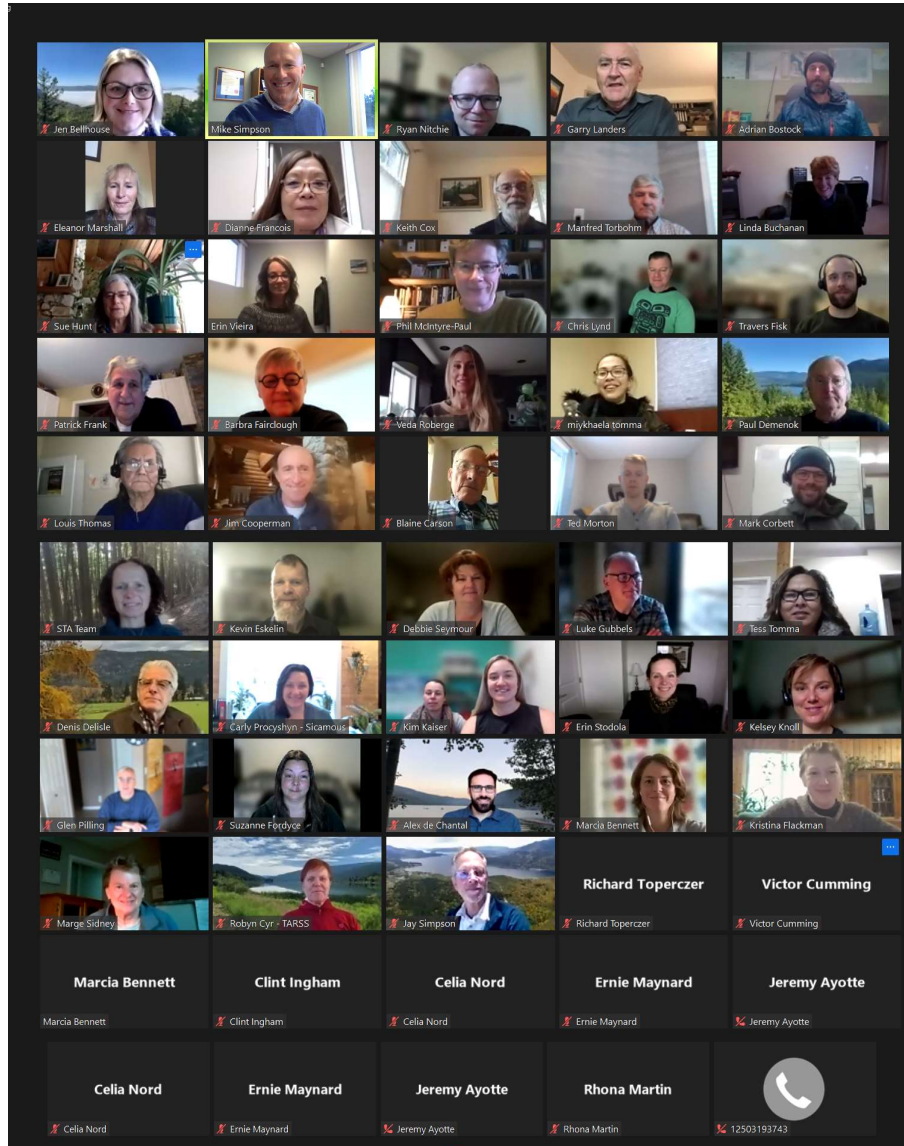


Meeting summary of the eighth annual
Shuswap Trails Roundtable

November 24th 2021



Draft meeting summary as at November 26th 2021

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Introduction

Approximately 75 leaders and representatives from various orders of government including Secwepemc, local, regional, and provincial, as well as from trail user groups, stewardship groups, health organizations, tourism, and the forest industry met virtually via Zoom from various locations around the Shuswap for the eighth annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable. The objectives for the Roundtable meeting were as follows:

- Learn about Secwepemc governance structures, and engagement and consultation
- Learn about best practices for invasive species management
- To provide an update on progress of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year
- To seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, and endorse the annual work plan
- Convene all trail user groups and orders of government to build relationships and share information.

The agenda can be found in Appendix 1. A list of Roundtable participants can be found in Appendix 3.

Welcoming comments

The 2021 Shuswap Trails Roundtable opened with a prayer by Edna Felix.

Jen Bellhouse welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation in the Roundtable meeting.

Mike Simpson introduced himself as the facilitator for the day. He briefly reviewed Zoom meeting etiquette.

Next, a full round of introductions of introductions took place with all participants acknowledging which Indigenous Territory from which they were joining the meeting.

Next, Mike briefly reviewed the meeting objectives and the meeting agenda. He gave an overview of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable membership and quorum. Mike also briefly reminded participants about the Roundtable Working Group membership and purpose.

