

Introductory comments and moment of silence

Chair Paul Demenok opened the meeting with an acknowledgment of Secwepemc Territory and called for a moment of silence in respect of the recent tragic discovery at the Kamloops Residential School.

Update from Program Managers

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

- The **2020-2021 Annual Highlights Summary** has been published. It covers the SWC's activities and achievements for water quality monitoring, the new Water Quality Grant Program, Zebra and Quagga Mussel prevention, safe boating, and communications and community engagement. Operational expenses for the period April 1st 2020 - March 31st 2021 were \$254,378; there was an operational surplus of \$69,072 which carried forward to the current year. The Highlights Summary can be viewed online at www.shuswapwater.ca.
- The SWC is facilitating the development of a **regional Shuswap algae bloom response plan**, with the involvement of several water quality monitors in the watershed. The plan will be ready for implementation by the end of June, should the need for response arise.
- The **Water Protection Advisory Committee** met this spring to review 2021 Water Quality Grant Program applications and recommend projects for funding to the SWC.
- **Zebra and Quagga Mussel early detection monitoring** is underway in the Shuswap at 16 sites on nine waterbodies; prevention measures including Clean-Drain-Dry practices and watercraft inspection are being promoted across the region.
- **Safe boating awareness campaigns** are underway for the season. The SWC is once again partnering with the Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue to promote the use of lifejackets and other safety messaging.

Revised budget for 2021-22

Erin Vieira presented a revised budget for the current year. The projected expenses for the year are \$293,500 (not \$375,850 as presented at the March 10th SWC meeting).

Water Quality Grants awarded

The SWC selected two water quality grant applications to receive funding, following the recommendations of the Water Protection Advisory Committee. The two projects are seeking \$26,753, and will reduce nutrient-loading from land to surface water. SWC members discussed how to improve the response to the Water Quality Grant Program.

A full meeting summary is available on the SWC website.

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