

Meeting summary of the eighth annual

Shuswap Trails Roundtable

October 26th 2022



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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 in person at the Sorrento Centre, and virtually via Zoom, for the eighth annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable. The objectives for the Roundtable meeting were as follows:

- Learn about Secwepemc engagement and consultation
- Learn about BC government initiatives and how they affect trails and trail stewardship
- Provide an update on progress of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year
- 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 2.

Welcoming comments

The 2022 Shuswap Trails Roundtable opened with a welcome from Kukpi7 James Tomma. Kukpi7 Tomma highlighted that melahma/melamen is a cultural cornerstone, which means ‘the health of the land’.

Michael Shapcott, from the Sorrento Centre, welcomed everyone and acknowledged Secwepemc’ulecw.

Paul Demenok, Director for Area C (South Shuswap), welcomed everyone to Sorrento and to unceded Secwepemc Territory.

Natalya Melnychuk, Director-Elect for the new Area G (Blind Bay – Sorrento – Notch Hill), welcomed everyone and acknowledged Secwepemc Territory. She remarked on the importance of trails as a way to connect with the land and with Secwepemc’ulecw.

Jen Bellhouse, Executive Director for the Shuswap Trail Alliance, welcomed everybody to the eighth annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable.



Mike Simpson introduced himself as the facilitator for the day. He briefly reviewed the objectives for the day, and he went over Zoom meeting etiquette.

Next, a full round of introductions of introductions took place with all participants.

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 (up to 70 people) and purpose. The main slide deck is available [here](#).

Secwepemc Engagement and Consultation

Jason Bryson, Water Stewardship Director for Skw'lax, presented a brief overview of the new Guardian Program in place at Skw'lax (Little Shuswap Lake Band). The Guardian Program oversees Preliminary Field Reconnaissance (PFR) with industry such as forestry to identify items interest to the community.

Kayla Gunner, researcher for Splatsin, began by [providing definitions](#) for: Title, Rights, and the duty to consult. She explained that the duty to consult is a legal process; however, she also explained that there is broad support for moving towards an engagement model rather than a consultation model. She explained that First Nations receive referrals from hundreds of organizations on an annual basis. These cover topics such as archaeology, transportation, forestry, sub-division applications, recreation, environmental, mining, and more. All of these are reviewed by Splatsin, and the capacity to do so often can be a limitation. The current referral process keeps Splatsin reactive, and it is driven by economic and environmental impacts. She pointed out several tips for proponents that help make the referrals review go more smoothly (e.g., complete referral package; timeliness; maps and photos included in the referral; etc.).

Adrian Bostock, operations manager for the Shuswap Trail Alliance, provided an [overview](#) of the STA's engagement process. He highlighted steps for building a trail that the STA has developed; emphasizing that the first seven steps are key before progressing to step eight. He also highlighted an online map portal, the 'Consultative Areas Database'. He also encouraged all trails organizations to get acquainted with 'Nations Connect', a very helpful online resource that offers personal customer service and guides proponents through a step-by-step process to submit a referral.

Libby Jay Chisholm [presented](#) an overview of the Secwepemc Landmarks Project. This is a project led by the four communities: Skw'lax, Splatsin, Adams Lake, and Neskonlith. There are eight sculptures in each of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project. She showed lots of photos of the work done to-date. Elders' Group meetings provided input to the location, use of cultural symbols in the sculptures, and more. For each sculpture that is created and installed, there is an Elders' site visit to the location where the sculpture will be placed.

During the Q&A session, Mike asked each of the presenters, What is one tip you have for proponents to do their engagement and consultation better? All presenters commented on the importance of patience when going through engagement and referrals process.

BC Government Updates

Tennessee Trent, Trails Manager with Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC), [presented](#) an overview of recent Ministry changes. The former Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is now re-structured into the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Land, Water, and Resource Stewardship. Tennessee's group, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, has been moved into the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and it is working alongside BC Parks.