Secwepemc Governance and Engagement

Celia Nord, Assistant Title and Rights Coordinator for Adams Lake Indian Band, began by introducing Pespesellkwe te Secwepemc (PteS). Pespesellkwe is an indigenous organization that includes Little Shuswap Lake Band, Adams Lake Indian Band and Splatsin in the Shuswap Lakes area of Secwepemc'ulecw. PteS also works with Neskonlith First Nation and Shuswap Indian Band (based in Invermere). PteS works on behalf of the indigenous communities with provincial and federal government organizations; Celia acknowledged that the relationships between all parties are complex. Celia clarified that trails groups, as a starting point for engaging with Indigenous communities, should

approach the Consultative Areas Database (<https://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/hm/cadb/>) in order to determine which indigenous groups to talk to about trail developments or referrals.

Celia also briefly touched on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA). The BC Government legislated DRIPA in 2019; there is a spectrum of response to this by various agencies.

Adrian Bostock commented that Celia Nord's presentation to the Roundtable in 2019 is also an excellent resource which he often uses. That presentation can be found here: <https://shuswaptrails.com/userfiles/file/ReferralsTrails.pdf>.

Regional Invasive Species Projects related to Trails and Recreation

Kim Kaiser, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS), briefly reviewed best practices to reduce the spread of invasive species while using trails including the importance of arriving to a trail-head or recreation site with clean uncontaminated gear.

Kim and Jess Booth also briefly reviewed a few key invasive species management projects in the Shuswap this year including the removal of Yellow Flag Iris from several lakeshore sites; a community weed pull that took place along the Salmon Arm Bay foreshore; a Himalayan balsam weed pull by the Shuswap Lady Striders walking group; leafy spurge treatment along the Rail Trail; and several treatments at Recreation Sites by a 'Stronger BC' team.

Lastly, Kim explained that recreationists can report invasive species several ways including using the 'IAS / Report Invasives' app or www.reportinvasives.ca; directly to CSISS; or through iNaturalist (www.inaturalist.org). She emphasized one particular species, Tree of Heaven, as potentially invading the Shuswap region and asked Roundtable participants to be on the watch for it.

Learn more at www.columbiashuswapinvasives.org.

Kela7scen (Mt Ida) Update

Jen Bellhouse began by announcing that a Kela7scen Working Group has been formed and a couple site visits have been done. The Working Group has approached Pespesellkwe with a proposal to develop a management plan for Kela7scen.

Louis Thomas explained that the need for better care for Kela7scen became apparent in the late 1990s after the wildfire.

Wildfire Risk Reduction in the Shuswap

Sidney Potter, BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, introduced that the Provincial Wildfire Risk Reduction Program aims to create a landscape where wildfires are more manageable and stands are more resilient, and to protect human life, communities and critical infrastructure. Risk reduction projects typically focus on the 'Wildland Urban Interface' (WUI). Risk reduction treatments include slashing, thinning, piling and burning, and prescribed burning. The Wildfire Risk Reduction Program work with Recreation Officers and stakeholders to ensure recreation experience and access is retained.

Sidney specifically mentioned the Anglemont Wildfire Risk Reduction Project. One of the goals of that project is to avoid causing damage to the Evelyn Falls trail.

Sidney covers the Okanagan Shuswap Natural Resource District; her counter-part in the Thompson Rivers District (west Shuswap) is Julie Maxwell.

Sub-regional Discussions

Participants broke into one of seven small groups to discuss work underway and priorities in the sub-regions. Mike suggested that the groups focus their conversation on identifying what new priorities have emerged in the sub-region, what new opportunities for partnerships have emerged, and what are the top three priorities for the sub-regions in 2022.

Inner Shuswap

Phil McIntyre-Paul reported the top priorities:

1. South Shuswap Destination Trail Plan: the planning process will resume in January and run until about June 2022. The CSRD and STA are working on this, and funding is in place.
2. Reinecker Creek trail: a portion of the trail is being re-routed off private land
3. Loftus Lake: a universally accessible trail is being developed around the lake; CSRD is waiting to hear about a grant application that will support this
4. Sorrento - Blind Bay Park: CSRD is proposing accessibility improvements to the loop trail at the park.
5. Sunnybrae Views development: Potential to connect with Landmarks Project; CSRD is working to secure land for connector trails.

East Shuswap

Carly Procyshyn reported the top priorities:

1. The Gorge recreation area needs proactive management and continuous communication between user groups as there has been increased use by non-motorized and motorized users. Gorge Ski Association had been working on road building plans, but that is on pause due to wildfire fall-out.
2. Eagle Pass and the future of the shelter, possibility of re-convening the working group; recommendation to create a working group to discuss plans for the shelter; needs more

communication on the project and process. There are also plans to look into a heritage contractor and conduct a cultural heritage study/assessment for the area.

