

Council Meeting
June 13th 2018 | 10:15 AM – 1:30 PM
Columbia Shuswap Regional District Boardroom
555 Harbourfront Drive NE, Salmon Arm

Record of Decisions and Action Items

Meeting objectives

1. Receive report from Program Managers
2. Initiate interim review for SWC programs
3. Receive guest presentation from Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue

Present

Paul Demenok, Chair – Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Area C
Rick Berrigan, Vice Chair – Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Village of Chase
Rhona Martin – Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Area E
Bob Misseghers – Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Area F (*alternate*)
Ken Christian – Thompson-Nicola Regional District, City of Kamloops
Nancy Cooper – City of Salmon Arm
Tundra Baird – Regional District of North Okanagan, City of Enderby
Herman Halvorson – Regional District of North Okanagan, Area F
Dennis Einarson – BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Lorne Hunter – Community representative
Ray Nadeau – Community representative
Randy Wood – Community representative

Erin Vieira and Mike Simpson – Fraser Basin Council

Observers

None

Regrets

Rene Talbot
Larry Morgan
Todd Kylo
Dave Nordquist
Steven Teed
Laura Code

Call to Order Chair Paul Demenok called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM

Adoption of meeting summary **Moved/seconded** by Vice Chair Berrigan/Mayor Christian that:
The summary for the March 14th 2018 meeting of the SWC be adopted.

CARRIED

Old business **Moved/seconded** by Lorne Hunter/Alternate Director Misseggers that:
The draft summary of the April 30th meeting of SWC Water Protection Advisory Committee be received for information.

Discussion:

Ray Nadeau commented that there was a quarterly report from the researchers at UBC-Okanagan that was distributed to WPAC members, as noted in the meeting summary, but was not distributed to SWC members.

CARRIED

Action item: program managers will distribute the most recent quarterly report from UBC-Okanagan to SWC members.

Report from Chair Chair Demenok reported that he attended a meeting with four representatives of the dairy sector in the North Okanagan, along with Vice Chair Rick Berrigan and SWC program managers. The group discussed their mutual interests to work toward a thriving agriculture sector in the region while protecting water quality. The group also discussed the ALUS model (Alternative Land Use System) used in Ontario and Manitoba, and the possibility of considering the suitability of ALUS in the Shuswap. The meeting ended on a positive note.

The Chair also commented on the lack of SWC story coverage by local newspapers.

Mayor Nancy Cooper entered the meeting at 10:20 AM

Report from Program Managers Erin Vieira reviewed the 2017-18 Annual Highlights Report:

- Two key achievements under the SWC's Water Monitoring Initiative include the provision of \$18,000 for an expanded monitoring program on the Salmon River, and the completion of a special monitoring project in Salmon Arm Bay to test for the presence of nonylphenols
- Two key achievements under the SWC's Water Protection

Initiative include the completion of the second year of nutrient research in partnership with UBC – Okanagan, and the initiation of a wetland restoration project in partnership with the Gardom Lake Stewardship Society

- Delivery of safety campaigns throughout boating and fishing season 2017, focusing on lifejacket use, cold water safety, drowning prevention, and more
- Continued partnership with the Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue, and the provision of \$1200 to build a lifejacket loaner station at Sunnybrae
- Diverse and far-reaching communiqués, including media releases, social media, website and blog, and the completion of the first annual water quality summary
- The year-end expenses were \$194,236 and the SWC achieved a surplus of \$136,978

Dennis Einarson entered the meeting at 10:35 AM

Mike Simpson and Erin Vieira reported on program operations since the last SWC meeting:

- The Water Protection Advisory Committee has not clearly recommended a restoration project for funding support from the SWC for 2018-19
- The nutrient research project led by UBC-Okanagan is ongoing, water quality sampling is underway this spring and summer
 - Mike highlighted the researchers' idea to add lake bottom core sampling to the research
- Safe boating campaigns were delivered over May long weekend; marine safety whistles were purchased by the SWC and are given out to recreationists in need by the RCMP and BC Conservation Officers during their lake patrols
- Articles, advertisements and social media campaigns about invasive mussels were delivered throughout May for Invasive Species Action Month; a billboard has been installed on Highway #1 east of Sicamous facing west-bound traffic
- The 2017-18 Annual Highlights Report is published online and print copies were distributed to various local and first nation government offices; the 2017 Water Quality Summary is underway and nearly complete

A financial report was not available (the first quarter ends June 30th).

Discussion:

SWC members discussed the merits and short-comings of the water restoration proposal.

