SHUSWAP watershed council

Council meeting higlights: March 8th 2017

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Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Paul Demenok was acclaimed as Chair of the SWC, and Larry Morgan was elected as Vice Chair. Both positions are for the calendar year 2017.

Workplan and budget for 2017-18

Program managers presented the proposed workplan and budget for 2017-18. The workplan and budget were approved as follows:

Water Monitoring Initiative \$66,250 Water Protection Initiative \$75,650 Recreation Safety Education Program \$12,800 Communications Program \$34,600 Administration \$41,600 Operating Reserve \$97,450

The new workplan and budget come into effect on April 1st 2017. Key activities for the SWC in 2017-18 will be increased water quality monitoring in the Salmon River; the second year of a nutrient study in the Shuswap and Salmon Rivers with UBC-Okanagan; the completion and distribution of a 2016 Shuswap Water Quality Report; a new one-year monitoring program in Shuswap Lake for nonylphenols, a substance of emerging concern; and the continuation of safety campaigns and provision of safety equipment for water-based recreation.

Correspondence with the Province regarding aquatic invasive mussels

Correspondence between the SWC Chair and Environment Minister Mary Polak regarding aquatic invasive mussels and the province's prevention program for such was reviewed. Program managers were directed to prepare a follow-up letter to the Minister requesting further information about the province's prevention program for 2017.

Update from Program Managers

Program managers reported that activities for the current year (ending March 31st 2017) are on-track, and they are projecting a surplus of \$79,250. Year-end reporting will be completed in April.

Communications materials

Program managers presented two items in the SWC communications package: an updated stock slide deck for SWC members to use in presentations, and a draft *What is the Shuswap Watershed Council?* one-pager. The latter will be complete in April/May.

The next meeting of the SWC will be May 10th at the CSRD.

SWC Members:

Paul Demenok – Chair CSRD Area 'C'

Larry Morgan – Vice Chair CSRD Area 'F'

> Rene Talbot CSRD Area 'D'

Rhona Martin CSRD Area 'E'

Nancy Cooper City of Salmon Arm

Ken Christian TNRD, City of Kamloops

Rick Berrigan TNRD, Village of Chase

Todd Kyllo CSRD, District of Sicamous

Greg Witzky Secwepemc Nation, Adams Lake Indian Band

Dave Nordquist Secwepemc Nation, Adams Lake Indian Band

> Herman Halvorson RDNO, Area 'F'

Tundra Baird RDNO, City of Enderby

Dennis Einarson BC Ministry of Environment

Laura Code BC Ministry of Agriculture

Lorne Hunter Community representative

Ray Nadeau Community representative

Randy Wood Community representative