43. Mt. MacPherson: Discussed importance of the West trail as a key Shuswap outdoors route; additional maintenance is needed to make it safer for increased, continuous use. The STA has a trail planning and environmental screening TEST tool applied to it. Also discussed the newer non-status East trail as another option. – proactively making it more safe given increased usage

4. Joss Mountain

5. CSRD is working on a 'Blue Way' plan for the Eagle River.

Shuswap River

Alex de Chantal reported the top priorities:

1. Rail Trail Vernon to Armstrong: many initiatives are underway including connections at North Vernon, East Swan lake, and Southern Spallumcheen
2. Mallory Ridge: interest in preventing forest harvesting within 20 kms of trails; opportunity to tie Nathan Bluffs into existing trail system
3. Okanagan Rail Trail had over 300,000 users this year; need for washrooms and other infrastructure
4. Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail (Sicamous to Armstrong) raised \$1.6M this year, hoping to have construction start in 2022 focussing on initial two projects. Learn more at www.shuswapnorthokanaganrailtrail.ca.

North Shuswap

Jay Simpson reported the top priorities:

1. Parallel trails along Skwlax-Angmont Road have been worked on for the past couple of years to create safer pathways for pedestrians and cyclists. Three sections have been identified: Scotch Creek connectors, and two sections between Celistia and Anglemont. Engineering is complete, consultation with MOTI is imminent and then CSRD will bring it back to the community for a decision.
2. Lee Creek Bluff trail: community consultation was put on hold due to Covid-19. Some field work is scheduled for 2022 with First Nations and community engagement to follow. The project also needs design, consultation, and financial considerations to be worked out.
3. Potential circle route from Albas Falls - Humamilt - Momich Lake - Adams Lake - Lee Creek. Just a dream at this point, no work is underway.
4. Dreamworks Motorcycles is offering guided tours along Skwlax-Anglemont to Seymour Arm, and on to Craigellachie and Three Valley Gap using forestry roads
5. Work is beginning with Shuswap Backcountry Riders regarding Crowfoot Mountain ATV trails maintenance, signage, etc.
6. Need for a North Shuswap Trails Strategy planning exercise in conjunction with Parks Master Plan in 2023.

Falkland

Veda Roberge reported the top priority:

1. CSRD is working on establishing a multi-use trailhead at Glenemma; application in to Agricultural Land Commission to allow recreational use on agricultural land.

Salmon Arm Bay

Anita Ely reported the top priorities:

1. Kela7scen (Mt. Ida): a working group is assembled and is considering how to engage with First Nations. Access to Mt. Ida is an issue; some concerns exist including for geological features, cultural and heritage assets; concern about damage from trail use.
2. Active Transportation Plan: City of Salmon Arm was successful in securing grant funds for an Active Transportation Plan. Community engagement will get underway soon and wrap up by Spring 2023. The planning approach will include creating safe links of passage through the community.
3. Wildfire mitigation – what will interface fire mitigation look like between Crown lands and city
4. Secwepemc Landmarks project: this is well underway with the first trail Landmarks trail post installed and unveiled; another 50+ posts are carved with half of those also installed. Additional grant funding of \$296K will allow for the creation of additional monuments.

West Shuswap

Joni Heinrich reported the top priorities:

1. Scatchard Mtn trail system, new Rocky Road trail is part of the network; new Scatchard Trail Plan development in review process, moving to consultation and sourcing funding for 2022.
2. Active Transportation within the Village of Chase

Snapshot Report: Owlhead - Blue Lake - Cummings - Hunter Range

Phil McIntyre-Paul reported that a small working group is working on managing access in the area over the past 6-7 years. Impacts of fires and climate are being felt in the area. Lots of mapping has been done for the area, there is need for better signage and repairs to some trails.

Snapshot Report: Skimikin

Sue Hunt reported that two separate Section 57s were submitted for existing, unauthorized trails. Signage has been added to signposts that were installed last year. A clean-up was done to remove some abandoned, burnt vehicles from the recreation staging area. Trail maintenance was done throughout spring and summer; funding was secured from the ORV fund which went toward repairs on Trail 12. Some new stop signs were installed at key trail intersections, and picnic tables were installed at some sites. Indigenous elders were invited to a field day to talk about important cultural values at Skimikin, and to contribute to re-naming some trails which currently just have a numbered naming system. An environmental screening report is underway and will be completed soon.