RSTBC has taken on a role to develop policy for mountain biking. Some of the current policy needs updates to reflect change that has happened within the sport and to do a better job of mitigating and communicating risk. A new draft policy and pilot project has been developed including a risk rating system, and has been shared with stakeholders. RSTBC received feedback and is working on a second pilot that will run approximately until next summer.

Tennessee spoke about a couple challenges recently, including the 2021 wildfire season and housing/camps set up in the backcountry and at recreation sites. He also commented on the Provincial Trails Strategy, which does not yet have sufficient provincial funding to be fully implemented. The Outdoor Recreation Council has developed a concept for fund development for sustainable long-term funding for trail development and maintenance.

Russ Hawkins, Forest Values Coordinator with the BC Ministry of Forests, [presented](#) on forest landscape planning (FLP). FLP is meant to improve communications and transparency about forestry planning with communities. FLPs are developed in partnership with Indigenous communities with input from licensees. Forest landscape planning has five objectives, which differentiate it from the former forest stewardship planning; they re-frame the way that forest planning takes place, with more emphasis on indigenous and community values. There are four FLP pilot projects underway in BC that have been launched at the scale of timber supply areas; forest stewardship plans are still active concurrently in other locations. Russ commented that FLP will be implemented in the Shuswap when human resourcing has capacity in both BC government and Indigenous communities.

Natalya Melnychuk, Water Policy Advisor with the new BC Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship, presented an overview of the new provincial Watershed Security Strategy. She highlighted that the Strategy is now developed, and a Fund to support it is forthcoming. Natalya commented that watershed security is being defined, but includes a component of good quality of water for healthy ecosystems and communities.

Natalya highlighted that DRIPA (*Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*) outlines a provincial responsibility to work with First Nations. Thus, the Watershed Security Strategy is being co-developed by the Province and BC First Nations Water Table. There are additional processes to engage with treaty Nations and the Metis Nation, and with the general public of BC. The launch of the Strategy is anticipated in spring 2023.

Snapshot Report: Secwepemc Landmarks Project

Shelley Witzky showed some photos of the Sxwesmélp Landmark installed at Switsmalph, or Switzmalph, at the Salmon Arm Wharf. She remarked that there is an incredible story about the design of the monument, and she hopes to be able to install some signage at the site of the monument about it. She also showed some photos of new trailhead markers and the groups of people that were involved in developing them. She emphasized that the Landmarks project is driven by the Elder's stories. She commented that another sculpture unveiling is coming up on Nov 16th, 1:00pm, at the Chase Wharf – all are welcome. For more information about the project visit: <https://shuswaptrails.com/points/>

Snapshot Report: Skimikin

Linda Buchanan provided a brief update on Skimikin trails. Section 57s were submitted and approved. Chris Lynd highlighted the success of collaborative efforts by different user groups to make progress on mixed-use trails at Skimikin, including the installation of filters and aspects of trail design to manage access. Linda emphasized the importance of 'valuable volunteers' in trail building and maintenance.

Sub-regional Discussions

Participants were invited to break 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 2023.

West Shuswap

Jason Bryson reported the following new priorities: Secwepemc Landmarks Project, existing highway underpass connecting new and existing trails; Scatchard Mountain trails, and parallel trails in Skw'lax to the North Shuswap and to Chase. There are new opportunities for cultural learning and tourism through the Secwepemc Landmarks Project.

North Shuswap

Carmen Massey reported the following new priorities: winter use at Crowfoot Mountain; parallel trails connecting the communities; summer use and management at Crowfoot; Kwikoit Falls; Scotch Creek proposed gate; and developing more winter recreation and

mountain biking opportunities at Lee Creek bluffs. There is need for more relationships between motorized and mountain biking groups to better manage use and access.

