

## Shuswap Watershed Council work plan and budget for 2025–26<sup>1</sup>

REVENUE—Source	(\$)	EXPENSES	Expenses (\$)		Sub-total (\$)
2024–25 operational surplus (from March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025)	49,412		Disbursements	Program mgmt	
2024–25 funds allocated and carried forward to 2025–26 projects	34,646	Water Quality Monitoring	0	6300	6300
<i>Contribution Agreement:</i>		Water Quality Protection & Improvement	35,546	9975	45,521
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	53,600	Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention	3585	6900	10,485
Adams Lake Indian Band	1300	Safe Recreation	1500	2025	3525
<i>Grant Funding:</i>		Communications & Advocacy	4600	18,113	22,713
Not confirmed yet <sup>2</sup>		Council Meetings, Administration & Fund Development	2350	36,550	38,900
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>138,958</b>	<b>Sub-total Program Operations Expenses</b>	<b>47,581</b>	<b>79,863</b>	<b>127,444</b>
		Surplus			11,514
		<b>Total expenses</b>			<b>138,958</b>

<sup>1</sup> The fiscal year is April 1, 2025–March 31, 2026

<sup>2</sup> The work plan and budget will be updated when grant funding is confirmed

## Key Tasks and Deliverables for 2025–26

- Administer the **Water Quality Grant Program** to support farms and stewardship organizations to carry out projects and adopt new practices that protect and improve water quality — \$34,646 grant funds distributed in 2025 to five grant recipients
- Educate residents and visitors about **preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species**
- Facilitate bi-annual meetings of the **Shuswap Water Monitoring Group** to discuss water monitoring, collaborate and share information
- **Advocate** for the Shuswap watershed by corresponding with senior government agencies about critical concerns and threats, and ask for more action to address these issues
- **Promote safe boating** and water-based recreation through educational campaigns
- **Communicate and engage** with Shuswap residents about the SWC's activities and achievements
  - Publish an Annual Highlights Report for 2024–25
  - Publish media releases and newsletters
  - Maintain a website and social media
- **Hold four Council meetings** per year
- **Track and report** expenses
- **Apply for grant funding** to support the Shuswap Watershed Council in 2025 and beyond.

## Who We Are

### About the Shuswap Watershed Council

The SWC was established in 2014 as a watershed-based partnership of several organizations with an interest or responsibility for protecting water quality. There are up to 19 members that represent local governments, the Secwepemc Nation, Provincial government agencies, science and academia, and youth. The SWC is a collaborative, non-regulatory group that focuses on strategic initiatives to protect, maintain, and enhance water quality and promote safe recreation in the Shuswap.

### Staff

The Fraser Basin Council (FBC), a BC non-profit non-government organization established in 1997, provides staff services to the SWC. There are two staff in FBC's Kamloops office that lead the SWC's programs and initiatives.

### Vision

Enhanced water quality that supports human and ecosystem health and the local economy in the Shuswap watershed.