Snapshot Report: Secwepemc Landmarks

Jen Bellhouse reported that the first trail post has been installed and un-veiled with another ~27 in the ground this year; another 50 posts have been carved with about half of

those installed throughout the region. The main monument installation has unfortunately been delayed. An additional \$296K grant funding will allow for two more large monuments and eight smaller monuments.

Snapshot Report: Sicamous Mountain Bike Park

Carly Procyshyn reported that the bike park is in the early stages of planning. The project has received letters of support from local First Nations and Shuswap Tourism. Next steps include engaging with the Shuswap Trail Alliance to move through the process of developing these trails. Carly also remarked that wildfire risk reduction work has been done near the base of mountain.

Shuswap Trails Roundtable Business

Jen Bellhouse reported that the Working Group met four times in 2021, via Zoom. Key highlights include:

- The Roundtable is on year four of four-year funding cycle with partners; the Working Group is advocating for a renewed four-year funding strategy shared by all orders of government and in-kind support from stewardship and sector organizations
- Advocated for Recreational Access Management Plans at priority areas including Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Alpine; Owlhead-Blue Lake-Hunters Range; Eagle Pass Mountain, Gorge Winter Backcountry Area; Larch Hills non-winter use; Kela7scen (Mt. Ida); Glenemma; and South Shuswap
- Maintained trail-based tourism promotion
- Continued growing Secwepemc learning
- Many regional partner-led initiatives.

Emerging Priorities for 2022 will include:

- To secure Roundtable funding for 2022 and beyond
- Maintain quarterly project information sharing and collaboration through the Working Group
- Continue to explore and advocate for collaborative land management projects with the Province
- Continue implementation of the Secwepemc Landmarks and trail signage project
- Continue to coordinate master trail-mapping through the CSRD's GIS department.

Jen Bellhouse presented a financial summary for 2021. Roundtable expenses for the year came to \$9650; revenue was \$8803 resulting in a deficit of \$847.

The 2022 Budget Proposal allows for \$11,500 expenses, and projects confirmed revenue of \$8000. Jen clarified that the budget allows for extended Covid-19 protocol and online meeting in 2022.

The full Roundtable Annual Summary Report can be found in Appendix 2 of this meeting summary.

Approval of 2020 Shuswap Trails Roundtable Draft Summary

Mike Simpson briefly mentioned the 2020 Roundtable Summary which is available online and was circulated with today's Roundtable agenda to participants. He asked if there were any additions or edits to it before being approved. There were none; the 2020 Summary was approved by consensus.

Short Takes

Adrian Bostock reported that the Forest Practices Board will host a webinar about their recently released report on forest-based recreation, it is tentatively scheduled for January 20th in the evening. The Shuswap Trail Alliance will be seeking input from Roundtable members, as we get closer about what should be included in the webinar. Potential presenters include Kevin Chris (Forest Practises Board), Ted Morton (Masters Student at TRU), representative from Pespesewllkwe (or local band), and a representative from FLNRORD. The webinar will be open to anybody who would like to attend. (<https://www.bcfpb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SR59-BC-Forest-Recreation-Mgmt.pdf>)

Ted Morton gave a brief summary of his post-graduate research project on the challenges of mountain bike tourism development in rural and Indigenous communities. Ted explained the methodology and some of the critical questions of his research. He concluded that mountain bike tourism developers ought to consider their social license, and integrate fundamentals of sustainable development when using the land (unceded Indigenous territory and public land) as a resource; this is particularly critical considering that many mountain bike trails are built, managed and maintained by volunteers.

Jeremy Ayotte reported that he's working on an adaptive environmental management plan for Joss Mountain to support the conservation of environmental values. This involves developing a monitoring program and setting acceptable limits to trigger corrective actions. He explained that Joss Mountain has two main trails: one on the East side that accesses the alpine; the other approaches from the Northwest side up to the fire lookout in the alpine. One of the key values at Joss Mountain is grizzly bears and their primate habitat; it is home to one of the largest remaining intact grizzly populations. Jeremy explained an adaptive management scenario where the Desired Outcome would be that Recreation does not push grizzly bears out of prime habitat on Joss Mountain.

Upcoming Events later in 2021 and 2022

Rick Fairbairn announced that BC Hydro is having a public meeting on November 30th regarding the de-commissioning of Wilsey Dam (Shuswap River).

Adrian Bostock announced that the Forest Practices Board is hosting a webinar on their recently released report on forest-based recreation on January 20th in the evening; more information to come.

Jen Bellhouse announced that the Shuswap Trail Alliance has launched a new website, and the annual membership drive is underway.

Next steps and closing comments

Mike announced that there will be a Roundtable meeting summary out within a week or two.

The Working Group meeting dates are set:

- January 21st
- April 8th
- June 17th
- October 21st.

