

Meeting summary of the tenth annual

# Shuswap Trails Roundtable

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## Introduction

Approximately 80 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, and tourism met in person at the Splatsin Community Centre for the tenth annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable. The objectives for the Roundtable meeting were as follows:

- Celebrate 10 years of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable
- Discuss impacts of 2023 wildfires on trails and next steps
- 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 2023 Shuswap Trails Roundtable opened with a welcome to the Territory from Tkwamipla7 Sabrina Vergata.

Jen Bellhouse, Executive Director of the Shuswap Trail Alliance, welcomed everyone to the Roundtable meeting and thanked them for their participation.

Mike Simpson welcomed everyone and introduced himself as the facilitator for the day. Mike led the group through a geography game and invited them to orient themselves in the room according to which quadrant of the Shuswap watershed they are from (North, East, South or West). A round of introductions took place before people returned to their seats.

Mike announced the tenth anniversary of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable. He briefly reviewed the agenda and the objectives for the day. Mike also provided an overview of the Roundtable, its many members and organizations that participate, and acknowledged the Working Group (a sub-set of Roundtable members). Presentation slides can be found [here](#).

## 10 years of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable

Phil McIntyre-Paul, senior consultant to the Shuswap Trail Alliance, introduced himself and presented a slidedeck of photos from past Roundtable meetings. Phil explained that prior to the Roundtable establishing, there was a stage of relationship-building, collaboration, and modelling taking place between communities. He talked about some key projects including Blind Bay – White Lake trails, South Canoe trail system, and the West Bay trail corridor. Phil provided a bit of history: between 2010 – 2014, Secwepemc leaders hosted a gathering to introduce values and commitment such as reverence, humility, respect,

balance, gratitude, respect, and Yucwmenlucwu (taking care of the land). From there, a regional trails strategy and mapping got underway. A very significant event took place in December 2015 when a Letter of Understanding was signed that includes an acknowledgment of Secwepemc Title and Rights.

Phil introduced Louis Thomas (though he needs no introduction!) and Louis spoke about Yucwmenlucwu and the responsibility that people have for taking care of the land. He thanked everyone in the meeting for their commitment to Yucwmenlucwu.

### Funding Announcement

Linda Buchanan and Jen Bellhouse announced new funding for trail projects:

- \$86,000 for a new multi-use trail at Skimikin
- \$60,000 for the Rubberhead jump-line mountain bike trail
- \$187,000 to replace a damaged bridge over Reinecker Creek (Herald Provincial Park) and build a new 4000 m trail for non-motorized use beside the creek.

### Table discussions

Small group discussions took place focussing on the following questions:

“What are some key accomplishments of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable?”

“What wouldn’t have happened if the Shuswap Trails Roundtable didn’t exist?”

- Collaboration and networking
- ‘Silo-busting’
- Stronger sense of community and belonging, sharing resources and knowledge
- A shared vision
- Development of trails!
- Shift in perception in what trails are about and what they’re for
- Inclusion of indigenous knowledge
- Acknowledgment of trails as a huge economic driver for the region
- Amplification, platform for indigenous voices and bridging indigenous and non-indigenous communities
- Connections to funding
- Reduction, prevention of conflict among recreationists due to strong relationships
- Unique model, potential to expand the model to other regions in the province
- Kudos to Phil’s incredible ability to break down barriers and bring people together!

### Wildfire: assessment of impacts to trails from 2023 wildfires

Mike introduced Glenn Thiem with Forsite Consultants as the project manager working on a wildfire damage assessment on two trail systems: Scotch Creek Hlina trail and the Mount Baldy Lookout trail. Glenn showed a map with the trail systems and gave a brief overview of the trail descriptions. Glenn’s presentation can be found [here](#).

The goals and objectives of the assessment are to:

- Understand the extent and severity of wildfire to trails systems and,
- Develop trail restoration and repair recommendations.

Glenn described impacts to the trails. In some areas, the trail is complete indiscernible. He also described areas that have safety hazards.

Recommendations for the Scotch Creek Hlina Lookout trail are:

1. 2 km trail reconstruction. This is primarily where the most fire damage is, where the crown is burned or trees have fallen over the trail or fences. Trail markers will need to be re-installed.
2. 1 km trail clean-up. This is for dealing with fire-impacted danger trees.
3. 3 km – no treatments needed.

Recommendations for the Mount Baldy trail are:

1. 0.4 km trail reconstruction
2. 3.9 km trail clean-up
3. 1 km – no treatments needed.

Glenn spoke about mitigating trail hazards. He emphasized danger tree assessments and treatments (especially near viewpoints), clearing trails of downed trees, replacing damaged boardwalks, considering new routes to avoid reconstruction on steep slopes, and repairing livestock fencing.

Jim Cooperman commented on the importance of building and maintaining trails despite the challenges and setbacks of recreating in fire-impacted and fire-risk areas.

Small group discussions took place on the following questions:

“What role can the Shuswap Trails Roundtable play with regards to recovery from this year’s wildfires?”

