

Shuswap Watershed Council

Council Meeting
February 10th 2016 | 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Columbia Shuswap Regional District Boardroom
555 Harbourfront Drive, Salmon Arm

Record of Decisions and Actions Items at 16 February 2016 Approved 3 May 2016

Meeting objectives

1. Elect Chair and Vice Chair
2. Receive presentation from Dr. Jeff Curtis, UBC – Okanagan
3. Discuss and make recommendations for new SWC membership
4. Receive workplan for 2016/17 for information

Council members present

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
Terry Rysz – District of Sicamous (alternate)
Peter Milobar – TNRD, City of Kamloops
Rick Berrigan – TNRD, Village of Chase
Ron Jules – Secwepemc Nation, Adams Lake Indian Band (alternate)
Herman Halvorson – RDNO Area ‘F’
Ray Nadeau – Public Advisory Committees
Dennis Einarson – BC Ministry of Environment
Laura Code – BC Ministry of Agriculture

Regrets

Dave Nordquist – Secwepemc Nation, Adams Lake Indian Band
Greg McCune – RDNO, City of Enderby
Ursula Lussin – Lower Shuswap Stewardship Society

Staff

Erin Vieira and Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council

Observers

Jim Leiper, Bo Wilson, Neil Brookes, Lorne Hunter, Ralph Vandalfsen, Jim Cooperman, Ross Munsey, Fred Philps, Doug Jackson, Orlando Schmidt, August Bremer, Joe Heemskerk, Denis Delisle

Meeting outcomes

1. Chair and Vice Chair for 2016 were elected
 2. Presentation from Dr. Jeff Curtis on the Phosphorus study as part of the Water Protection Initiative was received for information
 3. Community representation on the SWC was discussed and a decision made to interview a short-list of candidates before making a recommendation into membership
 4. The workplan for 2016-17 was presented for information
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Record of decisions and actions items, and summary of discussions

Mike Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Secwepemc Territory was acknowledged and Ron Jules gave a prayer in Secwepemc language. Introductions took place around the room.

ELECTION of Chair is Paul Demenok by acclamation.

ELECTION of Vice Chair is Larry Morgan by acclamation.

MOTION to approve the meeting agenda for February 10th 2016

Moved by Director Talbot, seconded by Mayor Cooper

Discussion: Ray Nadeau requested the agenda be amended to include the recent Spallumcheen aquifer incident.

CARRIED

MOTION to approve the meeting summary from November 25th 2015

Moved by Director Martin, seconded by Mayor Berrigan

CARRIED

Chair Demenok gave a report:

- Pleased to have a vote of confidence to continue in the role of Chair for 2016
- Encouraging to see members of agriculture community attend the SWC meeting as observers
- The Contribution Agreement for 2016-18 has been signed by funders

Correspondence from Shuswap Waterfront Owners Association was reviewed and discussed. Bo Wilson, SWOA president, was present to explain that the association is submitting an application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation for funds to study the effects of docks on fish habitat and productivity. The association has requested a letter of support from the SWC.

MOTION to prepare a letter of support for SWOA

Moved by Director Martin, seconded by Director Morgan

CARRIED

Action item: program managers will work with the Chair to prepare a letter of support for SWOA by the funding application deadline of February 15th 2016.

The program managers gave a report:

- Activities since the last meeting have included the following:
 - Soliciting, reviewing and evaluating Expressions of Interest from the public for up to three new community representative positions on the SWC

- Liaising with CSRD administration to ensure the governance and operations of the SWC conform to the requirements of local government bylaws
- Updating the SWC Terms of Reference
- Liaising with Dr. Jeff Curtis regarding the Phosphorus study, as part of the Water Protection Initiative
- Preparing and signing the Contribution Agreement with funders
- Work planning for 2016
- Facilitating a meeting of the Water Monitoring Technical Team (WMTT), at which their roles and responsibilities were endorsed and it was confirmed that there are no redundancies or duplications in monitoring taking place in 2016. The John Todd Ecological Services feasibility study was reviewed; the WMTT recommends that the SWC not pursue the study.
- Ongoing communications work including website and social media maintenance, media releases and advertising.
- SWC expenses for the period April 1st – December 31st 2015 are as follows:
 - \$1,720 against \$35,000 budgeted for water quality monitoring
 - \$28,545 against \$100,000 budgeted for activities relating to ‘incubation’ of the five-year proposal. It was noted that \$0 against the \$40,000 budgeted for activities relating to a voter assent process were spent and will go toward a surplus for 2015-16.

