

Report from Chair

Chair Paul Demenok reported that he has several delegations to city councils and regional district boards scheduled over the next number of weeks for the purpose of reporting on the SWC's accomplishments in the last four years.

Report from Program Managers

Erin Vieira and Mike Simpson provided an update on program operations since the last meeting:

- Staff have been promoting the recently completed **Nutrient Research Summary Report** and the new **Water Quality Grant Program**
- Staff are preparing **educational campaigns for the prevention of Zebra and Quagga Mussels**; the campaigns will launch in April. Staff have also received updates from staff at the BC Ministry of Environment regarding the provincial Invasive Mussel Defence Program.
- Staff submitted a **funding application** to a federal grant program to support the SWC's work on water quality and nutrient mitigation.

Expenses to the end of the third quarter (December 31st 2019)

total **\$141,576** against the annual operating budget of **\$272,875**.

Budget and work plan for 2020-21 approved

Staff presented the proposed work plan and budget for 2020-21. The operational expenses total \$423,450 with a projected operating reserve of \$155,459. The budget reflects two unconfirmed grant applications (if the grant applications are not successful, the budget will be adjusted accordingly). The work plan and budget were approved, and will take effect April 1st.

Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 approved

Staff presented the strategic plan and annual budget for 2021-26 that was developed out of the February 12th SWC workshop. Chair Demenok led a roundtable discussion; Council members provided their comments and amendments were made. The strategic plan lists the following four goals:

1. Water quality is maintained and improved in the Shuswap for the benefit of a healthy ecosystem, a thriving tourism economy and a desirable lifestyle for residents
2. SWC is the trusted, go-to source for water quality information in the Shuswap
3. People in the Shuswap practice safe water-based recreation
4. The SWC is a well-governed, transparent, collaboration organization.

An **annual budget of \$260,000 for the period 2021-26** was approved.

A full meeting summary is available on the SWC website.

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