

Update from Program Managers

Erin Vieira presented the 2017-18 Annual Highlights Report, covering the Water Monitoring Initiative, Water Protection Initiative, Safe Recreation Program, and communications and advocacy:

- The SWC facilitated meetings of up to 17 water quality monitoring groups in the watershed, to enable planning and information sharing
- The completion of a monitoring project to test for the presence of nonylphenols in Shuswap Lake – they were not detected
- The completion of the second year of research with UBC-Okanagan to determine sources of nutrients in the Shuswap and Salmon Rivers
- The delivery of water-based safety campaigns throughout the spring and summer seasons
- The completion of the SWC's first annual Water Quality Summary Report
- The launch of a new educational program to prevent an introduction of Zebra and Quagga Mussels to the Shuswap

The year-end expenses were \$194,236 and a surplus of \$136,978. The four-page Annual Highlights Report is posted on the SWC's website.

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

- Recreation safety campaigns were delivered over May long weekend
- Articles and advertisements calling on boaters to "Clean-Drain-Dry" and stop at watercraft inspection stations were promoted throughout the month of May for Invasive Species Action Month
- UBC-Okanagan has commenced its third field season for the nutrient research project

Program Interim Review

The SWC will commence an interim review of its programs this summer. A review committee will be established, and a recommendation will be brought to the next SWC meeting in September.

Guest presentation from Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue

Bruce Weicker and Rob Sutherland presented on behalf of the RCM-SAR Station 106 Shuswap, whose mission 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. The station has approximately 24 members on call 24/7/365, and has three vessels. Since their inception in 2012 they have responded to hundreds of calls and provided services such as med-evacs, first aid, searches and rescues. The RCM-SAR is planning for their future, and currently raising funds for a feasibility study to identify the need for a training centre to serve volunteers, professionals and communities in the BC Interior with courses and programs related to boating, first aid and emergency response.

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