



AGENDA

For the Regular Meeting of Council, to be held
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 in Memorial Hall,
203 Lake Ave, Silverton BC commencing at 7:00 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85448531679>

Meeting ID: 854 4853 1679

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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:

Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

THAT the Regular Open Council meeting agenda for August 14, 2024 be adopted.

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – July 10, 2024

For adoption

F. DELEGATIONS

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Zoning Contravention

Request for Council to consider options for the non-conforming use and Zoning Bylaw Contravention.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Campground Refunds Report

2. Request for Temporary Road Closure

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:

1. BC Assessment – Invitation to Meet at UBCM Conference
2. Invitation to Meet with Health Authorities at UBCM Conference
3. Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee – Announcement of Columbia River Treaty Agreement-in-Principle
4. Minister of Housing – Zoning Bylaw Amendments compliance date reminder
5. District of Saanich UBCM Resolution regarding BC Hydro Projects
6. Victoria Transit Riders Union – Request to support resolutions at UBCM regarding fare-free transit for BC youth and BC seniors

J. COUNCIL REPORTS:

1. Mayor Gordon’s Report
2. Councillor Main’s Report – to follow
3. Councillor Mill’s Report

K. ADMINISTRATION/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Chief Financial Officer’s Report – PHISA & Investment Policy

L. BYLAWS

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Members of the gallery are welcome to ask questions of council, and the questions must be directed to the Mayor. The questions must be relevant to issues dealt with on the agenda and that address policy or determinations made by council. Questions of an operational or administrative nature may be referred to staff directly at the meeting or in the judgement of the Mayor, deferred for discussion between the questioner and staff at a separate time and place. The Mayor shall reserve the right to limit the number and type of questions and discussion.

N. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

O. IN CAMERA MEETING

Motion: THAT pursuant to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter, the meeting BE CLOSED to the public on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations and Section 90.1(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the community.

P. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Referred to future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Q. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn.



VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

Minutes of the Regular Open Council meeting held **July 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**
in the Memorial Hall, 203 Lake Avenue, Silverton, BC

Present: Mayor Tanya Gordon
Councillor Brian Mills
Councillor Clarence denBok
Councillor Donald Broughton
Councillor Leah Main

In Attendance: Elsie Lemke, Interim CAO
Nathan Russ, CFO, City of Nelson
Marie Chanton, Childs Chanton CPA (Virtual)

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

New Business Item H 3. - Zoning Contravention – Vacant Lot on Turner Street

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Broughton seconded by Councillor Main

THAT the Regular Open Council meeting agenda for July 10, 2024 be adopted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved by Councillor Main seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as presented:

Minutes of Special Council Meeting – May 7, 2024

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – May 8, 2024

Minutes of Special Council Meeting – May 13, 2024

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – June 12, 2024

Minutes of Special Council Meeting – June 27, 2024

Carried Unanimously

F. DELEGATIONS

1. Nathan Russ, Finance Officer, City of Nelson, and Marie Chanton, CPA, Childs Chanton Chartered Professional Accountants

For presentation of the 2023 Draft Annual Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report

Nathan Russ presented highlights of the 2023 Draft Annual Audited Financial Statements. This presentation was followed by Auditor Marie Chanton's report.

Moved by Councillor Main seconded by Councillor Mills

That the 2023 Annual Financial Statements and Audit Report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING:

1. New Denver & Area Housing Society

Request for Council to appoint a non-voting representative to the Society Board.

Moved by Councillor Mills seconded by Councillor Main

That Council appoint Don Broughton (primary) and Brian Mills (alternate) to the New Denver and Area Housing Society.

Carried Unanimously

2. Request for Traffic Controls – Intersection of Hunter Street & Fourth Street

Moved by Councillor Main seconded by Councillor Mills

That Council directs staff to install a park/playground/30 km/h sign and "Yield to Oncoming Traffic" sign in the area of Hunter Street and Fourth Street, and further, That residents Anthony Neilson and Janet Bryger be advised of Council's decision and encouraged to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the new signage.

Carried Unanimously

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Firehall Roof Repairs – Project approval

Moved by Councillor Main seconded by Councillor Broughton

That Council approves a budget of \$20,000 including labour and material for the firehall roof replacement, and further,
That Purchasing and Tendering Policy C-7(4) be waived if competitive bids are not submitted within a reasonable time frame.

Carried Unanimously

2. Municipal Insurance Association of BC – Voting Delegates at Annual General Meeting

Moved by Councillor Broughton seconded by Councillor Mills
That Councillor Leah Main be appointed Voting Delegate for the MIABC's Annual General Meeting, and Mayor Tanya Gordon be appointed as the Alternate.

Carried Unanimously

3. Zoning Contravention – Vacant Lot on Turner Street

Moved by Councillor Main seconded by Councillor denBok
That the Village of Silverton write to the property owners of Parcel E (S12058) Block 18 District Lot 434, Kootenay District, Plan 574, requiring that the vehicles on the property be removed and the property use be brought into compliance of Zoning Bylaw 466-2011 within 14 days of the date of the letter; and further
That the matter be further addressed by Council if the required steps are not taken within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Carried Unanimously

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:

Moved by Councillor Mills seconded by Councillor denBok
That the following correspondence be received for information:

1. KBRH Health Foundation – thank you for donation letter
2. C3 Alliance, Resource Breakfast Series – Invitation to UBCM Sept. 17 – 19, 2024
3. Rossland Gold Fever Follies – Summer show – Casino Rossland
4. Minister of Housing – Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing – deadline reminder
5. Regional District of Central Kootenay – Transfer Stations Upgrade construction notice
6. UBCM – Canada Community Building Fund – 10 Year Agreement

Carried Unanimously

J. COUNCIL REPORTS:

1. Councillor Main's Report – included in the agenda package.

Additionally, Councillor Main advised that Silverton has accumulated \$66,207 in grants in lieu of taxes available from the Regional District. The funds can be used for capital or operational costs.

Other Council matters raised:

- Concerns raised about the amount of time the contractor is taking to get the sound system and phone system installed and operational
- Suggested a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled to review the Council Priorities List
- New EV Truck has arrived.
- Question posed about what is being done regarding the BC Hydro lighting concerns.
- Question posed about the status of the new generator
- Suggested the Village make the Memorial Hall available as a cooling centre if necessary
- Questions posed regarding trees and EV charging station.

K. ADMINISTRATION/DEPARTMENT REPORTS: N/A

L. BYLAWS N/A

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

- Request for photos of the lake in calm and in rough conditions – to warn tourists about the dangers of the lake with photos.
- Request to clarify the wording of the water shut off notice.
- Suggestion for a study of legal liabilities, and to consider hiring someone to sort out the Village's records.
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N. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA – N/A

O. IN CAMERA MEETING N/A

P. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Suggested that this should be discussed in more detail at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Q. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn.

There being no further business of the Regular Open Council meeting, the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Moved by Councillor Broughton – at 8:34 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

MAYOR T. GORDON

CORPORATE OFFICER



Zoning Contravention

Date: August 14, 2024

Subject: Zoning Contravention – Vacant Lot on Turner Street
Add to Regular Agenda as New Business, Item H 3.

PURPOSE

To report on the progress since the last council meeting, of the zoning contravention regarding the use of Parcel "E", (S12058), Block 18, District Lot 434, Kootenay District Plan 574.

BACKGROUND

At the July 10, 2024 Council meeting a resolution was passed as follows:

"THAT the Village of Silverton write to the property owners of Parcel E (S12058) Block 18 District Lot 434, Kootenay District, Plan 574, requiring that the vehicles on the property be removed and the property use be brought into compliance of Zoning Bylaw 466-2011 within 14 days of the date of the letter; and further

THAT the matter be further addressed by Council if the required steps are not taken within 14 days of the date of the letter."

Copies of the letters that were sent to the property owner are attached. We have not heard from Baker 7 Porter. Mr. Saul Perks has sent a letter outlining the reasons he believes he is not contravening the zoning bylaw.

This property is zoned R-1 Low Density Residential, and is normally vacant except for a subsurface septic disposal field that services two adjacent properties on Turner Street. The permitted uses of land in the R-1 Low Density Residential Zone are as follows:

- "Section 5.1 The following use of land, buildings and structures shall be permitted:
- a) One single family dwelling
 - b) One two family dwelling
 - c) Duplex
 - d) One secondary suite
 - e) One accessory residence or Carriage House
 - f) Home occupation including Personal service establishment
 - g) Bed and Breakfast
 - h) Accessory structure
 - i) Vacation rental unit
 - j) Uses permitted in all zones"

The Uses permitted in all zones are:

"Section 4.17 The following uses are permitted in all zones established in this bylaw:

- a) Public parks, playgrounds and trails;
- b) Fire hall, police station and other emergency services;
- c) Unattended public utility buildings and structures."

Further, Section 4.3 states:

"No land, building or structure within the Village of Silverton shall be developed, used, constructed, erected, modified, converted, enlarged, reconstructed, altered, placed or maintained except in conformity with the provisions of this Bylaw."

DISCUSSION

Council can consider a number of options if they wish to further address the non-conforming use and contravention of the Zoning Bylaw.

- 1.) The Zoning Bylaw provides for a fine not exceeding \$2,000 plus the cost of prosecution for any person who commits an offence that violates the bylaw.
- 2.) Council can consider filing a Notice on Title for the non-conforming use. This process can be used when a building bylaw or zoning bylaw is being contravened, when an owner does not apply for the relevant permit before making a new use of land or does not follow a permit's requirements (e.g. building code violations, zoning bylaw violations). A Notice on Title generally only becomes problematic for property owners when they wish to sell the property or encumber it by way of a mortgage. That's when the owners must rectify the contravention and apply to have the order removed from title, at significant cost.
- 3.) Request that the Ombudsperson continues to address Mr. Perk's complaint, in an effort to provide him with the information and understanding of the situation the Village is trying to rectify.
- 4.) Take no further steps and leave the property owners to deal with the situation themselves. The property in question has an Easement registered on title, in favour of the two parcels that use it for a septic disposal field, that provides for "the free and uninterrupted rights, privileges and easements at any and all times hereafter of ingress egress and regress in, upon and over the servient tenement for the purpose of laying down and having thereon a sewage disposal tank and attached sewage disposal field..." and this easement runs with the land. The property owners may have their own legal remedies to pursue as well, but that is not for the municipality to become involved with.

OPTIONS

1. **(Recommended Option) THAT the Village of Silverton requests that the Ombudsperson continues to address Mr. Perk's complaint, in an effort to provide him with the information and understanding of the situation the Village is trying to rectify.**
2. THAT Council chose one or more of the other steps outlined in this report.

3. THAT Council direct staff to take any other action deemed appropriate by Council.

IMPLICATIONS

No financial or legal implications for the recommended option.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Village of Silverton requests that the Ombudsperson continues to address Mr. Perk's complaint, in an effort to provide him with the information and understanding of the situation the Village is trying to rectify.

Report prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Elsie Lemke
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

*Attachments: Copies of Letters to Baker/Porter & Perks
Copy of Letter from Saul Perks*



The Corporation of the Village of Silverton
421 Lake Avenue
Silverton, BC | V0G 1S0
Phone: 250-358-2472
Website: <http://www.silverton.ca>

July 11, 2024

Richard Baker & Marilyn Porter
615 Turner Street
Silverton, BC V0G 1S0

COPY

Dear Mr. Baker and Ms. Porter;

**Re: Use of Parcel "E" (S12058) Block 18, District Lot 434
Kootenay District Plan 574 – Turner Street Vacant Lot**

Please be advised that we have received complaints regarding the use of the vacant lot described above, adjacent to your residence on Turner Street. As you are one of the property owners of this lot, we are writing to advise that this matter was addressed at the regular Council meeting on July 10, 2024, and Council passed the following resolution:

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THAT the matter be further addressed by Council if the required steps are not taken within 14 days of the date of the letter."

Please note that the Zoning Bylaw provides for a fine not exceeding \$2,000 plus the cost of prosecution for any person who commits an offence that violates the bylaw.

