

APPROVAL REQUEST: SMS HOCKEY program Sea Can Storage placement on Property corner of 8th Ave NE and 24th Street NE (The old Mino's restaurant location)

To: Mayor and Council of the City of Salmon Arm

My name is Derek Gecse and I have been a teacher for 25 years in School District #83 and have been facilitating a Hockey class from Shuswap Middle School for the past eight years. I'm writing this letter to please request the temporary placement (from Sept 16th 2024 to May 5th 2025) of an 8ft x 20ft sea-can container on the property on the corner of 8th Ave NE and 24th Street NE (The old Mino's restaurant location) for the purpose of storage for hockey equipment for players in the School District #83 SMS Hockey class from Shuswap Middle School. I have provided a street view google maps link for clarification and location information:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nJ3sEHZPSiPqf2ij7>

This school and community program is trying to engage and connect students in their education experience and motivate them to learn through this passion-based hockey program. It is also has proven to be an excellent way to build community partnerships with the school district and youth through sport, such as hockey. Please visit the following link to see information and comments from players and parents who have participated in the program. <https://dgecse.weebly.com/sms-hockey-class.html>

The storage container would be used for players to put equipment in after their morning ice session before returning to Shuswap Middle School and for their families to then at sometime throughout the day retrieve the equipment. A lock box with a code is provided to families and they then use the code to access a key to open and close the container. I will check and monitor the storage container daily as I have with previous storage situations. Storage has been an evolving and ongoing dilemma for 8 eight years. When arena dressing rooms were no longer an option, a trailer was provided by Ian Gray for storage, but he has since retired and the trailer is no longer available. Big Steel Box is willing to provide a sea-can to help the SMS Hockey, but the Shuswap Recreation Society will not allow a sea-can on the Rogers Rink empty lot. However they will support placement on the property noted above as received in an email from David Knight and the Shuswap Rec Society(SRS) ruling:

. . .Through our discussion however, the empty lot located southwest of the Arena (old Mino's parking lot) was identified as a potential location where this sea-can could be placed as a close proximity and alternate location. This location would still require a letter to council for approval, however, the board and staff would support that letter in encouraging this a location for your program.

David Knight also indicated the SRS and staff would provide a letter of support for the placement of a sea-can on the property noted above to the City of Salmon Arm council.

Thank you honorable mayor and city council for your time and I look forward to hearing from you on this application for request for the temporary placement of a storage container on the noted property above. I am also more than willing to meet to discuss placement and any further details.

Sincerely, Derek Gecse

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