The Working Group meets the third-Friday-of-the-month on a quarterly basis; this has been the pattern for the past few years.

Mike also announced that the 2022 Roundtable Workplan will be updated with input heard today, and shared broadly.

Phil McIntyre-Paul and Jen Bellhouse re-iterated their appreciation to all Roundtable members, especially for participating virtually and for their commitment to taking care of the land.

Shuswap Trails Roundtable
Wednesday November 24, 2021 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
VIRTUAL/ONLINE
 Draft agenda as at Nov 17, 2021

Objectives

- Learn about Secwepemc governance structures and engagement and consultation
- Provide update on progress of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year
- To seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, and endorse the annual work plan
- Convene all trail user groups, build relationships, and share information

Time	Topic	Who and/or format
9:00	Welcoming comments and prayer Acknowledge territory Introductions, review agenda, Zoom etiquette	One or all Kukpi7s or their delegates Jen Bellhouse, Shuswap Trail Alliance Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council
9:15	Secwepemc Governance and Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pespesellkwe – what it is, mandate, governance • Pespesellkwe and Neskonlith - engagement and consultation and processes of review 	Celia Nord, Adams Lake Indian Band on behalf of Pespesellkwe and Neskonlith
9:45	Updates on Regional Invasive Species Best Practices and Projects for Trails and Recreation	Kim Kaiser, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society
10:00	Kela7scen/Mt Ida update	Louis Thomas et al.
10:20	Wildfire Risk Reduction in the Shuswap	Sidney Potter, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
10:30	BREAK	
10:45	Sub-regional discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the overview map • 2min reporting out per sub-region <i>See back page for questions</i>	Small group discussions by area of choice (sub-group selected at registration) with one change of area permitted
11:45	Snapshot project updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owlhead/Cummings & Blue Lake/Hunters Range • Skimikin – Chris, Linda, Sue • Sicamous mountain bike park • Secwepemc landmarks – Shelley, Jen 	Phil McIntyre-Paul, Gord Bushell Chris Lynd, Sue Hunt, Linda Buchanan Carly Procyshyn Shelley Witzky
12:00	LUNCH BREAK	
12:30	Shuswap Trails Roundtable business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting summary from December 2020 • 2021 report on what was done • 2021 Annual Work Plan and Report (subject to subregional input) 	Jen Bellhouse, Mike Simpson
1:00	Short takes – 10min or less, with relevance to trails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Practices Board of BC report on management of forest recreation values • Challenges of Mountain Bike Tourism Development in Rural and Indigenous Communities • Grizzly bear monitoring at Joss Mountain 	“teaser” with a more detailed event to follow Ted Morton, MSc candidate Jeremy Ayotte, RPBio
1:40	Updates on upcoming events (1min each)	Everyone
1:50	Next steps, closing comments Thank you, acknowledgements	Everyone (Enable and promote ‘group chat’ function on Zoom)
2:00	Adjourn	

Appendix 1 - Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable Agenda for November 24th 2021

Optional content and/or other formats:

- Local groups or organizations share information
 - We've lost this in an online format – used to have “table displays” around the room
 - Consider enabling slideshow content during breaks, or some other format

Sub-regional discussions:

Sub-region	Discussion leaders (assign a leader from within your group)
Inner Shuswap	
East Shuswap	
Shuswap River	
Falkland	
Salmon Arm Bay	
North Shuswap	
West Shuswap	

Sub-regional discussion questions:

- What new priorities have emerged?
- What new opportunities to partner do these new priorities present?
- What are the top 3 sub-regional priorities going into 2022, and for each, the key next steps, by who?

Please be prepared to report out to the Roundtable briefly

Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable - Annual Summary Report

November 24, 2021

Prepared by: Jen Bellhouse

Updated: November 15, 2021

2021 Progress Summary:

Quarterly Working Group – met via Zoom in January, April, June, and October

Maintained regional project and information sharing/consultation at working group meetings

Advocated for four year Roundtable funding strategy (see below) – framework to include shared financial support from all orders of government, in-kind support from stewardship and sector organizations, administration support from the Shuswap Trail Alliance, and contracted facilitation support from the Fraser Basin Council. Renewal of commitments needed in 2021 going into 2022.

Maintained Trail-Based Tourism Promotion through Shuswap Tourism and partners, and looking to Secwepemc Lakes Tourism Initiative. NOTE: limited by COVID-19 restrictions and budget cuts in 2021.

Continued to grow central map database of regional trails through CSRD GIS department.

Advocated for Recreational Access Management Plans integrated into broader comprehensive land management plans, including priority pilots: Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Alpine, Owlhead/Blue Lake/Hunters Range, Eagle Pass Mountain, Gorge Winter Backcountry Area, Larch Hills Non-Winter, Kela7scen (Mt Ida), Glenemma, and South Shuswap.