Your cooperation in this matter is requested, and we thank you in anticipation of same.

Yours truly,

Elsie Lemke, LGA
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

c. Mayor and Council



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From:
Saul Perks
609 Turner Street
Silverton, B.C.
V0G 1S0

To:
Corporation of the Village of Silverton
421 Lake Avenue,
Silverton, B.C. V0G 1S0

July 11, 2024

Att: Elsie Lemke
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

RE: VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ZONING BYLAW NO. 466-2011

Dear Ms. Lemke,

Please be advised that I have received your threatening letter of July 11, regarding the legal use of my property, parcel "E" (S12058), Block 18, District Lot 434 Kootenay District Plan 574 - Turner Street Vacant Lot

1) I am not committing any illegal offence as the vehicles parked on the property are legally parked and it is not an offence in British Columbia to park on a privately owned septic drainage field. There is no septic tank on this property. The tank is located across the street, next to my house at 609 Turner Street. I have consulted with a B.C. Licensed Geotechnical Engineer who specializes in septic systems who informed me that the drainage pipes on the lot in question are buried at a depth of over one metre and with the soil above being fully compacted after 35 years, there is no risk or danger of damage to the drainage pipes should a vehicle be driven onto the field. Therefore there is no risk to the public or surrounding properties from a sewage leak from my field.

2) When I purchased this property in July of 2002 I inquired of the CAO of Silverton, at the time, and was advised that the only thing I could not do on that lot was build any permanent structures. I was specifically told that parking of motor vehicles was permitted as long as they had wheels and were not derelict. The regulations regarding that lot should be in the historical records of the Village circa 1987 or 1988, or earlier, when that lot was created. Please research the Village archives and find the legal records of when the septic lot was created and send me a copy of those records and regulations of that time.

3) I have obtained legal advice, as you suggested in our conversation today, and have been advised by our MLA, Katrina Conroy not to move anything off of my lot. I will be following her advice and I AM NOT AND WILL NOT MOVE ANY VEHICLE OFF OF THAT LOT. IN REGARD TO THIS I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO PAGE 11, SECTION 4.17 OF VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ZONING BYLAW NO. 466-2011. **“Uses permitted in all zones”, line b) fire hall, police station and other emergency services.** In fact, Margaretann Simon who owns the trailer and other vehicles in question, referring to your letter of July 11, 2024, is a fully qualified Emergency Service worker as: **Class 4 Industrial First Aid Medic, First Responder, Forest Fire Medic, Para Veterinarian, Nakusp Search and Rescue Volunteer, Human Service Worker, Certified Danger Faller, and has many other Emergency Service qualifications and Certificates, too many to mention here.** The vehicles mentioned in your letter are Margaretann’s storage facilities for her emergency services tools and equipment and are therefore in line with section 4.17 as a permitted use.

5) In another matter that I am calling to your attention: the Zoning Bylaw NO. 466-2011 was apparently enacted in 2011 while my purchase of Parcel “E” (S12058), dated July 26th 2002, was clearly before the Bylaw was created. Therefore there is an **EX-POST-FACTO** situation here and the bylaw may not be applicable in my circumstances.

4) I will be sending copies of this letter to the Village councillors, Katrina Conroy, and the B.C. Ombudsperson informing them that there is no law in B.C. prohibiting parking on private lots, septic or otherwise.

5) The letter from the Village should have been delivered by a Councillor or by Registered Mail, not hand delivered by a Village Maintenance Man. There is no proof of infraction detailing the specific alleged infraction of Zoning Bylaw 466-2011.

6) Sending a vague, threatening letter to a senior can be considered elder abuse and or harassment and I suggest you and the Village Council get legal advice.

Very truly yours,

Saul Perks



Campground Refunds

Date: August 14, 2024

Subject: Refund for Campground Reservations
Proposed Amendment to Policy C-3 2021

PURPOSE

To amend the Municipal Campground Policy C-3, 2021 to provide for refunds in cases of the Village of Silverton being placed under evacuation alert or evacuation order.

BACKGROUND

The current Municipal Campground Policy C-3, 2021 states there are “No refunds No exceptions.” The online booking reservation system has been set up to provide refunds if a cancellation is made 14 days or more prior to the reservation, less a \$15 administration fee.

The recent order and alert made it impossible for people with reservations to cancel their reservation in time to qualify for a refund. In both cases of either order or alert, it would be appropriate for the Village to process refunds for people with campground reservations.

DISCUSSION

It is recommended that the campground policy be amended to provide for refunds to anyone who has reservations during evacuation orders, and for anyone who chooses not to travel to Silverton to use their reservation during evacuation alerts.

Other minor changes to the policy include correcting the email address under booking information. A new policy should be considered when time permits, that establishes the rates and other details currently practiced but not documented in policy.

OPTIONS

1. **(Recommended Option) THAT Municipal Campground Policy C-3 2021 be renamed Municipal Campground Policy C-3, 2024, and adopted as presented.**
2. THAT Council does not support amendments to the Campground Policy. (not recommended)
3. THAT Council direct staff to take any other action deemed appropriate by Council.

IMPLICATIONS

No legal implications expected. Financial implications are being calculated and will be reported once that information is available.

RECOMMENDATIONS: THAT Municipal Campground Policy C-3 2021 be renamed Municipal Campground Policy C-3, 2024, and adopted as presented.

Report prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Elsie Lemke
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

*Attachments: Municipal Campground Policy C-3, 2021
Amended Municipal Campground Policy C-3, 2024 (yellow highlights)*



Village of Silverton Policy Manual

Category: Facility

Policy Title: Municipal Campground

Policy Number: C – 3, 2024

Effective Date: July 19, 2024

Resolution: August 14, 2024

Revision: Replaces C-3 2021 and all amendments

PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Policy to establish guidelines for the general use and enjoyment of the municipal campground.

