

**October xx, 2025**

**Enabling Accessibility Fund – Youth Innovation Component**

Employment and Social Development Canada

**Re: Letter of Support for the Shuswap Recreation Society’s Accessibility Ramp Project**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the **City of Salmon Arm Council**, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the **Shuswap Recreation Society’s application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) – Youth Innovation Component**.

The Shuswap Recreation Society operates the Salmon Arm Recreation Centre under a five-year lease agreement with the City, providing vital community programming and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Their proposed project—to install an accessibility ramp into the wading pool at the Salmon Arm Aquatic Centre—represents an important step toward ensuring that our community spaces are welcoming, inclusive, and barrier-free for people of all ages and abilities.

This initiative exemplifies the purpose and spirit of the EAF Youth Innovation Component by engaging **Youth Accessibility Leaders (YALs)** to identify and remove accessibility barriers within our public facilities. The City of Salmon Arm fully supports youth involvement in shaping accessible and equitable community spaces, and we are excited to see this project enhance the inclusivity of our Recreation Centre.

By improving access to aquatic programming and recreational opportunities, the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) will have a lasting and positive impact on families, children, and community members living with disabilities. The City of Salmon Arm applauds the Shuswap Recreation Society’s leadership in advancing accessibility and inclusion through thoughtful, community-driven design.

We are pleased to support this application and commend the partnership between local youth and the Shuswap Recreation Society in fostering a more inclusive community for all.

Sincerely,

Mayor, City of Salmon Arm