Moved/seconded by Mayor Christian/Vice Chair Berrigan that: The SWC not support the proposal and that, in the absence of other proposals meeting criteria, a \$10,000 grant for water quality improvement not be distributed this year.

CARRIED

Chair Demenok inquired on SWC's opinions on adding new sources of data to the nutrient research project (i.e., lake bottom core sampling); Ray Nadeau expressed support for the idea on the basis that more information is better. The SWC supported this concept unanimously.

Action item: program staff will liaise with researchers at UBC-Okanagan about lake bottom core sampling

Action item: program staff will print additional copies of the Annual Highlights Report

**New business:
Program Interim
Review**

Chair Demenok introduced the program interim review as an item that was built into the SWC's five-year plan. Staff structured a draft terms of reference for the review, including a six-person review committee with one representative from each of the four funding partners, plus an additional two committee members.

SWC members discussed who should participate on the review committee.

Moved/seconded by Mayor Christian/Vice Chair Berrigan that: Chair Demenok, Vice Chair Berrigan, Mayor Cooper, a SWC representative from Adams Lake Indian Band, an additional representative from the City of Salmon Arm, and a representative from Shuswap Waterfront Owners Association be appointed to the interim program review committee.

CARRIED

Chair Demenok inquired of the SWC members if there were any other suggested changes to the draft terms of reference for the interim review. Mayor Christian suggested that Section 1.3 and 2.4 of the draft

terms of reference be modified to allow for 67% majority for decision-making by the review committee.

Moved/seconded by Director Martin/Mayor Christian that:
The terms of reference be adopted as presented and amended for use by the review committee.

CARRIED

Action item: staff will update the interim review Terms of Reference and share it with SWC members

Action item: Salmon Arm council will get back to SWC with their appointments to the review committee

Action item: Staff will communicate with Adams Lake Indian Band and Shuswap Waterfront Owners Association about appointments to the review committee

Vice Chair Rick Berrigan left the meeting at 12:05 PM

Lunch break

SWC members took a lunch break from 12:10 – 12:45 PM

Councillor Tundra Baird left the meeting at 12:30 PM

Guest presentation

Chair Demenok introduced Bruce Weicker and Rob Sutherland from the Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue Station 106.

RCM-SAR's mission statement is to provide permanent day-and-night marine search and rescue services on Shuswap and Mara Lake and prevent the loss of life and injury through skill, knowledge, education and accident prevention programs. They are the first inland marine search and rescue station in Canada, and have been operational since May 2012; they have 24 members on-call 24 hours/day 365 days/year.

The RCM-SAR has three vessels, including one recently acquired 40-foot rescue vessel that can travel 70 km/h. Their station is capable of conducting med-evacs, first aid, marine searches and rescues, towing boats, and some fire suppression. The educational aspect of RCM-SAR – run by the Shuswap Lifeboat Society – provides educational programming for schoolchildren and facilitates the *Kids Don't Float* lifejacket loaner kiosk program.

As the RCM-SAR Station 106 looks to the future, their priorities include building a boathouse in Sicamous to protect their vessels and house a training centre. Prior to this, it's critical that they conduct a feasibility study to identify the need for a training centre that would offer courses and programs to boaters, agencies and first responders in the Shuswap, Okanagan and Kootenays. The feasibility study is anticipated to cost \$12,000. Mr. Weicker and Mr. Sutherland inquired if the SWC would be interested in contributing toward this, in the mutual interest of safety for water recreationists and enabling the provision of services to community safety partners. Mr. Weicker noted that no funds have been committed as of yet, but that various sources are being considered.

Chair Demenok thanked the gentlemen for their presentation.

Bruce Weicker and Rob Sutherland left the meeting at 1:35 PM

Chair Demenok inquired of the SWC regarding RCM-SAR's request, but noted that a decision could not be made due to not having quorum for a financial decision; he suggested a vote take place via e-mail by those SWC members with financial voting rights. Several SWC members expressed support for the concept, noting what a valuable asset it would be to have a training centre located in the Shuswap that would enhance volunteer capacity. SWC members agreed to a vote by e-mail, and that the vote in question should be whether to support the RCM-SAR with \$2,000 toward the feasibility study.

Action item: program staff will facilitate a vote, as noted above, by e-mail for SWC members with financial voting rights

Roundtable updates Item cancelled

Adjourn **Moved/seconded** by Mayor Christian/Mayor Cooper that:
The June 13th 2018 meeting of the Shuswap Watershed Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.