

Shuswap Watershed Council

Council Meeting
May 3rd 2016 | 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Columbia Shuswap Regional District Boardroom
555 Harbourfront Drive, Salmon Arm

Record of Decisions and Action Items Approved on September 19th 2016

Meeting objectives

1. Finalize SWC Terms of Reference
2. Review and discuss communications material
3. Receive Water Monitoring Plan and Water Protection Initiative updates for information; approve SWC-funded monitoring activities
4. Review and approve Recreation Safety Education Program activities for 2016

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
Todd Kylo – District of Sicamous
Rick Berrigan – TNRD, Village of Chase
Herman Halvorson – RDNO, Area ‘F’
Tundra Baird – RDNO, City of Enderby
Dennis Einarson – BC Ministry of Environment
Laura Code – BC Ministry of Agriculture
Ray Nadeau – Community representative
Randy Wood – Community representative
Lorne Hunter – Community representative

Erin Vieira and Mike Simpson – Fraser Basin Council

Observer(s): Bo Wilson

Regrets

Peter Milobar – TNRD, City of Kamloops
Greg Witzky – Secwepemc Nation, Adams Lake Indian Band
Dave Nordquist – Secwepemc Nation, Adams Lake Indian Band

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

In Camera

Moved/Seconded by Directors Morgan/Talbot that:
Pursuant to Section 90(1)(a):

- *Personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or*

agent of the Regional District of another position appointed by the Regional District
of the Community Charter, the SWC move In Camera.

CARRIED

The regular meeting of the SWC re-convened at 10:10 AM.

Lorne Hunter, Randy Wood, and Ray Nadeau joined the meeting at this time.

Adoption of Meeting Summary

Moved/Seconded by Directors Morgan/Martin that:
The meeting summary of the February 10th 2016 meeting of the SWC be adopted.

Discussion:

- Ray Nadeau noted that the Program Terms of Reference [Shuswap Watershed Water Quality Program Terms of Reference] was absent from the meeting summary; he emphasized the utility of the document. Mike Simpson explained that the elements of the document were built into the SWC's five-year program. Chair Demenok suggested that the Program Terms of Reference be archived on the website to eliminate confusion.
- Director Halvorson noted one spelling error on the meeting summary.

CARRIED

Action Item: program managers to archive the SWWQP Terms of Reference on the SWC website, and correct the spelling mistake on the adopted meeting summary.

Correspondence

For information: Letter to Premier Clark and Minister Polak re: Invasive Mussels Defence Program

Discussion:

- Director Martin commented that the actions undertaken by the Province and its partners is a good first step, and there is more work to be done.
- Chair Demenok inquired as to why the boat inspection stations are not set up at borders. Dennis Einarson stated that the stations are mobile and volunteered to find out the reason for not stationing the borders.

Action Item: Dennis Einarson will inquire with MOE staff re: inspection station locations.

Report from Chair

Chair Demenok reminded SWC members that the SWC is now a Standing Committee of the CSRD, and new procedures are in place.

A recent houseboat sinking in Eagle Bay has raised concerns over potential impacts to water quality, and raised the issue of jurisdiction over sunken vessels in inland fresh water.

There have been reports of dead-heads and debris in the lake, which can create safety concerns. The Chair noted that there isn't a debris removal program for the lakes.

Discussion:

- Director Martin commented that debris clean-up in the lakes would be challenging as there is new input of debris after a rain event. In lieu of clean-up, raising awareness of the debris and the threat to boaters would be beneficial.
- Mayor Berrigan indicated support for media coverage of the issue and suggested flagging dead-heads to make them more visible to boaters.
- Director Halvorson commented that logs may be escaping from booms; could request clean-up activities from forest licences

Action item: program managers to prepare media release re: floating and partially submerged debris, and contact mills about debris removal.

Terms of Reference

Moved/Seconded by Director Morgan/Mayor Berrigan that:
The Shuswap Watershed Council Terms of Reference (v.3) Section 10 be amended to provide mileage compensation to Community Representatives at a rate of \$0.50/km;

And that:

The Shuswap Watershed Council Terms of Reference (v.3) Section 4.2 be amended to become consistent with the provisions of Section 10;

And further that:

The Shuswap Watershed Council Terms of Reference (v.3) Section 5.1, second point, be amended to include the Okanagan Nation as having voting rights for non-financial issues.

Discussion:

- Chair Demenok conveyed that Adams Lake Indian Band has expressed a desire to provide financial support to the SWC. Mike Simpson clarified that the two spots on the SWC are given to the Secwepemc Nation, who makes appointments to the SWC at their discretion. Some discussion took place about how to enable a financial contribution.