Erin Vieira presented the draft Terms of Reference, version 3. They were reviewed and further amendments made as follows:

- Under Article 3, the SWC will review and approve scientific and technical input, plans and budgets as appropriate from the Water Monitoring Technical Team
- Under Article 4, The Okanagan Nation will be invited to appoint one representative to the Shuswap Watershed Council
- Under Article 4.3, the community representatives will serve 3-year terms
- Under Article 5.1, all voting rights are granted to elected officials or their alternates representing organizations that make a financial contribution to the SWC; and, community representatives will be granted the right to vote on non-financial issues
- Under Article 5.2, a point of clarity will be made
- Under Article 10, community representatives will be offered compensation for their time and travel expenses to participate in the SWC. This will conform to the CSRD’s Standing Committee policy for remuneration, or be set at \$100/meeting.
- Under Article 11, it will be clearly stated that SWC meetings are open to public observation

Action item: program managers will revise the Terms of Reference v.3 as outlined above and circulate it for final approval at the next SWC meeting.

Action item: program managers will liaise with CSRD administration to determine what compensation, if any, is provided for in Standing Committee policies.

Dr. Jeff Curtis gave a presentation entitled “Identifying and measuring anthropogenic sources of phosphorus to the Lower Shuswap and Salmon Rivers.”

Action item: program managers will liaise with representatives of the BC Ministry of Environment and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding water quality data and marine-derived nutrient inputs.

BREAK: The SWC broke for lunch from 12:15 – 1:00 PM.

*Mayor Milobar left the meeting at 12:15 pm
Ray Nadeau excused himself from the meeting at 1:00 pm*

MOTION to move in-camera

Moved by Director Morgan, seconded by Mayor Rysz

CARRIED

MOTION to move out of in-camera

Moved by Director Martin, seconded by Director Morgan

CARRIED

Ray Nadeau re-entered the meeting at 1:45 pm

Erin Vieira presented the 2016/17 work plan for information. It was pointed out that the work plan schedule aligns with the fiscal year of the Fraser Basin Council and the provincial government (April 1 – March 31), which is slightly out of alignment with local governments' fiscal year (January 1 – December 31).

*Mayor Rysz left the meeting at 2:05 pm
Director Halvorson left the meeting at 2:10 pm
Director Talbot left the meeting at 2:15 pm*

Discussion: Mayor Cooper expressed her support for an existing safety campaign led by Shuswap Lifeboat Society and the possibility of SWC collaborating on a life jacket initiative. Director Martin suggested that the Water Protection Initiative engage local elementary or high schools. Chair Demenok requested that the development of communications collateral include a slide deck containing key messages for use by SWC members. Chair Demenok expressed that the existing website is sufficient and material can be added as needed; out-sourcing a new website would be costly.

Action item: program managers will present draft brand options and communication collateral to the next SWC meeting, per the work plan.

Mayor Berrigan left the meeting at 2:50 pm

Erin Vieira presented the proposed meeting schedule for 2016. The meeting schedule for 2016 will be as follows:

Second quarter: May 3rd or 6th, TBD

Third quarter: Monday September 19th (10:30 AM start)

Fourth quarter: Thursday December 8th

Late agenda item: Ray Nadeau raised the issue of the recent drinking water situation in Spallumcheen and Hullcar. A roundtable discussion took place on a possible role for the SWC in emergency situations such as a spill, health risk, algae bloom or other. Mr. Nadeau proposed striking a sub-committee of the Council to respond to such situations and how the Council should react. Mayor Cooper and Director Martin expressed that other jurisdictions (e.g., Shuswap Emergency Program) are responsible for handling emergency situations and the SWC should not duplicate those efforts.

DECISION: the SWC will not add emergency communications and information sharing to its mandate.

Action item: program managers will look into the specific roles, plans and protocols of emergency response jurisdictions, and how SWC should liaise with them and raise awareness of these existing programs. The Report All Poachers and Polluters hotline number and other emergency contact information will be posted on the SWC website for information.

MOTION to adjourn

Moved by Director Martin, seconded by Mayor Cooper

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm