

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Paul Demenok was acclaimed as Chair of the SWC, and Rick Berrigan was elected as Vice Chair. Both positions are for the calendar year 2018.

Update from Program Managers

Erin Vieira and Mike Simpson gave an update on recent program operations:

- The Water Quality Monitoring Group met in February to discuss and share information about each organizations' water quality monitoring plans, and to provide input for the 2017 Shuswap Water Quality Summary Report (currently underway)
- Staff are receiving proposals for water quality improvement projects until April 10th; a proponent will thereafter be selected to receive up to \$10,000 from the SWC for their project
- A water quality improvement project at Gardom Creek is delayed; SWC members decided to extend the contract to enable work to be completed in 2018
- Staff have been developing campaign and educational material for Zebra and Quagga Mussel prevention in the Shuswap, focusing on "Clean Drain Dry" messaging; this program will launch in April.

2018 Work plan and budget presentation

Program managers presented the proposed work plan and budget for 2018-19. They were approved as follows:

Water Monitoring Initiative \$66,400
Water Protection Initiative \$76,300
Zebra and Quagga Mussel Prevention Program \$26,850
Recreation Safety Program \$12,200
Communications \$37,850
Administration \$40,750
Operating Reserve \$105,564

The new work plan and budget come into effect on April 1st 2018. Key activities for the SWC will be enhanced water quality monitoring in the Salmon River, and more early detection monitoring for zebra and quagga mussels throughout the watershed through a partnership with the Columbia Invasive Species Society; the third year of a nutrient study in the Shuswap and Salmon Rivers with UBC-Okanagan; the production of a 2017 Shuswap Water Quality report; enhanced promotion of "Clean Drain Dry" and awareness-raising for zebra and quagga mussels; and the continuation of safety campaigns for water-based recreation.

The next meeting of the SWC is June 13th at the CSRD.

SWC Members:

Paul Demenok – Chair
CSRD Area 'C'

Rick Berrigan – Vice Chair
TNRD, Village of Chase

Rene Talbot
CSRD Area 'D'

Rhona Martin
CSRD Area 'E'

Larry Morgan
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Todd Kylo
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Dave Nordquist
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RDNO, Area 'F'

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RDNO, City of Enderby

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Lorne Hunter
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Randy Wood
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