Met with MFLNRORD staff re support for Management Planning and Cumulative Effects Assessment and followed up with Secwepemc leadership regarding Government to Government land management, including the Pespesellkwe te Secwépemc.

Continued growing Secwepemc learning, awareness building, and collaboration each meeting.

In addition, regional partner-led legacy initiatives currently underway were regularly reported on and engaged collaborative direction, feedback, and participation, including:

- Cedar Creek/White Lake Conservation Trail Plan (BC Parks/WLRA/STA lead)
- Eagle Pass Mountain Lookout Management Plan (RSTBC/Splatsin/STA/Roundtable) – plan completed, RSTBC issued final direction
- Glenemma Rec Site and Trail Access Plan (CSRD Parks lead) – moving forward
- Gorge Winter Recreational Access Plan (STA/EVSC/CKMP/K3/RSTBC lead) – on hold awaiting follow up
- Hidden Lake (STA/RSTBC lead)
- Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Mountain Recreation Access Management Plan (RSTBC/Splatsin/STA/Roundtable)
- Kela7scen (Mt Ida) Management Plan (Neskonlith/ALIB/Pespesellkwe lead) working group established this year
- Larch Hills Summer Use Trails Plan (LHNS/SO!/STA lead)
- Larch Hills Nordic Beginner Trail & Lighting Plan (LHNS lead)
- Larch Hills Link trail (LHNS lead)

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- Lee Creek Bluffs Concept Planning (STA/CSRD Parks lead) – on hold
- Loftus Lake Trail System Concept Plan (CSRD Parks lead)
- Mallory Ridge (Gardom Lake residents lead)
- Mt Ida Dirt Bike Trails (SDR lead) – part of Kela7scen working group
- Mount MacPherson alpine north access management (SO!/STA lead)
- North Fork Wild Outdoor Learning Shelter (SOLF/STA/CSRD Parks lead)
- North Shuswap Parallel Pathway – Squilax-Anglemont Road to St Ives (NS Chamber lead)
- Owlhead/Cummings/Blue Lake/Hunters Recreation Access Management Plan (EVSC/BCParks/Splatsin/SBR/STA/HRSC/RSTBC lead)
- Play/Clean/Go Invasive Trail Sign program (CSISS lead)
- Reinecker Creek West Trails (CSRD/STA lead)
- Rosemond Lake Recreation Site Access Management (Splatsin/RSTBC/SNORT/STA lead)
- Rubberhead Mountain Bike Trail System Additions & Plans (Shuswap Bike Club lead)
- Salmon Arm Greenways Strategy (City Salmon Arm lead)
- Secwepemc Landmarks and Trail Sign Project (Secwepemc/STS/STA lead with CitySA/Shuswap Tourism/Chase)
- Scatchard Mountain Rocky Road Trail – Grand Opening Postponed (Chase/STA lead)
- Scatchard Mountain Chase Creek Canyon Trail Master Plan (Chase/STA lead)
- Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail (Sicamous-to-Armstrong) (Splatsin/CSRD/RDNO lead)
- Sicamous Creek Falls Trail Closures and Repairs (CSRD Parks lead)
- Sicamous Motor Park Trail Concept Planning (Sicamous/SicamousATV/EVSC lead)
- Sicamous Mountain Bike Park Plan (Sicamous lead)
- Silver Creek Parks/Haines Creek Bluffs Plan (CSRD/STA/SMC lead)
- Skimikin Lake Rec Site & Trail Management (RSTBC/BCHBC-Shuswap lead)
- South Canoe Trail System 2020 Additions and Parking Lot Upgrade (CitySA/STA/SCAdvisory lead)
- South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan (CSRD Parks/STA lead) – received funding to continue
- Tsutsewc Provincial Park Secwepemc Winter Home Interpretive Project (BCParks/LSLIB/ALIB lead)
- West Bay Connector Trail (Switzmalph/Neskonlith/Adams Lake/Little Shuswap/CitySA/STA lead)
- White Lake Hall and John Evdokimoff Park (WLRA/STA lead)

(NOTE: this is just a partial list of the trail-related initiatives underway by regional partners reported on during Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable working group sessions throughout 2021 and encompassed within the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy framework.)

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2022 Continuing and Emerging Priorities: The following is a summary of emerging recommendations, to be guided by the November Roundtable discussion and finalized by the Roundtable Working Group. . .