This Policy describes the conduct and terms of use for clients using the Village of Silverton Municipal Campground. All campground users, visitors, or anyone on the campground premise at any time are subject to the terms and conditions outlined in this policy at all times.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Campground will open in May or as designated by the CAO
- Campground will close by October 31st or as designated by the CAO

BOOKING INFORMATION

- At the time of booking payment **MUST** be made in full
- Refunds will be provided, less a \$15 administration fee, for any cancellations received 14 days or more prior to the reservation.
- Refunds will be provided in full for any reservations that are cancelled due to the Village of Silverton being placed under an Evacuation Alert or Evacuation Order.
- **Check out time is 11:00am**
- **Check in time is 12:00pm (noon) – 9 pm (for a check in time after 9 pm email bookings@silverton.ca)**
- **Each unit (camper/RV/tent) will be charged per site;** children under the age of 18 and camping with adult supervision will not be charged additional fees for an extra unit

DOGS/PETS

- Dogs/pets are welcome and **MUST** be on a leash at ALL TIMES, regardless of size or lovability
- Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets

GENERATOR USE

- Generators are permitted to operate between

9:00am – 10:00 am and 5:00pm - 6:00pm ONLY

LENGTH OF STAY

- Two weeks maximum

ROADWAYS, PARKING & WILDSAFE BC

- All roadways must remain free of vehicles to allow for emergency vehicle accessibility
- All vehicles must be parked in a designated parking area
- Children must be supervised at all times
- **All food must be contained safely. This is bear and critter country!**

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer



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Resolution No.: 046/2021

Revision: Replaces C-3 2013 and all amendments

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Acting Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer



Request for Temporary Road Closure

Date: August 14, 2024

Subject: Request for Temporary Road Closure
Silverton General Store – 3rd Street Closure

PURPOSE

To consider a request from Silverton General Store and Koots Kids Clothes for a temporary closure of 3rd Street for a Back to School Sale.

BACKGROUND

The request from Danika Hammond for a temporary street closure of 3rd Street is for Sunday, August 25th, from 8 am to 6 pm. As noted in the attached email, communication with Silverton Building Supplies has taken place and they will remove any trucks that are normally parked on that portion of the street.

DISCUSSION

The Village does not have any bylaws or policies that guide the decisions for requests of temporary street closures or for business use of the public streets. It would be optimal and recommended that the Silverton General Store/Koots Kids Clothes have their insurance coverage in place for use of the public street for business purposes. The Village will not accept any liability for the event or responsibility for the condition of the street for the proposed uses.

OPTIONS

1. **(Recommended Option) THAT Council approves temporary closure of a portion of 3rd Street from 8 am to 6 pm, on Sunday, August 25th, for the purpose of Silverton General Store and Koots Kids Clothes holding a sale, and further**

THAT the Village of Silverton does not accept any liability for the event or responsibility for the condition of the street for the proposed uses.

2. That Council denies the request from Silverton General Store/Koots Kids Clothes for temporary street closure. (not recommended)
3. THAT Council direct staff to take any other action deemed appropriate by Council.

IMPLICATIONS

No legal or financial implications anticipated.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS: THAT Council approves temporary closure of a portion of 3rd Street from 8 am to 6 pm, on Sunday, August 25th, for the purpose of Silverton General Store and Koots Kids Clothes holding a sale, and further**

THAT the Village of Silverton does not accept any liability for the event or responsibility for the condition of the street for the proposed uses.

Report prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Elsie Lemke
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: Email from Danika Hammond dated August 6, 2024

From: Danika Hammond <manager@silvertongeneralstore.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 11:30 AM

To: Info <info@silverton.ca>; Tanya Gordon <Tanya.Gordon@silverton.ca>; Katrina Sumrall <katrinarae.sumrall@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Back to School Sale

To the Village of Silverton

Silverton General Store and Koots Kids Clothes would like to organize a Back to School Sale outside of 222 Lake Ave on 3rd St.

We would like to block off the road, put out tables of kids clothes and the bbq.

The event would be on Sunday August 25th from 10am-4pm. We would block off the road from 8am to 6pm.

We have planned this event for a Sunday when Silverton Building Supplies is not open. We have communicated with SBS and they are supportive of the event and will ensure that their trucks are not located on 3rd St. for this day.

Please let me know if there's anything we need to do from a Village's perspective to make this happen.

Our business has really suffered financially due to the wildfire season and we are trying to be innovative and creative in order to make ends meet.

Many thanks,

Danika

Elsie Lemke

From: Communications General Mailbox BCA BCA:EX <bcacommunications@bcassessment.ca>
Sent: July 10, 2024 9:03 AM
Subject: Invitation to Meet with BC Assessment During UBCM

Hello!

BC Assessment is proud to support our ongoing partnership with local government and the Union of BC Municipalities.

We are offering the opportunity to have a personalized, private meeting with delegates from BC Assessment during the week of the UBCM Convention. This allows you to discuss property assessment topics specific to your community, for us to answer questions about BC Assessment and our processes, or have a “meet and greet”.

The meetings are 25 minutes in length, and will be held on **Tuesday, September 17 and Wednesday, September 18** at the **Fairmont Pacific Rim**. If you are interested in booking time with us, please use [this Calendly scheduling tool](#). In the space provided, please identify any topics you may have at this time. This will help to ensure we are prepared to have an informed discussion.

To help accommodate requests, we encourage you to join together with your colleagues as a group. There is space provided to enter the emails of your colleagues you wish to include in your booking.

We ask that you please book a meeting before **Friday, August 16**.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration, and we look forward to meeting with you in September!

NOTE: this inbox will not be monitored **July 15 - July 26**. If you have questions during this time, please email [Andréa van Koll](#) or [Graham Held](#).