East Shuswap

Gord Bose reported the following new priorities: Sicamous bike park (currently in the process of a Section 57 and First Nations engagement), hoping to break ground next year; the Gorge Creek backcountry area for ski touring and snowmobiling, and working on mitigating recreational conflict and ensuring safety on the access road for all users; and understanding and adhering to closures due to caribou habitat and wildfires (post 2021 wildfire season closures).

Inner Shuswap

Kristina Flackman reported the following new priorities: emergency routes into/out of communities; developing a wildfire resiliency plan; South Shuswap 'Destination Trails'; Loftus Lake Fen Trail; Barnard Park arboretum and trails; and the need for adequate parking at multi-use trailheads.

Salmon Arm Bay

Jen Bellhouse reported the following new priorities: West Bay Connector Trail; Kela7scen (Mt. Ida), which has access issues and no authorized trails; the increasing number of e-bikes on the Foreshore trail and the need for better etiquette and safety.

Shuswap River

Ian McLellan reported the following new priorities: the Master Park Plan for RDNO Area F; a new trail from Kingfisher Valley to Lumby through Trinity Valley; a new trail from the Shuswap River to Silver Star; mapping for 'Ribbons of Blue' waterway trails; damage in the Rosemond Lake area; and Mallory Ridge as a priority area for preservation.



Falkland

There was no sub-group discussion for Falkland. Ryan Nitchie reported that the Agricultural Land Commission has made a decision in favour of proceeding with Glenemma trail development. Now waiting for RSTBC approval; CSRD is poised and ready with funding.

Snapshot Report: Larch Hills Nordic Society Trail Lighting

Mike Simpson reported on behalf of the Larch Hills Nordic Society that there are now six kilometres of lit trails at Larch Hills cross-country ski trails (visit skilarchhills.ca to learn more). Many funders and community support enabled this project.

Snapshot Report: Larch Hills Traverse

Adrian Bostock reported that the [Larch Hills Traverse trail network](#) is being expanded, with a master version of becoming part of a destination trail that would circumnavigate Shuswap Lake. The South Canoe trailhead is part of this, and it is complete.

Shuswap Trails Roundtable Business

Jen Bellhouse thanked the funders of the Roundtable. She reported a small surplus going into the next year. The STA has drafted a proposal for the next four years, and she asked Roundtable members to take this and the request for funding commitments back to their organizations to generate support. She reported that the ask is approximately \$10,000 to support the quarterly Working Group meetings (combination of in-person and Zoom meetings) and the annual Roundtable meeting (in person) next year; a larger budget of \$12,000 would allow for a more 'Cadillac' model of meetings to take place. There is currently a \$7,000 deficit for next year. See Appendix 3 for the full report.

The 2022 report and proposed plan and budget for 2023 was accepted by consensus.

Upcoming Events later in 2022

Carmen Massey encouraged all present to check out the "Uninterrupted" Virtual Reality showing of the salmon run. Find more information on EventBrite.

Natalie Sorkilmo announced the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Society is showing a film at the Owlhead Trailhead, this Saturday (October 29th), 6 – 10 PM.

Jim Cooperman announced a new organization called Celebrate Shuswap Society has formed to organize events in the region. Upcoming dance at Song Sparrow Hall.

Next steps and closing comments

Mike announced that there will be an electronic evaluation survey (Appendix 4) and a Roundtable meeting summary out within a week or two.

The Working Group meeting dates are set for 9AM-12PM on the following dates:

- January 20th
- April 21st
- June 16th
- October 20th

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 invited anybody who would like to become part of the Working Group to get in touch with himself or Jen Bellhouse.

Jen Bellhouse re-iterated her appreciation to all Roundtable members for their participation today.