- Secure Roundtable **funding**, follow-up on partner invitations – thank you to clubs/organizations that have contributed funding in 2021, more funds still required though
- Maintain quarterly project and information **sharing/consultation** through working group
- Continue to explore/advocate for **collaborative land management partnerships** with Province
- Continue to use **Secwepemc referral process** for local pre-authorization planning – process is evolving, stay tuned for presentation regarding Pespesellkwe and referral process
- Continue implementation of **Secwepemc Landmarks and trail signage** project – and continue adaptation of trailhead signage and naming
- Continue to support **partner led legacy initiatives**, including recreational access planning
- Expand use of the Shuswap Trail Strategy's **structured adaptive management planning** model
- Secure **funding** to develop structured adaptive planning model that includes **capacity for cumulative effects assessment modelling**, and support **recreational access management planning** pilots – funding for this continues to difficult to resource
- Continue to **coordinate master trail mapping** files through CSRD GIS department, and follow-up on **data sharing agreements** with Secwepemc and municipal/regional partner governments
- Continue **coordinating trail-based promotion** through Shuswap Tourism, and expand promotion to include both motorized and non-motorized recreation, and be guided by/integrated into the emerging Secwepemc Lakes Tourism strategy

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2021 Financial Summary:

Expenses*

Action	Actual Expense	Notes
Project Coordination	\$4,000	In-kind support, planning, reporting, admin
Four Working Group Meetings	\$3,000	Facilitation X 4 working group meetings; Roundtable gatherings; database coordination; communications; minutes;
Annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable – December 02, 2020	\$2,650	
2021 Expense Total	\$9,650.00	

*Note: includes projected expenses to Dec. 31, 2021

Revenues

Revenue Summary	Actual	Notes
STA Partner Contribution (In-Kind)	\$4,000	Project Coordination expenses
Municipal/Regional Partner Contributions	\$4,802.90	from combined partner reserve (Note: final funds from Lakes Division & RSTBC reserve)
Clubs and Roundtable Member Organizations: Back Country Horsemen – Shuswap, Larch Hills Nordic Society, Shuswap Cycle Club, Carl Kuster Mountain Park, Vernon Outdoors Club, Chase Chamber of Commerce, White Lake Residents Society,		
Carry fwd from Lakes Division & RSTBC reserve		
2021 Revenue Total	\$8,802.90	
2021 Deficit	\$847.10	

2022 Budget Proposal

(NOTE: adapted for extended COVID-19 protocols - online in 2022)

Expenses

Action	Actual Expense	Notes
Project Coordination	\$5,500	In-kind support, planning, reporting, admin
Four Working Group Meetings	\$3,500	Facilitation X 4 working group meetings; Roundtable gatherings; database coordination; communications; minutes;
Annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable – Nov 2022	\$2,000	
Additional Materials & Supply	\$500	Documents, meeting supply, honorariums
2022 Projected Expense Total	\$11,500	

Revenue Confirmed To Date

Revenue Summary – Confirmed To Date	Actual	Notes
STA Partner Contribution (In-Kind)	\$5,500	Project Coordination support
Carry Forward (Funding)	\$0	2020 Reserve Funds
Municipal/Regional Partner Contributions (Fund)	\$2,500	Confirmed to Date (CSRD, Chase, Sicamous)
2022 Revenue Total – Confirmed to Date	\$8,000	
Balance	-\$3,500	Funding deficit

Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable – ANNUAL FUNDING PROPOSAL Revised for 2022 based on 2018 Original & Working Group Updates

Updated: November 15, 2021

To: Chief and Council – Adams Lake/Little Shuswap/Neskonlith/Splatsin; Board of Directors – Columbia Shuswap Regional District and Municipal Mayors and Councils; Regional District North Okanagan and Municipal Mayors and Councils; Province of BC, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, and BC Parks; and all Regional Trail Partners and Organizations...

From: The Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable Working Group (Contact: Jen Bellhouse, Shuswap Trail Alliance: 250-804-3530, email: jen@shuswaptrails.com)

Title: *Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable Annual Funding Proposal 2022*

Background:

- Collaboratively driven by Secwepemc, municipal, regional, community, and provincial leadership
- Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy developed over a 16 year process together
- Shuswap Trail Protocol established to promote Secwepemc interests, reduce/repair ecological damage, and manage land access appropriately when developing and maintaining trails
- Shuswap Trails Roundtable now into seventh year since formally established in 2015 – founded on principles: Y'icwetsutce (Stewardship) ~ Indigenous Values ~ Collaboration ~ Respect
- See Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy Summary, Overview Planning Map, and full Strategy at <https://shuswaptrails.com/resources/trail-strategy-roundtable/>

Success Highlights:

