

Work Plan and Budget for 2023–24¹

REVENUE—Source	(\$)	EXPENSES	Expenses (\$)		Sub-total (\$)
			Disbursements	Program mgmt	
2022–23 operational surplus	47,656				
2022–23 funds allocated and carried forward to 2023–24 projects	53,004	Water Quality Monitoring	29,100	15,200	44,300
<i>Per Contribution Agreement:</i>		Water Quality Protection & Improvement	174,864	27,200	200,064
CSRD (Areas C, D, E, F, G and District of Sicamous)	160,000	Zebra & Quagga Mussel Prevention	33,300	6600	39,900
TNRD	53,600	Safe Recreation	20,000	10,000	30,000
City of Salmon Arm	40,000	Communications & Advocacy	12,900	27,700	40,600
Adams Lake Indian Band	1300	Council Meetings & Administration	2600	37,500	40,100
<i>Grant Funding:</i>		Sub-total Program Operations Expenses	270,764	124,200	394,964
Transport Canada —Boating Safety Contribution Program	24,025	2023–24 contribution to Operating Reserve ²			24,621
Environment & Climate Change Canada —Fraser River Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative	40,000				
Total revenue	419,585	Total expenses			419,585

¹ The fiscal year is April 1, 2023–March 31, 2024 • ² The operating reserve has been growing since 2016 as a result of annual surpluses

Key Tasks and Deliverables for 2023–24

- Administer the **Water Quality Grant Program** to support farms and stewards to carry out projects and adopt new practices that protect and improve water quality
 - \$53,004 grant funds distributed in 2023 to five grant recipients
 - \$65,000 grant budget in 2023–24 (to be distributed in 2024)
- Begin developing a **Wetland Strategy** for the Shuswap watershed as an important new step to protect and improve water quality
- Administer the **Zebra & Quagga Mussel Prevention Program**
 - Educational campaigns to create an informed public that understands the risks and prevention measures for aquatic invasive species. Messages focus on ‘Clean-Drain-Dry’ practices and watercraft inspection for travellers.
 - Partner with the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society to carry out early detection monitoring throughout Shuswap watershed
- Make the Shuswap watershed a **safer place for boating and water-based recreation** through educational safety campaigns and the provision of safety equipment
- **Communicate with residents** about the SWC’s activities, achievements and decisions
 - Publish an Annual Highlights Report
 - Media releases
 - Website and social media
- **Educate and inform** residents and visitors about water quality
 - Publish an annual Shuswap Water Quality Summary Report
 - Update the SWC 2020 nutrient research summary report
- **Advocate** for the Shuswap watershed by bringing critical concerns about water quality and invasive mussels to Provincial and Federal government agencies and regulators, and ask for more action to address these issues
- Hold four Council meetings per year to **facilitate collaboration**, hear program operations updates from staff, discuss arising watershed issues, and approve annual work plans and budgets
- Administer the SWC’s finances
- **Apply for federal grant funding** to support the SWC’s work.

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 22 members that represent three regional districts, two municipalities, the Secwepemc Nation, three Provincial government agencies, and Shuswap communities. The SWC is a collaborative, non-regulatory group that focusses 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 all of the SWC’s programs and initiatives.

Vision

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