Shuswap Trails Roundtable
Wednesday October 26, 2022 | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
HYBRID – Sorrento Centre and [online](#)
Draft participant agenda as at Oct 25, 2022

Objectives

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- Learn about BC government initiatives and how they affect trails, trail stewardship
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Time	Topic	Who and/or format
9:00	Welcoming comments and prayer Acknowledge territory Introductions, review agenda, hybrid meeting etiquette	Kukpi7 James Tomma, Skw'lax Michael Shapcott, Sorrento Centre Paul Demenok, Natalya Melnychuk, CSRD Jen Bellhouse, Shuswap Trail Alliance Mike Simpson, facilitator
9:30	Secwepemc Engagement and Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement and consultation – what tools and processes are in place, what are best practices, what are the challenges • Secwepemc Elders Group <p><i>Discussion:</i> in a world with limited resources and time and always too much to do, how do we best build relationships and work together and achieve the desired goals of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy?</p>	Jason Bryson, Skw'lax Kayla Gunner, Splantsin Adrian Bostock, Shuswap Trail Alliance Libby Jay Chisolm, Skw'lax
10:15	BREAK	
10:45	BC Government Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC government changes and trails updates • Forest landscape planning – what is it, when is it coming to the Shuswap, what does it mean for trails? • Watershed Security Strategy – what is it, what does it mean for trails? <p><i>Discussion:</i> how do these BC government initiatives impact the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and what we're trying to achieve; alternately, how should the strategy inform these new initiatives? How do all these pieces fit together? How do we engage?</p>	Tennessee Trent, Recreation Sites and Trails BC Russ Hawkins, Ministry of Forests Natalya Melnychuk, Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship
11:45	Snapshot project updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secwepemc landmarks project • Lighting project at Larch Hills • Skimikin • East Canoe Creek, Larch Hills Traverse trail and South Canoe parking lot 	Shelley Witzky, Adams Lake Band Craig McBride, Larch Hills Nordics Chris Lynd, Sue Hunt, Linda Buchanan Adrian Bostock
12:00	Shuswap Trails Roundtable business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting summary from November 2021 • 2022 report on what was done • 2023 Annual Work Plan and Budget (subject to subregional input) 	Jen Bellhouse, Mike Simpson
12:30	LUNCH BREAK	

Appendix 1 - Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable Agenda for October 26th 2022

Time	Topic	Who and/or format
1:30	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)
2:45	Debrief from sub-regional discussions	Everyone
3:00	Updates on upcoming events (1min each)	Everyone
3:15	Next steps, closing comments Thank you, acknowledgements	Everyone
3:30	Adjourn	

Sub-regional discussions:

Sub-region (note that there are a few overlaps)
Inner Shuswap (White Lake, Tappen, Carlin, Blind Bay, Sorrento)
East Shuswap (Sicamous, Malakwa, Swansea Point)
Shuswap River (Splatsin, Enderby, Grindrod, RDNO Area F, Spallumcheen, parts of Armstrong)
Falkland (Falkland, Silver Creek, Deep Creek, Rancho, Salmon River Valley, Glenemma)
Salmon Arm Bay (Switzmalph, Switsemalph, Salmon Arm, Gleneden, Kela7scen/Mt Ida)
North Shuswap (Skw'lax, Scotch Creek, Celistia, Magna Bay, Anglemont, Seymour Arm)
West Shuswap (Chase, Skw'lax)

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 2023, and for each, the key next steps, by who?

Please be prepared to report out to the Roundtable briefly

Appendix 2 - List of Roundtable meeting participants

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Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable - Annual Summary Report

October 26, 2022

Prepared by: Jen Bellhouse

Updated: October 21, 2022

2022 Progress Summary:

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

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 and then Mike Simpson independently. Renewal of commitments needed in 2022 going into 2023.

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 2022.

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, Gorge Winter Backcountry Area, Larch Hills Non-Winter, Kela7scen (Mt Ida), Glenemma, and South Shuswap.