Sincerely,
BC Assessment Local Government & Indigenous Relations teams



2024 UBCM Convention – Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC) Staff Meetings

Senior staff from the Regional Health Authorities and the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) are pleased to offer UBCM Delegates an opportunity to meet to discuss matters related to the following:

Regional Health Authorities (Northern Health Authority; Interior Health Authority; Fraser Health Authority; Vancouver Coastal Health Authority; Island Health)

- When most people think about health care, the first thing they think of are hospitals. While many services are offered in the hospitals operated by the regional health authorities, they also offer a wide range of other important services such as:
 - Home and community care
 - Long-term care
 - Seniors care
 - End of life care
 - Mental health & substance use
 - Environmental health
 - Public health
 - Healthy Living
 - Infant & Youth
 - Sexual Health
 - Lab and medical imaging services
 - Indigenous health

Provincial Health Services Authority:

- PHSA has a unique role in B.C.'s health authority system: to ensure that B.C. residents have access to a coordinated provincial network of high-quality specialized health-care services.
- PHSA programs provide care and services through specialized hospitals and centres across B.C. such as BC Children's Hospital and BC Cancer.
- PHSA is also responsible for specialized health services, which are delivered across the province in collaboration with regional health authorities, such as cardiac, trauma, perinatal and stroke services. Through BC Emergency Health Services, PHSA oversees the BC Ambulance Service and Patient Transfer Services.

To request a meeting with the Regional Health Authorities or the PHSA, please complete the form located at: <https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/UBCMMeetingRequest/Staff>.

The deadline to submit online meeting requests is **Wednesday, August 21**. Decisions regarding MACC staff meeting requests will be communicated by September 11 to the contact(s) identified on your meeting request form.

As a reminder, meetings will be held **Monday, September 16 to Thursday, September 19** at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel.

If you have any questions, please contact the MACC Staff Meeting Coordinator, Sarah Staszkiel, by phone at: 778 405-1784, or the Assistant MACC Staff Meeting Coordinator, Casey

COLUMBIA River Treaty



To: Columbia Basin government elected officials
and local government CAOs

Date: July 12, 2024

From: Linda Worley, Chair
Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee

Subject: Announcement of a Columbia River Treaty Agreement-in-Principle

The [Province, Canada](#) and the [United States](#) have announced that an Agreement in Principle (AIP) to modernize the Columbia River Treaty (CRT) has been reached through their negotiations. For Canada, five governments have participated in these negotiations – Canada, British Columbia, and three Indigenous Nations: Ktunaxa, Syilx-Okanagan and Secwepemc.

The CRT Local Governments Committee was created in 2011 to ensure the voices of Canadian Columbia Basin local governments and residents are heard in decisions about the future of the CRT. In 2021 the Committee provided its Recommendations to the Canadian Negotiating Team. Their response was that they didn't see anything in the Recommendations that they were not pursuing in the negotiations.

The Committee has issued the attached media release congratulating the Canadian and United States CRT negotiation teams for having reached this milestone. We also recognize the exceptional achievement of the five governments in Canada who have worked together to reach this agreement on a complex international treaty. We understand this is a first in Canada and perhaps the world.

The province has committed to hold a public review of the AIP, including fully explaining the AIP to Canadian Columbia Basin residents and local governments, to seeking our input and then pursue appropriate refinements to the AIP based on this input before the modernized treaty is finalized. The Committee plans to take the following steps to participate in this review process:

1. Fully understand the content and implications of the AIP for Basin residents and local governments including hosting a webinar for local governments with the BC CRT Team.
2. Evaluate how closely the AIP follows our 2021 Recommendations.
3. Participate in the AIP Review process to hear the views of Basin residents, including a webinar with local governments.
4. Draft input to the Negotiating Team for review with local governments.
5. Submit input to the Negotiating Team.
6. Monitor refinements to the AIP, within the bounds of the confidentiality of the negotiations, and advocate if refinements to address concerns that the Committee raises to the Negotiating Team are not being pursued.

This announcement is a step forward, but there is much more to be done before there will be changes in operations that we will see in our local areas. First the AIP will be written into a formal treaty for ratification

by both countries. This will take some time. The Committee intends to continue its work to ensure the implementation of the modernized treaty reflects the interests of Basin residents and local governments.

We encourage you to become educated about the Treaty and to participate in the opportunity to provide input during the upcoming AIP review. Some useful sources are:

- The province's [CRT website](#) has regular updates and the option to subscribe to an e-newsletter.
- The Columbia Basin Trust provides extensive background information about the Treaty at [CBT CRT](#).
- A recent documentary video is especially helpful: [Changing Courses – A Journey of Reconnection](#).

I look forward to seeing many of you during the upcoming CRT AIP review.

Committee Members

RDKB - Linda Worley, LGC Chair, Rural Director and RDKB Board Chair; and Warfield Mayor Frank Marino

RDEK - Stan Doehle, LGC Vice Chair and Rural Director; and Jane Walter, Regional Director

RDCK – Aimee Watson, Rural Director and RDCK Board Chair; and Aidan MacLaren-Caux, Nakusp Councillor

CSR D – David Brooks-Hill, Rural Director and Golden Mayor Ron Oszust

Village of Valemount – Donnie MacLean, Councillor

AKBLG – Keith Page, President and Nelson Councillor

COLUMBIA River Treaty



July 12, 2024

Local Governments Congratulate Announcement of the Columbia River Treaty Agreement-in-Principle

Columbia Basin, B.C. The [Columbia River Treaty \(CRT\) Local Governments Committee](#) congratulates the Canadian and United States CRT Negotiating Teams for having announced an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) for a modernized treaty after over six years of negotiations.

This is an exceptional achievement for the five governments in Canada who have worked together to reach this agreement on a complex international treaty – the federal and provincial governments along with three Indigenous Nations: the Ktunaxa, Syilx-Okanagan and Secwepemc Nations. We understand this is a first in Canada and perhaps the world.

Since 2011 the CRT Local Governments Committee has worked to ensure the voices of Basin residents and local governments are heard in any decisions about the future of the Treaty. In 2021 the Committee provided updated [Recommendations](#) to the Canadian Negotiating Team about modernizing the CRT. These Recommendations are based on what the Committee heard from Basin residents and local governments about how the current reservoir operations negatively impact their quality of life, mainly through large fluctuations in water levels in the CRT reservoirs (Kinbasket Reservoir south of Valemount to north of Golden, Arrow Lakes Reservoir between Revelstoke and Castlegar, Duncan Reservoir in the Lardeau Valley and Kooconusa Reservoir southeast of Cranbrook) and downstream of Hugh Keenleyside dam in Castlegar.

