

Report from Chair

Chair Paul Demenok reported that he and program manager Erin Vieira presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans in May about the risk that aquatic invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels pose to the Shuswap, and called for more action and resources from the federal government to prevent further spread of these mussels.

Report from Program Managers

Erin Vieira reviewed the SWC Annual Report for 2018-19. Annual expenditures to March 31st 2019 totalled \$204,982 against the annual operating budget of \$260,350; the Operating Reserve balance of \$131,528 was un-touched in 2018. The report is online at www.shuswapwater.ca.

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

- Education and awareness campaigns about Zebra and Quagga Mussels are underway, including advertisements, editorials, and signage
- Campaigns for safe boating and drowning prevention are underway. There are 7 tips for safety being promoted with an emphasis on lifejackets and drowning prevention.
- Staff received notice that a grant application to Transport Canada was successful: the SWC will receive up to \$19,538 to go toward safe boating and recreation campaigns and safety equipment
- Preparation of the 2018 Shuswap Water Quality Summary is underway.

Roundtable discussion on Biosolids

Chair Demenok introduced the proposed land application of biosolids-amended soil in the Turtle Valley near Chum Lake, and relayed some public concerns. A roundtable discussion took place, including questions and comments about regulatory requirements for soil-testing and water quality monitoring. The Ministry of Environment representative commented that the Turtle Valley Land Application Plan is compliant with requirements under the provincial Organic Matter Recycling Regulation. No further actions for the SWC were recommended.

SWC's Water Protection Initiative: next steps

Mike Simpson reviewed the work done by the SWC over the past few years to understand nutrient dynamics in the watershed, with the objective of mitigating phosphorus loading to rivers and lakes. Several SWC members provided input on next steps. SWC Staff were directed to work with staff from the BC Ministry of Environment to better determine a non-regulatory role for the SWC to play alongside the Ministry as it implements the new Agricultural Environmental Management Code of Practice.

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Council meeting highlights
JUNE 12TH 2019

Full meeting summaries are available on the SWC website.

The next SWC meeting is September 11th, 2019 at the Columbia Shuswap Regional District Boardroom.