Met with BC Government 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)
- Glenemma Rec Site and Trail Access Plan (CSRD Parks lead)
- Gorge Winter Recreational Access Plan (GSTA/EVSC/CKMP/K3/RSTBC lead) – new Ski Touring Association
- Hidden Lake (STA/RSTBC lead)
- Hunkwa Lake (STA/BC Parks Lead)
- Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Mountain Recreation Access Management Plan (RSTBC/Splatsin/STA/Roundtable)
- Kela7scen (Mt Ida) Management Plan (Neskonlith/LSLB/Pespesellkwe lead)
- 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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- Larch Hills Interpretive Trail (LHNS lead)
- Larch Hills Traverse Ida View Trail/East Canoe Creek Bridge (STA with RSTBC lead)
- Lee Creek Bluffs Concept Planning (STA/CSRD Parks lead) – on hold
- Loftus Lake Universal Trail/Dog Park (CSRD Parks lead)
- Mallory Ridge (Mallory Ridge Community Trail Society 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 (CSRD Parks lead)
- North Shuswap Parallel Pathway – Squilax-Anglemont Road to St Ives (NS Chamber/CSRD Parks 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 Active Transportation Plan (City Salmon Arm 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 Chase Creek Canyon Trail Master Plan (Chase/STA lead)
- Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail (Sicamous-to-Armstrong) (Splatsin/CSRD/RDNO lead)
- Sicamous Motor Park Trail Concept Planning (Sicamous/SicamousATV/EVSC lead)
- Sicamous Mountain Bike Park Plan (Sicamous/STA lead)
- Silver Creek Parks/Haines Creek Bluffs Plan (CSRD/STA/SMC lead)
- Skimikin Lake Rec Site & Trail Management (RSTBC/BCHBC/SBCR-Shuswap lead)
- Sorrento Blind Bay Park accessible/universal trail (CSRD Parks/STA lead)
- South Canoe Trail System 2022 Additions and Parking Lot Upgrade (CitySA/STA/SCAdvisory lead)
- South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan (CSRD Parks/STA lead) – draft in progress
- Tsutsweww 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)
- Yard Creek Park Japanese Internment Project (CSRD Parks 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 2022 and encompassed within the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy framework.)

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2023 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 2022, no funds confirmed for 2023 at this point
- 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 referral processes
- 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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2022 Financial Summary:

Expenses*

Action	Actual Expense	Notes
Project Coordination	\$6,150	STA - 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 – October 26, 2022	\$5,000	
Additional Materials & Supply	\$131.77	
2022 Expense Total	\$14,281.77	

*Note: includes projected expenses to Dec. 31, 2022

Revenues

Revenue Summary	Actual	Notes
STA Partner Contribution	\$6,150	Project Coordination expenses
Municipal/Regional Partner Contributions	\$10,319.57	from combined partner reserve (Note: including 2021 carry fwd funding)
Clubs and Roundtable Member Organizations: Apple Auto Glass, Shuswap Cycle Club, Carl Kuster Mountain Park, Vancouver Fdn Neighbourhood Grant, North Shuswap Chamber, White Lake Residents Association		
RSTBC Contribution		
2022 Revenue Total		
2022 Surplus	\$2,187.80	

2023 Budget Proposal

Expenses *Based on virtual working group meetings

Action	Actual Expense	Notes
Project Coordination	\$6,500	STA 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	\$5,000	
Additional Materials & Supply	\$500	Documents, meeting supply, honorariums
2023 Projected Expense Total	\$15,500	

Revenue Confirmed to Date

Revenue Summary – Confirmed to Date	Actual	Notes
STA Partner Contribution	\$6,500	Project Coordination support
Carry Forward (Funding)	\$2,187.80	2022 Reserve Funds
Municipal/Regional Partner Contributions (Fund)	\$0	Time to renew 4-yr agreements
2023 Revenue Total – Confirmed to Date	\$8,687.50	
Balance	-\$6,842.50	Funding deficit

Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable – ANNUAL FUNDING PROPOSAL Revised for 2023 based on 2018 Original & Working Group Updates

Updated: October 28, 2022

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 2023*

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 and 2022 hybrid due to Covid-19})*

*Below budget is based on in-person working group meetings.

