

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2020

Paul Demenok, CSRD Director for Area C South Shuswap was acclaimed as Chair, and Tim Lavery, Salmon Arm City Councillor was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

Recommendation for voter assent process

Charles Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, was in attendance at the workshop to explain that the Shuswap Watershed Council Service Bylaw has a sunset clause, and that the service bylaw will reach the end of its term on December 31st 2020; renewing the Service will require voter assent and this must be complete in Fall 2020.

The SWC passed a resolution to recommend to the CSRD Board of Directors to proceed with a voter assent process for the continuation of the Shuswap Watershed Council Service Bylaw.

New five-year strategic plan

The Chair facilitated a strategic planning session to review the SWC's goals, objectives, and strategies and collect SWC members' input on these for the next five years. Staff were directed prepare a draft five-year plan and budget, for April 1st 2021 – March 31st 2026, for further discussion at the next regular SWC meeting on March 11th. [The SWC's current five year plan will reach its term on March 31st 2021].

Nutrient Research Summary Report available

Staff have recently completed a summary report covering results of new research on nutrients and water quality in the Shuswap River and Salmon River. The research has been led by UBC-Okanagan, in partnership with the SWC, since 2016. The summary report is posted on the SWC website, www.shuswapwater.ca, and print copies are also available. A full report from the research partners is forthcoming.

Water Quality Grant Program approved

The SWC approved a new water quality grant program. Up to \$100,000 is available in 2020 for projects that divert or mitigate the flow of phosphorus-rich waters to the Shuswap River and Salmon River. Interested applicants are referred to the program guide and application form available on the SWC website, www.shuswapwater.ca. Applications are due April 30th 2020.

The next meeting of the Shuswap Watershed Council is on March 11th, 2020, at the Columbia Shuswap Regional District Boardroom.

Full meeting summaries are available on the SWC website.

SWC MEMBERS:

Paul Demenok – Chair
CSRD Area 'C'

Tim Lavery – Vice Chair
City of Salmon Arm

Rene Talbot
CSRD Area 'D'

Rhona Martin
CSRD Area 'E'

Jay Simpson
CSRD Area 'F'

Rod Crowe
TNRD, Village of Chase

Ken Christian
TNRD, City of Kamloops

Colleen Anderson
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Dave Nordquist
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Adams Lake Indian Band

Steven Teed
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Rick Fairbairn
RDNO Area 'D'

Denis Delisle
RDNO Area 'F'

Dennis Einarson
BC Ministry of Environment
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Laura Code
BC Ministry of Agriculture

Lorne Hunter
Community Representative

Randy Wood
Community representative

Sharon Bennett
Community Representative

Natalya Melnychuk
Community Representative