The Committee appreciates the province's commitment to hold a public review of the AIP, to fully explain the AIP to Canadian Columbia Basin residents and local governments, to seek our input and then pursue appropriate refinements to the AIP based on this input before the modernized treaty is finalized.

'We look forward to fully understanding the content and implications of the AIP for Basin residents and local governments so that we can evaluate how closely the AIP follows our 2021 [Recommendations](#) to the CRT Negotiating Team, and then to hear the perspectives of Basin residents and local governments,' stated the Committee Chair, Linda Worley who is also Chair of the Regional District of the Kootenay-Boundary.

This AIP is a first step towards modernizing this important international treaty. The Committee looks forward to continuing to engage on the modernization of this treaty, including the development of active adaptive management approaches. This is essential to manage this great river as energy demands and options shift while the climate continues to change.

'We encourage Basin residents and local governments to get educated about the Treaty and to participate in the opportunity to provide input during the upcoming AIP review,' urged Ms. Worley.

The province's [CRT website](#) has regular updates and the option to subscribe to an e-newsletter.

The Columbia Basin Trust provides extensive background information about the Treaty at [CBT CRT](#).

COLUMBIA River Treaty

The Committee was created in 2011 by the local governments in the region impacted by the treaty. The primary purpose of the Committee is to assist local governments and region residents to engage in decisions around the future of the treaty. Since 2012 the Committee has worked closely with the BC CRT Team to consult with residents and local governments in the region to fully understand the concerns and issues related to the Treaty.

The Columbia River Treaty is a water management agreement between Canada and the United States that regulates the flows of the Columbia River in southeastern BC for flood control and power generation purposes. Negotiations to modernize the Treaty began in May 2018. The federal government leads the negotiation of this international treaty, however B.C. has representatives on the team because water management is a provincial responsibility in the Canadian federation. In April 2019, the federal government invited the three regional Indigenous Nations – the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc and the Syilx-Okanagan – to join the Negotiating Team as observers. Their role has been described as observers plus as they are involved in all negotiations preparations and have made presentations during negotiating sessions.

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For more information about the Committee and its Recommendations to the CRT Negotiating Team:
[Committee webpage](#) and [Recommendations](#)

For more information about the negotiations and the Treaty: [BC CRT Engage website](#)

For more information about the Treaty: [Columbia Basin Trust CRT website](#)

CRT Local Government Committee members:

Linda Worley, Chair, Regional Director, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Stan Doehle, Vice Chair, Regional Director, Regional District of the East Kootenays
Aimee Watson, Regional Director and Chair, Regional District of Central Kootenay
Aidan MacLaren-Caux, Councillor, Village of Nakusp – appointed by Regional District of Central Kootenay
Frank Marino, Mayor, Village of Warfield - appointed by Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Jane Walter, Regional Director, Regional District of the East Kootenays
Ron Oszust, Mayor, Town of Golden - appointed by Columbia-Shuswap Regional District
David Brooks-Hill, Regional Director, Columbia Shuswap Regional District
Donnie MacLean, Councillor, Village of Valemount
Keith Page, Councillor, City of Nelson and Chair, Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

July 24, 2024

Reference: 68879

Dear Mayors and Chairs:

Last year, to support our government's ongoing work in tackling the housing crisis and providing more homes to meet the needs of British Columbians, we passed legislation requiring local governments to update their zoning bylaws to make it easier to build Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH). I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work that most local governments across BC have undertaken to comply with this new legislation.

As you are aware, the compliance date for zoning bylaw amendments was June 30, 2024. All local governments were required to notify the Ministry of Housing that they have amended their bylaws in accordance with the SSMUH requirements in Bill 44: *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023* legislation by the compliance date.

The Province will be working to ensure that all local governments are in compliance with the legislation. We will be undertaking a comprehensive evaluation of the implementation of the legislation by local governments, including consideration of how recommended provincial standards have been applied, to ensure it is effective at creating the conditions across BC to get more housing built and does not deter building much needed homes for people.

As you are aware the deadline to apply for an extension to the compliance date for the SSMUH requirements has passed. Local governments that have applied for an extension for part of their community were still required to adopt an amended zoning bylaw by June 30, 2024 for all areas for which they have not requested an extension. If your local government has applied for an extension, please be assured the Ministry of Housing is currently processing applications, and decisions will be communicated as they are made.

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Local governments who have not complied with the legislative requirements or requested an extension may receive a 30-day compliance notice. After the 30 days, the Province can issue a Ministerial Order overriding the local government zoning bylaw to comply with the legislation and putting the basic site standards from the SSMUH policy manual in place until the local government passes their own bylaw amendments. By ensuring SSMUH zoning has been adopted, we are supporting building more homes for people faster by reducing delays for anyone who wants to build this type of housing.

Please express my gratitude to your council colleagues and staff for all of their hard work to bring about these changes to make it easier for families to build this much needed housing in your community. I look forward to our continued work together to ensure that all British Columbians have access to the homes that they need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ravi Kahlon', written in a cursive style.

Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing

cc: Chief Administrative Officers
City Managers



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UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES RESOLUTION REGARDING BC HYDRO PROJECTS – ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDING FOR CLIMATE ACTION ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

WHEREAS the *BC Hydro and Power Authority Act* and associated statutes references other Acts within its scope, including the *Climate Change Accountability Act* and *Environmental Management Act*. Various communities have experienced that their operations do not fully comply with these Acts or the Provincial Government's Nature-Based 2030 Climate Change targets to protect land, preserve nature, and reverse diversity loss. Moreover, the Authority does not allocate a budget for adequate eco-restoration in areas where its activities have harmfully impacted biodiversity. Financial support is crucial to the success of hydro projects and the realization of provincial climate change targets;

AND WHEREAS to prepare the Province for the impacts of climate change, it is essential that BC Hydro collaborates with local governments, stakeholders, and landowners. The *BC Hydro Power and Authority Act* must also prioritize ecosystem retention in its mandate to provide affordable power while minimizing environmental impact, restoring biodiversity and in the process support local governments' Climate Action Plans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities recommend the Provincial Government mandate an amendment to the *BC Hydro and Power Authority Act* to incorporate a budget for Climate Change Ecosystem Restoration as well as technologies that support tree retention and/or re-planting in all its projects, thus demonstrating the Provincial Government's commitment to its Nature-Based 2030 Climate Change targets.

