

Shuswap Watershed Council

Council Meeting
March 4th 2015 | 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Cedar Centre | 2316 Lakeview Drive, Blind Bay

Record of Decisions and Action Items at 11 March 2015 Approved 6 May 2015

Meeting Objectives

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
2. Review and extend SWC Terms of Reference
3. Review and discuss *Shuswap Watershed Water Quality Service Feasibility Study* – Leftside Partners Inc.
4. Prepare recommendation re: governance and funding to submit to the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, as per their referral

Directors present

Paul Demenok – CSRD Area ‘C’
Rene Talbot – CSRD Area ‘D’
Larry Morgan – CSRD Area ‘F’
Jeff Mallmes – District of Sicamous (*alternate for Todd Kylo*)
Blaine Recksiedler – BC Ministry of Agriculture
Ray Nadeau – SLIPP Public Advisory Committees
Peter Lishman – BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Rick Berrigan – TNRD, Village of Chase
Dave Nordquist – Shuswap Nation, Adams Lake Indian Band (*from 9:50 AM*)
Peter Milobar – TNRD, City of Kamloops (*from 10:25 AM to 2:25 PM*)

Regrets

Rhona Martin – CSRD Area ‘E’
Ursula Lussin – Lower Shuswap Stewardship Society
Representative – Shuswap Nation, Adams Lake Indian Band
Representatives x2 – Regional District of North Okanagan
Nancy Cooper – City of Salmon Arm

Observers, Presenters and Staff

Observers: Carol Ferguson, Dale Kerr, Jay Simpson, Bo Wilson, Bonnie Baker
Presenter: Sherry Hurst
Staff: Mike Simpson and Erin Vieira, Fraser Basin Council

Meeting Outcomes

1. Paul Demenok was acclaimed as Chair; Larry Morgan was acclaimed as Vice Chair
2. The Shuswap Watershed Council Terms of Reference were reviewed, modified, and extended for 2015
3. The Shuswap Watershed Water Quality Service Feasibility Study was reviewed and discussed, with direction given to program managers to respond to the Columbia Shuswap Regional District's referral on the same subject

RECORD OF DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS and SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

The Program Managers called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

The meeting agenda was approved by consensus.

ELECTION of Chair is Paul Demenok by acclamation.

ELECTION of Vice Chair is Larry Morgan, by acclamation.

The Shuswap Watershed Council Terms of Reference were reviewed. Program managers provided the following three recommendations for modifications to the Terms of Reference:

1. Remove references to the Developmental Year Plan
2. Remove representation from the Salmon River Watershed Roundtable from the SWC membership; they have given their resignation citing lack of capacity to participate
3. Extend the term to December 31, 2015

The Chair asked Council members to consider the addition of another member, represented by the Shuswap Waterfront Owners Association.

MOTION to amend the Shuswap Watershed Council Terms of Reference per the three recommendations above.

Approved by consensus.

ACTION ITEM: Staff will circulate the revised Terms of Reference to all Council members.

ACTION ITEM: Council members will consider the addition of another member, per the Chair's recommendation, and discuss it at the next meeting of the SWC.

MOTION that the Shuswap Watershed Council workshop summary from June 16 2014 be approved

Moved by Director Talbot, seconded by Director Morgan.

CARRIED

The Chair gave a report:

- The Chair and program managers made several presentations throughout the summer engagement period to local governments and first nations. Engagement and communications are ongoing.
- The open house meetings held in the summer engagement period were poorly attended; it is difficult to know how to attribute this.

- The feasibility study commissioned by the CSRD is an important step for the Shuswap Watershed Council; the purpose of the meeting today is to prepare a recommendation to the CSRD on the SWC's preferred course of action regarding governance structure, service delivery, cost allocation and cost recovery.

The Program Managers gave a report:

- Much of the work since the last SWC meeting has been related to the development of the five-year plan:
 - Public engagement and communications, including a newspaper editorial (Shuswap Market News, July 4, 2014); 7 open house community meetings; delegations to Chiefs and Councils, Regional District Boards, and City Councils; and engagement with the agriculture community
 - Research and liaison with scientific and technical experts, including the completion of Ruth McDougall's contract for a Nutrient Management report; the BC Ministry of Environment and other water quality monitors; water quality labs and universities
 - Ongoing liaison and communications with the Regional District of North Okanagan staff
- Other activities include:
 - Abandoned, derelict docks removal: 15 from North Shuswap, Little River and Little Shuswap Lake – cost shared with the BC Conservation Foundation
 - Ongoing water quality monitoring, but scaled back from the scope of monitoring throughout the SLIPP pilot project. No commitment to report on monitoring results in 2014/15.
 - New, permanent SLIPP “archive website” to keep reference materials from SLIPP accessible into the future – www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/tr_slipp.html. This is hosted at no cost to the Shuswap Watershed Council. The SLIPP website (www.slippbc.ca) will be taken down this summer.
 - Provided detailed review and response to the Regional District of North Okanagan re: Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan; and ongoing liaison with RDNO staff.
- A financial update was given; expenses to December 31, 2014 total \$166,763 with a remaining balance of \$99,237 and projected surplus of \$25,160 to March 31, 2015.

Presentation – Sherry Hurst, Leftside Partners Inc.

Sherry Hurst presented the Shuswap Watershed Water Quality Service Feasibility Study.

Roundtable discussion

1. What organizational structure is your preference?

The majority of Council members indicated their preference is the Commission model because it offers a desired level of flexibility, enables more immediate implementation than the Extra-Territorial Service model, and it enables continued relationship building with and participation by First Nations. One council member indicated a preference for the Extra-Territorial Service model.

In-camera commenced at 1:20 PM

2. What service delivery model is your preference?

3. What funding model and cost allocation is your preference?

In-camera ended at 2:10 PM

ACTION ITEM: Program managers will work with the Chair and Vice Chair to prepare a recommendation to the Columbia Shuswap Regional District in response to their referral on January 15 2015.

Work plan for 2015

The program managers presented a work plan to-date for 2015 and sought further direction from Council members. A more fulsome work plan will be presented at the next meeting.

Next Steps

Program managers will confirm a date for the next meeting of the SWC; May 6 is proposed. The agenda will tentatively include the following:

- Presentation from Ruth McDougall, P.Ag on her nutrient management report
- Presentation from Jim Fisher, Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)
- Presentation of the five-year proposal
- Proposed work plan for 2015, including water quality monitoring costs and activities
- A discussion and decision on modifying the SWC membership to add another member
- Roundtable discussion on developing Principles for the SWC Terms of Reference

MOTION to adjourn

Moved by Director Demenok, seconded by Director Talbot.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.