

Report from Chair

Chair Jay Simpson reported that he attended the Union of BC Municipalities Annual Convention, where he met with Minister for Land, Water & Resource Stewardship Josie Osborne to discuss invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels.

Report from Program Managers

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

- The **Shuswap Regional Algal Bloom Response Plan** was enacted this summer in response to an algal bloom occurring in Salmon Arm Bay and Tappen Bay since early August. Weekly water quality monitoring by partners is underway.
- Staff have completed the **Phosphorus Action Plan for the Shuswap watershed**. Next steps include circulation of the plan and publishing it online, promoting the action items within, and implementing the actions items identified for the SWC.
- Staff implemented various education and outreach campaigns for the prevention of invasive mussels
- The SWC provides financial support to the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society to monitor several lakes within the Shuswap for early signs of invasive mussels. To-date, all water samples collected have tested negative for mussels (i.e., no invasive mussels found).
- Two partner-led projects with funding from the SWC's Water Quality Grant Program are underway. The next intake for applications to the grant program will be in November.
- The SWC published its **sixth annual Water Quality Summary Report** in July
- Staff implemented a variety of educational campaigns to promote safe boating and water-based recreation over the spring and summer months.

Expenses to the end of the first quarter (April 1st – June 30th 2022) total **\$86,683** against the annual operating budget of **\$341,905**.

Phosphorus Action Plan for the Shuswap watershed

The SWC has recently completed a Phosphorus Action Plan for the Shuswap watershed. The plan was developed with input from several governments and industries, including municipalities and regional districts, First Nations, and Kamloops Okanagan Dairy Association. The plan is an educational, incentive-based document that provides guidance to all residents and industry sectors to better manage their 'nutrient footprint' in the Shuswap, to help protect water quality for the long term. Staff will make a few minor changes to the Phosphorus Action Plan, then circulate it widely by email and publish it on the SWC website. Staff will be available to present to industry and home-owner groups about the plan.

A full meeting summary is available on the SWC website.

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