CARRIED

Action item: program managers will amend and finalize the SWC Terms of Reference v.3 accordingly.

Action item: program managers will arrange a meeting of Chair Demenok, Vice Chair Morgan, and Councillors Witzky and Jules.

**Report from
Program Managers**

Erin Vieira reported on the program managers' activities since the February 10th 2016 SWC meeting:

- Supported selection committee in interviewing candidates for Community Representative positions
- Liaised with CSRD administration re: CSRD Bylaws 5705 and 5648
- Facilitated Water Monitoring Group meeting on March 10th
- Established contract with UBC-Okanagan for Phosphorus research (as part of the Water Protection Initiative)
- Solicited participation for Water Protection Advisory Committee
- Worked with graphic artist to create three logo options
- Researched recreation safety and developed program for 2016
- Prepared letter to Premier Clark and Minister Polak re: invasive mussels defence program
- Ongoing communications and public engagement

Mike Simpson reported the expenses for the period April 1st 2015 – March 31st 2016:

- \$40,340 on water quality monitoring (deficit of \$5340)
- \$42,965 on activities related to 'incubation' of the five-year proposal in 2015 (surplus of 57,036)
 - It was noted \$0 against the \$40,000 budgeted for activities related to a voter assent process were spent
 - It was further noted that the contingency of \$4546 was not spent
- The year-end variance is a \$56,240 surplus

Action item: program managers to send the Water Monitoring Group Terms of Reference to the SWC members for their information.

SWC brand options

Erin Vieira presented the three draft logo/brand options for the SWC. A discussion took place and Council members expressed their preference(s).

Chair Demenok called a vote. A majority of SWC members prefer brand Option 'C'.

Discussion:

- Director Morgan requested that the social media version of brand Option 'C' be modified slightly

Action Item: program managers to work with graphic artist to finalize the logo and incorporate into communications materials, website, and social media platforms.

Water Monitoring Plan

Erin Vieira presented the 2016 watershed-wide Water Quality Monitoring Plan, for information.

Action item: program managers to integrate the monitoring activities of the Water Protection Initiative (Phosphorus research) into the monitoring activities table.

Request for Funding Approval – Water Monitoring

Erin Vieira conveyed the request for funding for water monitoring activities from the Water Monitoring Group as follows:

- \$13,614 for Salmon River monitoring activities
- \$2500 for data uploads to the province-wide database

Erin clarified that these items are within the \$27,000 budget in the five-year plan.

Moved/Seconded by Directors Morgan/Talbot that:
The request for funding water monitoring expenses be approved

Discussion:

- Dennis Einarson relayed that he has secured some funds from a provincial fund for the Salmon River monitoring, and that the BC Ministry of Environment has committed staff time to the program. The contribution from the SWC makes up the difference required to fulfill the Salmon River monitoring program.

CARRIED

Water Protection Initiative

Mike Simpson presented an update on the activities completed under the Water Protection Initiative, for information:

- The Water Protection Advisory Committee has been formed with various representation; a draft Terms of Reference for the committee is complete and the first meeting will take place later in May (TBC)
- Fraser Basin Council has entered into a three-year research contract with UBC-Okanagan on behalf of the SWC for the Phosphorus research project

Action item: program managers to ensure statistical analysis of consistency of data with Dr. Jeff Curtis

Recreation Safety Education Program

Erin Vieira presented the Recreation Safety Education Program for 2016.

Moved/Seconded by Directors Martin/Talbot to approve the program as presented.

Discussion:

- Director Martin suggested targeting media advertising with community newspapers' long-weekend inserts

- Director Talbot suggested placing print materials on houseboat vessels
- Councillor Baird suggested supporting the National Lifejacket Day (May 19th 2016) campaign
- Director Demenok suggested coordinating lifejacket kiosks with the Shuswap Lifeboat Society, Shuswap Tourism and the Chambers of Commerce

CARRIED

Action item: program managers will follow up with all organizations to ensure a coordinated approach to lifejacket kiosks.

Action item: program managers will promote National Lifejacket Day via social media

**Discussion:
information-
sharing within SWC**

Erin Vieira requested that SWC members share items of interest (e.g., water quality or water safety) with the SWC via e-mail, at their discretion.

Action item: program managers to ensure SWC members have an up-to-date membership list with contact information.

Adjourn

Moved/Seconded by Directors Morgan/Talbot that:
The meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM