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Shuswap Watershed Council seeking Community Representatives

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) is inviting residents of the Shuswap to join the SWC membership as a Community Representative. Up to four positions are available, for up to three-year terms, beginning in April 2022.

Currently, the SWC membership consists of representatives from the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Adams Lake Indian Band, City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, Regional District of North Okanagan, BC Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy, and BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Fisheries. There are also three community representatives whose terms will be complete at the end of March. The diverse membership of the SWC enables input, perspectives, and collaboration of various organizations across the Shuswap watershed.

The role of SWC members is to provide direction and oversight for the delivery of the SWC's programs for water quality, safe boating and recreation, aquatic invasive species prevention, engagement and communications, and advocacy. Along with other SWC members, Community Representatives are required to attend SWC meetings on a quarterly basis (four times per year).

"Community Representatives should live or work in the Shuswap, and have a keen interest in protecting and maintaining the water quality in the Shuswap," says Erin Vieira, program manager for the SWC.

The positions are volunteer, but expenses associated with attending meetings in-person would be compensated. However, Vieira says the Council has been meeting virtually since 2020 and it isn't yet known when they will resume meeting in person.

A full description of the Community Representative positions is available on the SWC's website, www.shuswapwater.ca.

The positions will be filled through a process of application and evaluation. Anyone interested in applying is invited to fill out and submit an Expression of Interest form (available on the SWC's website). The deadline for submitting an application is February 18th 2022.



About: The Shuswap Watershed Council is a watershed-based partnership organization that works on water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap.

Contact: For more information, please contact Erin Vieira or Mike Simpson c/o the Fraser Basin Council in Kamloops at 250 314-9660 and visit www.shuswapwater.ca.