Bank of Canada interest rate cuts had a negative impact on interest income earnings.
- Unconditional grants are higher due to an additional \$6,800 in Small Communities Grant being received in 2020, a welcome relief during this challenging year.
- Conditional grants are in line with expectations for this half of the year. The \$24,000 CBT Memorial Hall grant has been received.
- All other revenues appear to be in line with budget expectations and consistent with prior years.

Expenses

- Overall the Village is managing the expense portion of the operating budget within the expected parameters.
- Please note that expenses are budgeted to occur evenly through the year. This has resulted in some favourable/unfavourable expense variances due to timing differences. It is anticipated that these timing differences will be resolved prior to year end.
- General government expense are higher in the current year due in part to increased for alarm monitoring as well as the timing for finance software billing for the year. In addition, the Village paid CBBC the 2020 budgeted amount of \$13,000 for the ongoing fibre project they are undertaking. It is important to note that with COVID 19 the 2020 expenses are partly offset by the fact that there was no conference registration & travel so far this year.
- Protective services expenses are slightly lower in the current year as 2019 had payments to the RDCK for the EOC and firesmart programs. Current year expenses to date mainly relate to the tree falling at the campground and in town. The increase in the protective services budget in 2020 relates to the \$460,000 fire resiliency program. The program has been delayed/slowed because of the pandemic with expectations that increased activity will happen in the fall.
- Environmental Health services expenses show a slight increase over last year due to the increase in RDCK tipping fees.
- Recreation and cultural services expense is higher in the current year, owing in large part to significant insurance covered repairs required at the Gallery. In addition, budgeted work to remove trees and wood debris has been completed, increasing maintenance expenses at the campground. Staff are in the process of completing a RFQ (Request for Quote) for the design of the campground. The hope is that the Village will be able to have the design process completed by October with the possibility work on the campground could start. If not this work and budget may need to be carried over to 2021.
- The Water operations expense budget was increased in 2020 by \$15,000 based on the grant dependant waterline project design project. Staff have not yet had a response from the Ministry regarding whether the Village was successful in their grant application so this project has not moved forward as of yet.
- Other than the items noted above, there are no significant variances to report at the end of June, 2020.

Capital

- Memorial Hall window and building envelope upgrades are close to completion with final invoices to be received in the near future.
- Most of the 2020 budgeted computer system upgrades have been installed with one yet to be completed.
- The application of the rubberised material to the sidewalk and footbridge is scheduled to happen in early September.
- Public works staff are in the investigation stage of the project to insulate the water reservoir tank.