From: [Leah Main](#)
To: [Tanya Gordon](#); [Elsie Lemke](#)
Subject: Fw: Please help pass UBCM resolutions for fare-free youth and seniors transit
Date: August 7, 2024 9:43:02 AM
Attachments: [UBCM resolutions.pdf](#)

Please put this on the Agenda for our next meeting - I will ask Council if they wish us to support this Resolution at UBCM.

Leah

From: Harland Bird <harlandbird@protonmail.com>
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Cc: victransitridersunion@proton.me <victransitridersunion@proton.me>
Subject: Please help pass UBCM resolutions for fare-free youth and seniors transit

Dear Councillor or Mayor,
My name is Nathan Bird and I am writing to you on behalf of the Victoria Transit Riders Union: a grassroots organisation advocating for investment in public transit to improve service and eliminate fares (click [here](#) to see our website).

We are writing to ask for your support of two UBCM resolutions (attached) at the upcoming UBCM convention in September. The first resolution asks the provincial government to expand fare-free transit programs to include all BC youth (aged 18 and younger), and the second resolution asks the province to do the same for all BC seniors (aged 65 and older).

To our knowledge the first resolution has been endorsed by the municipalities of Saanich, Oak Bay, Langford, and Metchosin, and the second by Saanich, Oak Bay, and Langford. In addition, the City of Mission has resolved to write a letter directly to the provincial government asking for fare-free youth and seniors transit, as the City of Kelowna has done for youth. Most if not all of these votes were unanimous.

We are asking you to support these resolutions **regardless of the level of transit service currently available in Silverton or between Silverton and neighbouring communities.**

In municipalities that are already served by a halfway decent transit system, the benefits of such resolutions are relatively obvious, as they stand to immediately increase the health, safety, accessibility, and inclusivity in these communities. Data from municipalities elsewhere in Canada which have adopted universal youth and senior fare-free programs bare this out. For example, in Kingston, Ontario, where all high school students have received complimentary bus passes since 2012, [ridership in the target demographic has significantly increased](#), as it has [in Montreal](#) where seniors became eligible to receive free passes in 2023. In other words, fare-free transit access allows youth and seniors to maintain more active lifestyles and to engage in more social activities to the benefit of their mental and physical health. As studies have shown, the health costs of social isolation alone are comparable to smoking, and can even [increase seniors' risk of premature death by between 25-30%](#).

But even municipalities without halfway decent transit systems stand to benefit from

these UBCM resolutions. For one thing, this is because fewer cars on the road means greater carbon emissions reductions, something that benefits communities and ecosystems across BC and around the world.

Furthermore, adoption of these resolutions would represent a step away from the very fares-based model of transit service that has failed to provide adequate transit service in these communities (not to mention between them). Indeed, the vast majority of the province is currently shamefully under-served. Even in Vancouver and Victoria there are significant service gaps, and large swaths of the interior of the province are transit deserts with no service to speak of. And there is no reason to think that raising transit fares would address this shameful situation: clearly, fare collection is an insufficient incentive to the provision of transit service in BC.

This is why the Victoria Transit Riders Union supports a needs-based model of transit service in BC – in other words, transit entirely funded by taxes and designed to meet the transportation needs of British Columbians. We are heartily supporting these UBCM resolutions as a first step in this direction, and we hope their passage helps start a public conversation about increasing investment in public transit.

In addition, we believe that expanding fare-free transit programs would ultimately save BC taxpayers money by reducing costs in areas like healthcare and infrastructure – not to mention the vast long-term savings associated with addressing climate change through increased transit use. The wildfires currently ravaging our province underscore this point.

We hope we can count on your support of these two UBCM resolutions, which stand to benefit all British Columbians (whether they take the bus or not), and we would be happy to discuss any thoughts or questions you might have about them. Feel free to reply to this email. We would also be very happy to discuss any other ways that we might be able to help fight for improved quality of service in and around your community.

The Victoria Transit Riders Union thanks you for your time and consideration, and looks forward to working with you to create a greener, healthier, more inclusive and accessible province!

Yours,
Nathan

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

UBCM Resolution for Fare-Free Transit for Young People in BC

WHEREAS the Get On Board! Program allows children aged 12 and under to ride all BC Transit and TransLink transit services free of charge, and this program saves families money while offering youth low-carbon transportation that helps the province and municipalities reach emissions and transportation mode share targets;

WHEREAS encouraging young people to use public transportation early in life can lead to lifelong habits of sustainable transportation use, and this in turn can have long-term benefits for cities in terms of reduced congestion, lower emissions, and increased social inclusion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM lobby the Provincial Government expand the Get On Board! Program to include all youth up to the age of 18.

UBCM Resolution for Fare-Free Transit for BC Seniors

WHEREAS transportation costs can serve as significant barrier to mobility for many British Columbian seniors, and this barrier can contribute to social isolation and adversely affect mental and physical well-being;

AND WHEREAS removing barriers to seniors using transit encourages a shift towards more sustainable transportation, helping lower emissions and reducing congestion, while simultaneously increasing affordability, access to essential services, social inclusion, health, and well-being;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to make all public transit free for seniors (aged 65 years or older).

July 15, 2024—Meeting with Nelson MLA Britnay Anderson and the Kootenay Rockies Tourism Emergency Management Specialist to discuss tourism and the economical impact on the area during emergency situations. [Emergency Preparedness - Kootenay Rockies Tourism \(krtourism.ca\)](#)

July 16, 2024—Joint meeting with New Denver, Nakusp, Silverton and other agencies to discuss ways to Fire Smart the area surrounding the communities.

July 19, 2024—CBT Board of Directors Public Meeting. Gave a quick PowerPoint presentation on what the Village of Silverton has used the grant funds from CBT for in the past few years (Dewis Park Enhancement, Memorial Hall Upgrades, EV Truck, etc). During this meeting I got the call that Silverton was going under evacuation alert due to the local wildfires.

