

North Okanagan Vertical Adventures
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Dear Mayor and Council

RE: 2025 Skydiving Boogie Event – May 15 - 19

North Okanagan Vertical Adventures Ltd (NOVA) is a experiential tourism company providing skydiving services in the Shuswap and Okanagan area for **14** years. The Shuswap Regional Airport has been our primary base of operations for the last **14** years.

We would like to host a skydiving event this coming May long weekend from the 15th to the 19th. The event, commonly called a Boogie, in skydiver land, would officially run from Saturday to Monday; however, in most cases if there are enough jumpers available to begin Friday afternoon. The Thursday will be used for set up, no event activities will take place that day.

The attached maps show the staging areas for the proposed event:

Area 1: is our normal landing area, however, for this event we are using this as our backup landing area.

Area 2: will become our primary landing area for this event as it facilitates the jumpers walking back to the packing Area 4, via Area 3 taxiway access corridor. We will have crossing guards stationed at this point and control fencing so there is positive control of the active taxiway.

Area 4: is the fenced in area just east of the main terminal building and we will put down some tarps and tents for shade in this area.

Area 5: is the largest area that we propose to use for tent and vehicle camping for the 4 day event. This area will also encompass porta potties and hand wash facilities and a food truck.

Area 6: will be overflow parking for vehicles of tent campers and visitors that wish to watch the skydiving.

The weather plays a VERY large part in the skydive business and that will set the scene for the entire weekend. We cannot skydive in the rain, low cloud or high winds so quite a few stars have to align to keep this event on track.

As well, the entire fire season will play a large part. Depending on how active the RAP base is will play into our final plans. If the RAP base is basically done for the season and are not active, we will not have any coordination issues for skydive loads. If they are busy of course, we will have to work around their schedule as not to inhibit their flow in and out.

If the weather is clear, we will be putting up loads from 9am until sunset each day. If we are efficient, that will be about 2 loads an hour.

The aircraft we will be using for this event commonly known as a, Skydive BOOGIE, is a SHORTS SKYVAN. This particular aircraft is a major contractor to the Department of National Defense for SARTEC training and Canadian forces Skyhawks formation skydive demonstration team.

Through coordination with NOMAD AIR, the operators of the aircraft, I was able to establish a working arrangement so they can base their aircraft at Salmon Arm for a few months this summer. This will allow NOVA to have more access to it over the summer months in preparation for our Boogie. This as well will be more fuel purchases and be a larger return to the city over a longer stay here in our backyard. If this goes well this summer they may base it here more often therefore buying even more fuel regularly.

All skydivers that will be attending this Boogie, are CSPA, Canadian Sport Parachuting Association members or USPA, United States Parachuting Association members. All skydivers must be a member of either group to participate, which then ensures each skydiver has a 2,000,000 third party liability coverage.

We held an identical event the last 3 years over the September long weekend with no issues. We also held the same event over the May long weekend. Everything flowed well and safety was a main concern. In addition, the large number of skydivers that attend our event (roughly 200) will bring business to the town of Salmon Arm in the form of restaurant and store purchases.

Thanks for your consideration

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