

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022

Jay Simpson, CSRD Director for Area 'F' North Shuswap was acclaimed as Chair; Paul Demenok, CSRD Director for Area 'C' South Shuswap was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

Changes to SWC membership

Chair Simpson acknowledged Lorne Hunter and Sharon Bennett who have served as Community Representatives on the SWC since 2016 and 2019, respectively, and whose terms will be complete on March 31st. The Chair thanked them both for their contributions. The Chair also welcomed Dennis Einarson back to the SWC as a Senior Scientific Advisor.

Report from Program Managers

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

- Staff facilitated a bi-annual meeting of the **Shuswap Water Monitoring Group** in February to review and discuss the upcoming season of water quality monitoring across the watershed by various organizations and to update the regional **Shuswap Regional Algal Bloom Response Plan**
- Staff administered a third round of intakes for the **Water Quality Grant Program**; four applications were received by the January 31st deadline
- Staff are finalizing the development of a **Phosphorus Action Plan** for the Shuswap watershed; comments and input from government and industry groups are being incorporated
- Staff are working with the Chair and Vice Chair to submit a letter to the Province in response to their Watershed Security Strategy and Fund Discussion Paper
- Staff have submitted two **grant applications** to federal government programs for funds to support the SWC's work.

Expenses to the end of the third quarter (April 1st - December 31st 2021) total **\$177,176** against the annual operating budget of **\$298,500**.

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 will receive \$11,820 and \$40,190 for wetland restoration in the Gardom Creek watershed and riparian restoration and bank stabilization on the Eagle River, respectively.

Budget and work plan for 2022-23 approved

Staff presented the proposed work plan and budget for 2022-23. The operational expenses total \$270,475 with a projected Operating Reserve of \$139,992. The budget and work plan were approved, and come into effect April 1st 2022.

A full meeting summary is available on the SWC website.

SWC MEMBERS:

Jay Simpson – Chair

CSRD Area 'F'

Paul Demenok – Vice Chair

CSRD Area 'C'

Rene Talbot

CSRD Area 'D'

Rhona Martin

CSRD Area 'E'

Rod Crowe

TNRD, Village of Chase

Ken Christian

TNRD, City of Kamloops

Debbie Cannon

City of Salmon Arm

Colleen Anderson

District of Sicamous

Dave Nordquist

Secwepemc Nation,
Adams Lake Indian Band

Howard Nordquist

Secwepemc Nation,
Adams Lake Indian Band

Rick Fairbairn

RDNO Area 'D'

Denis Delisle

RDNO Area 'F'

Kym Keogh

BC Ministry of Environment
& Climate Change Strategy

Lindsay Benbow

BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food
& Fisheries

Lorne Hunter

Community Representative

Sharon Bennett

Community Representative

Natalya Melnychuk

Community Representative

Dennis Einarson

Senior Scientific Advisor