Action	Budget	4-Year Budget	Notes
Project Coordination (Est 100 hours)	\$6,150	\$24,600	STA funded, planning, admin
Four Working Group Meetings – Jan, Apr, June, Oct (x \$1,500 ea.)	\$ 6,000	\$24,000	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	\$ 5,000	\$20,000	
Additional Materials & Supply	\$500	\$2000	Documents, meeting supply, honorariums
Totals	\$17,650.00	\$70,600.00	

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	
CSRD	\$1500	\$6000	
RDNO	\$1500	\$6000	
Salmon Arm	\$1500	\$6000	
Sicamous, Enderby, Chase	\$1500	\$6000	
Other Partners – funding	\$1000	\$4000	
Clubs and Member Organizations	\$1000	\$4000	Roundtable & Working group support
NGO Sectors & Stewardship Organizations (STA etc.)	\$6,150	\$24,600	STA funded, planning, admin
Total Revenue	\$17,650	\$70,600.00	Coordination support, planning, meeting space, lunches/coffee, photocopies, maps, administration

For more information on this proposal: Jen Bellhouse, 250-804-3530/jen@shuswaptrails.com

Appendix 4 – List of acronyms

ALIB - Adams Lake Indian Band
CSISS - Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society
CSRD - Columbia Shuswap Regional District
DRIPA – Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
EVSC - Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club
FBC - Fraser Basin Council
FLP – Forest Landscape Plan(ning)
FSP – Forest Stewardship Plan
LHNS - Larch Hills Nordic Society
LSLB - Little Shuswap Lake Band
MOF – BC Ministry of Forests
MFLNRORD - BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (*former*)
MLWRS – BC Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship
MOTI - BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
PFR – Preliminary Field Reconnaissance
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

Evaluation survey was open from October 27 to November 1, and was answered by 21 people (19 in-person, 2 virtual attendees)

What did you like about this year’s Roundtable meeting? What worked well?

- getting to see everyone in person
- In person
- In person meeting, networking
- I enjoyed the presentations from Kayla and Libby about what consultation looks like from their end. For me, these were the most valuable learnings from the meeting.
- interacting with other attendees
- So impressed with the continued excellent work of the STA. Provincial leaders in community engagement and planning. BC Gov should take note. Connecting with people in real life was also great.
- Mike kept it moving well and adjusted schedule on the fly to make it work.
- Great scope of presentations
- Group participation welcomed, flexible with presenters, punctual
- The speakers from the different government agencies.
- The reporting out of successful projects - we need to celebrate more!
- The networking and breakout rooms.
- Honestly, it was just so great to see everyone in person! I personally felt more connected after such a long absence of in person connections (silly Covid), and I believe this feeling was reciprocated though all participants. I didn't know Mike Simpson had moved on to another position and I am extremely happy that he will be sticking around to facilitate these meetings.
- Opportunities for networking
- In person - yay! Interpersonal connections are an invaluable part of the annual roundtable gathering. Appreciated both the Secwepemc and Provincial update content - VERY RELEVANT!
- Everything ! A very ambitious and pertinent agenda and well moderated considering the time constraints.
- Good lineup of presenters and attendees to network with
- I thoroughly enjoyed the in-person meeting again. Great presentations
- Good info, collaboration

What do you think should be changed or improved for next year’s Roundtable meeting?

What didn't work so well?

- Maybe a discussion zone for networking for 1/2 hour. It is hard to do it at lunch but maybe small round tables people can meet at??? not sure how it would work, but just an idea
- Bigger screen, better time scheduling
- Long winded Sorrento Center Manager. He does this at every meeting held there. Threw the whole agenda off.
- The facility was kind of cramped so it was difficult to mingle and find the people I wanted to connect with (both the main meeting rooms and the cafeteria). The

opening remarks from the Sorrento Centre person were long and took up too much time that could have been used for more valuable topics. I think more of the main session pieces should focus on learning and education (like first nations engagement) rather than progress reports on projects (like larch hills lighting project). Perhaps these could be posters/ newsletter updates sent prior to the meeting and if anyone has questions they can ask the people involved.