- **Signed Commitment to Collaborate** – by Secwepemc and Municipal/Regional governments (Shuswap Lakes/North Okanagan), trail stewardship organizations (motorized & non-motorized), environment, education, health, economic development, tourism, culture, business, and industry sectors committed to working together, building relationships, and accountable protocols for consultation, accommodation, and consent; and supported by Provincial land management agencies, transport, tourism, and rural development.
- **Adaptive, Cumulative, Environmental Planning & Management** – committed to adaptive planning process, successfully piloted and implemented projects around the region, including a proposal for implementing the CEA process for trail planning recommending a collaborative approach with Secwepemc leadership and others in the Shuswap watershed; educates/guides community leadership and supports land-management framework and agencies.
- **Priority Planning Areas** – supports collaborative recreational access management planning priorities, including: Joss-Tsuius-Mabel, Owlhead/Kingfisher/Cummings/Blue Lake, Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail, Kela7scen (Mt Ida), West Bay Trail, Adams River Pictograph Protection, Scatchard Mountain Rocky Road Trail (See: *Regional Trail Strategy Work Plan and Planning Map*)
- **Community Active Transportation (Walking, Bicycling) Collaborative Planning** – strategy group formed with Healthy Communities coalition to support joint Secwepemc/Municipal/Regional planning with MoTI; draft proposal to facilitate collaborative Active Transportation Planning throughout the region (See Draft Proposal)
- **Shuswap Trail Sign Protocol** – Roundtable ready for Secwepemc leadership and elders to direct naming/education/interpretation protocol for all trails and signage in the Shuswap.

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ANNUAL FUNDING Proposal Outline:

Purpose: to ensure ongoing implementation of the Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable & Strategy

Goal: to establish a shared 4-year resource strategy to maintain working group and roundtable meetings

Outcomes: x 4 annual working group meetings, x1 annual roundtable conference, regular communications & strategy updates; greater recognition, protection and enhancement of trails; clarity on priority planning areas; improved communication and protocols; increased value and security, and more effective marketing of trail system assets, through consistent trail design and sign standards; optimization of limited shared resources; improved land management; and stronger collaboration.

Budget: (based on 2018 & 2019 expense tracking {2020 & 2021 online due to Covid-19})

Action	Budget	4-Year Budget	Notes
Project Coordination (est 90 hours)	\$5500	\$22,000	In-kind support, planning, admin
Four Steering Committee Meetings – Jan, Apr, June, Oct (x \$2125 ea.)	\$ 8,500	\$34,000	Facilitation X 4 working group meetings; x 1 annual Roundtable; database coordination; communications; minutes; conference space and catering; mileage
Annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable – November/December	\$ 4,500	\$18,000	
Additional Materials & Supply	\$500	\$2000	Documents, meeting supply, honorariums
Totals	\$19,000.00	\$76,000.00	

Note: Proposal Budget does not include Recreational Access Management Planning or Trail Development Project funding. These are developed and resourced separately.

Revenue Proposal:

1. Secwepemc, Provincial, Municipal/Regional Governments – 4-year annual funding commitment
2. Non-Government Sectors & Stewardship Organizations – annual in-kind commitment (includes: coordination, reporting, meeting space, lunches/coffee, photocopies, maps, administration)

Proposed Contributing Partners	Annual Budget	4-Year Budget	Notes
Secwepemc Lakes Governments	\$1000	\$4000	Facilitation X 4 working group meetings; x 1 annual Roundtable; database coordination; communications; minutes; conference space and catering; mileage
Province – Rec Sites & Trails BC	\$2500	\$10,000	
Province – Other Ministries	\$2500	\$10,000	
CSRD	\$1500	\$6000	
RDNO	\$1500	\$6000	
Salmon Arm	\$1500	\$6000	
Sicamous, Enderby, Chase	\$1500	\$6000	
Other Partners – funding	\$1000	\$4000	Roundtable & Working group support
Clubs and Member Organizations	\$1000	\$4000	
Non-Government Sectors & Stewardship Organizations (in-kind)	\$5000	\$20,000	Coordination support, planning, meeting space, lunches/coffee, photocopies, maps, administration
Total Revenue	\$19,000.00	\$76,000.00	

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Appendix 4 - List of acronyms

ALIB - Adams Lake Indian Band
BCH/BCHBC - Backcountry Horsemen of British Columbia
CKMP - Carl Kuster Mountain Park
CSISS - Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society
CSRD - Columbia Shuswap Regional District
EVSC - Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club
FBC - Fraser Basin Council
LHNS - Larch Hills Nordic Society
LSLIB/LSLB - Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band
MFLNRORD - BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
MOTI - BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
RDNO - Regional District of North Okanagan
RSTBC - Recreation Sites and Trails BC
SABNES - Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society
SDR - Shuswap Dirt Riders
SNORT - Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail
STA - Shuswap Trail Alliance
WLRA - White Lake Residents Association