July 19, 2024—Evacuation Alert Issued for the Village of Silverton due to Wildfire.

July 21, 2024—Public Information Session for residents affected by the wildfires in New Denver.

July 24, 2024—Evacuation Order Issued for Village of Silverton due to Wildfire

July 30, 2024—Evacuation Order downgraded to Alert.

July 31, 2024—Helicopter flight with BCWS & Mayor Casley, New Denver, to look at the complex system of fire guards they have built around the Village of Silverton, up towards Red Mountain Road and towards New Denver. There may be a possibility of keeping these guards open and maintained in the event this situation happens again in future years. Fire Smarting talks will continue between all agencies and residents.

August 3, 2024—Community Appreciation Dinner hosted by the New Denver Village office and funded by KSCU. Was a lovely evening and great turnout. Nice to see our local fire department and the RCMP recognized for all their hard work this wildfire season.

August 6, 2024—Public Information Meeting for those still impacted by the wildfires at the Memorial Hall.

Frequent meetings and updates between the Interim CAO, myself and others to keep informed on what is happening in regard to the wildfire situation around our area during the evacuation alert and order (currently still under alert as of August 8, 2024). Frequent meetings between the Interim CAO and myself regarding Village business. Village office reopened on August 6, 2024.

I wanted to put a special thank you out to our Interim CAO, Elsie Lemke, who has helped compile the information for the Silverton Wildfire daily updates in an easy to understand format for the residents of Silverton, while working remotely away from the unfolding situation. She has been a huge help to the Village, residents and council during this time.

I also wanted to say thank you to our village residents for being fantastic residents and helping those neighbours around you during the evacuation alerts and orders. There was a lot of community support for anyone who needed assistance during this trying time, and it warmed my heart to see neighbours helping neighbours. Many residents have contacted me regarding Fire Smarting their properties and ideas to help, if this situation should ever happen again. These conversations will continue as we move forward. We truly live in an amazing community, with some fantastic residents and I want to thank you all for making my role a bit easier during this time.

Tanya Gordon

Village of Silverton Mayor

July/August, 2024 Councillor Mills Activities Report.

July 16, – Accompanied Mayor Gordon at an Interfor meeting, held at the New Denver Village council chambers, regarding proposed logging/wildfire mitigation within the Regional District around New Denver. Access to the cut-blocks through private property was discussed.

July 21 – Attended via Zoom a meeting hosted by the RDCK regarding a Wildfire update.

July 22 – Accompanied Mayor Gordon at a Wildfire update Meeting held at the New Denver Council Chambers.

July 24- Helped move village computer assets out of the office as the Village was put on an evacuation order.

Drove around the village notifying as many residents as possible about the imminent evacuation order.

-August 6 – Attended the New Denver and Housing Society Board Meeting- Some items discussed were Ownership of the Osprey getting transferred to the Slovan Valley Housing Society, there is a plan to have a "Welcome Collective Picnic" on September 22, and the board is still actively looking for suitable homes and/or properties that can be used for local housing needs.

August 6- Attended the RDCK wildfire update held in the Memorial Hall.

Brian Mills

Councillor, Village of Silverton



Staff Report

Date: Aug 7, 2024

File:

Subject: Pooled High Interest Savings Account (PHISA) & Investment Policy

PURPOSE

To obtain Council approval to invest Village of Silverton municipal funds into a PHISA and direction from Council to prepare an Investment Policy.

DISCUSSION

Authority to manage the Village's investments is the responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and is derived from section 149 of the *Community Charter* as follows:

Financial officer

149 One of the municipal officer positions must be assigned the responsibility of financial administration, which includes the following powers, duties and functions:

- (a) receiving all money paid to the municipality;
- (b) ensuring the keeping of all funds and securities of the municipality;
- (c) investing municipal funds, until required, in authorized investments;**
- (d) expending municipal money in the manner authorized by the council;
- (e) ensuring that accurate records and full accounts of the financial affairs of the municipality are prepared, maintained and kept safe;
- (f) exercising control and supervision over all other financial affairs of the municipality.

"Authorized investments" are regulated per section 183 of the *Community Charter*.

Investment of municipal funds

183 Money held by a municipality that is not immediately required may only be invested or reinvested in one or more of the following:

- (a) securities of the Municipal Finance Authority;
- (b) pooled investment funds under section 16 of the *Municipal Finance Authority Act*;

- (c) securities of Canada or of a province;
- (d) securities guaranteed for principal and interest by Canada or by a province;
- (e) securities of a municipality, regional district or greater board;
- (f) investments guaranteed by a chartered bank;
- (g) deposits in a savings institution, or non-equity or membership shares of a credit union;
- (h) other investments specifically authorized under this or another Act.

The Village of Silverton currently has over 2 million dollars of cash assets most of which are being held in basic chequing and savings accounts at Kootenay Savings Credit Union. A small portion of the funds are also being held at the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) in money market funds. All accounts are generating very small amounts of interest revenue. To generate additional interest revenue for the Village, while also maintaining liquidity, Staff are recommending that funds be invested in a PHISA. A PHISA is a high interest account offered by larger banks in partnership with the MFA and current rates are around 5.3%. Funds are not locked in and can be accessed at any time.

Staff are also recommending that the Village implements an Investment Policy to provide a management framework for its investment portfolio and to ensure that the investment of public funds is handled with due care. A draft policy will be prepared by Staff and presented to Council at a future meeting.

OPTIONS

- (1) **(Recommended Option)** THAT Council authorize Staff to invest municipal funds in a Pooled High Interest Savings Account; and,
THAT Council direct Staff to prepare a draft Investment Policy.
- (2) THAT Council direct staff to take another action deemed appropriate by Council.
- (3) THAT Council takes no action. This option is not recommended by staff.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Staff to invest municipal funds in a Pooled High Interest Savings Account; and,

THAT Council direct Staff to prepare a draft Investment Policy.

Report prepared and respectfully submitted by:



Lisa Clark, CPA, CGA