- Provide information packages in advance so we can spend more time discussing what the presenters are doing rather than just sitting through a "tell" session
- Reduce number of presentations to allow more time for question and answer. I was especially interested in the Secwepemc presentation on consultation process and would like to have asked questions about that.
- More discussion time. Many people would like to visit several discussion tables
- We struggled with the virtual park of the breakout rooms. The mic on the computer made it hard for virtual attendees to hear.
- We should allow more time for very important concerns. Algae bloom, more knowledgeable support speakers to address this very important topic
- Some of the speakers let it drag on a little.
- We got behind right at the start, which seemed to rush everything else. I think the introduction and welcoming piece is very important, more time needs to be allocated for this, so everything else doesn't seem rushed.
- A review of speakers content prior to presenting. Some were over my head and too long.
- I noticed Electoral Area D didn't have any participants for the breakout group discussions. I wonder if there are any trail stewards in this area that could help advocate for this area? Also, perhaps we can get someone from BC Parks to attend.
- Ran short on time for questions, maybe less presentations.
- Either improve virtual attendance situation or simply do not offer one. Seriously terrible experience.
- Time was tight for the content limiting group discussion - but the content was excellent - so maybe add an hour?
- Not much to change. One of the best meetings I have attended in the last several years in this region.
- We need more time to network - the people we needed were all in the room but there was not enough time to discuss perhaps a dinner in the evening for networking would be advantageous
- Never enough time for questions and networking. Maybe start a bit earlier or end a bit later.
- Slides were too small, hard to read.

Any other comments?

- Thank you so much for this opportunity
- Larger room for seating might not be a bad idea. It was a little cramped.
- Always nice to connect with people in person, so thanks for organizing! Of course that's the main benefit of the meeting, but I think the sessions would be more

engaging if they are about learning rather than project updates. Thanks mike for keeping everyone on track/ on topic!

- Be more brutal about keeping people on time. The Sorrento Centre guy completely blew the timetable away right at the start.
- Main room was a little bit tight for the number of participants.
- Prioritize most important concerns, more time for questions i.e., Russ Hawkins, Tennessee Trent. If Russ Hawkins could not attend, he should have sent another member from Ministry.
- Overall I think it went pretty well.
- Thank you for organizing this - getting together once a year is important.
- Mike does an outstanding job in keeping things rolling. Venue was great.
- I am extremely happy to be a part of this group. Keep up the good work!
- Great job and great to see this table functioning at such a high level.
- Honestly, I wish I would have been told that virtual attendance option may not be ideal so that I could have made an informed choice to attend in person.
- Thank you to everyone who works so hard together to make this happen!
- I would like to thank Jen, Mike, Phil and all the others involved in hosting this outstanding event. When Russ Hoskins talked about pilot projects throughout the province and areas and regions being prepared for this type of endeavour this meeting confirms that we are ready to move effectively into this realm to contribute to the province as well. Specifically the new Forest Landscape Plans, Watershed Security Strategy, Strategic Land Use Plans, an updated and accurate Cumulative Effects Program that would benefit all greatly and provide a synergy where BC Rec. Sites and Trails are formally including these 'values' in strategic land use planning and are recognized formally to all planning in specific locales that impact that landscape. Thank you everyone for the great meeting and hopefully we can also contribute on a provincial scale.
- I think the breakout rooms could be done better. Perhaps once we choose our breakout room for the meeting we should offer up topics that get sent in advance so that we can be prepared to discourse. Also an opportunity to provide an overall update from each user group within the breakout area might help to build the cooperative environment