“What role can the Shuswap Trails Roundtable play with regards to preparing for future wildfires?”

Small groups reported out the following highlights from their discussions:

- Importance of making the trails safe – trails should be a priority area for salvage logging and reforestation
- Brokering discussions between stakeholders (e.g., public and forest companies) to ensure transparent operations
- Replanting, re-vegetation for recovery and use of broadleaf species as fire break
- Techniques to fire-proof or fire-guard trails
- Caution urged with FireSmart practices – too much fuel mitigation and canopy removal can impair the enjoyment of a trail
- Intentional about choosing trail locations
- Determine safety parameters for public involvement
- Updated communications collateral including guides, signage etc.

- Engage volunteers and visitors in regenerative/recovery activities
- Monitor and report effects and recovery on the trails – e.g., erosion
- STR to act as a central body spanning multiple organizations to source, apply for and administer funding for rehabilitation, reclamation
- Education and advocacy for fuel reduction, re-vegetation
- Communicate safety hazards and access information to the public (website, trailheads, etc.)
- Opportunity to tell the story of the re-build effort after the wildfire, particularly at Tsutswew
- Recognize there will be unauthorized trails (aka ‘social’ trails) built, so there may be some areas that are more urgent
- Questions about the Province’s plans for future wildfire mitigation

Quotable quote from the session: *“What is the story the trail tells? ...walking in the burned forest is a way to look, listen, grieve, and learn as we experience the magnitude of the impact and the re-emerging growth, healing, and change of the natural landscape.”*

### Secwepemc Landmarks Project update

Mike introduced Dorry William and Libby Jay Chisholm. Dorry provided an introduction to the Secwepemc Landmarks project, which has the support of elders from the four Secwepemc bands. Landmarks have significant cultural value for Secwepemc People. There are 16 locations proposed for landmark sculptures. Three locations have landmarks installed, to-date. Presentation slides can be found [here](#).

Libby spoke about the Tsquqw7e Landmark sculpture installed at the Chase Wharf, and how it is designed to point out significant points on the landscape nearby with place names. Libby and Dorry also explained the features and artwork on the Sxwetsmellp Landmark. Libby also shared about the Pisell Landmark at RJ Haney Heritage Museum, which also includes viewing portals and button-and-speaker that announces the Secwepemctsin names.

Libby explained the involvement of youth in the creation of trailhead posts, under the guidance of Kenthen Thomas (storytelling), and Hop You and Vern Clemah (carving).

Additional small landmarks and one main landmark are scheduled to be installed in Spring 2024. Libby shared some of the design plans for the Sek’maws and Splatsin Landmark sculptures.

More information on the Secwepemc Landmarks project can be found on the Shuswap Trail Alliance website here: <https://shuswaptrails.com/points/>.

## Recreation Sites and Trails BC update

Tennessee Trent tried to join the meeting via Zoom but technology wasn't on our side for this meeting!

## Shuswap Trails Roundtable Business

Mike introduced the first order of business, which is approving the draft summary of the 2022 Roundtable Meeting held in October. No comments or edits were suggested; the draft was approved by consensus.

Jen Bellhouse highlighted a few achievements from the 2023 achievements:

- Working Group met 4x per year
- Advocating for funding for 2024
- Maintain trail-based tourism promotion
- Grow the central map database of regional trails
- Meeting regularly with BC Government staff
- Continued to grow Secwepemc learning, awareness building and collaboration

Jen reviewed the 2023 financial summary for the Shuswap Trails Roundtable. Expenses totalled \$18,085; revenue totalled \$25,950 which resulted in a surplus of \$7865.

The budget proposed for next year includes the \$7865 surplus and other projected revenue in the amount of \$14,000; anticipated expenses come in at \$21,000 which would result in a deficit of \$865.

Phil provided an update on the Regional Trail Strategy. The last update to the strategy was in 2019. Secwepemc titles have been updated throughout the plan. Additionally, a Secwepemc acknowledgment of rights, title and interests has been added and a statement about Syilx interests is in development.

## 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 2024. Mike also added that small groups should identify what updates should be added to the Regional Trails Strategy for each sub-region.

## West Shuswap

### Priorities:

- Impacts from wildfires on trails such as Crowfoot Mountain
- Scatchard Mountain construction of waterfall trails
- Skmana ski trail expansion
- Trail connection around Little Shuswap Lake

## North Shuswap

### Priorities:

- Hlina Bluffs trail
- Crowfoot Mountain access and non-authorized uses
- Lee Creek Bluffs trail. The public road is now approved. This area provides wintertime recreation.

## East Shuswap

### Priorities:

- Winter parking for winter users, especially sledders with large trailers
- Snowmobile club is re-establishing trails at Blue Lake and Owls Head
- Sicamous bike park
- Bayview trails in Sicamous
- Larch Hills Traverse trail connection to the Shuswap-North Okanagan Rail Trail.

## South Shuswap

### Priorities:

- Closures
- Parallel trail at White Lake from John Evdomikoff bike park to the community hall, and keeping the community updated on progress
- Parallel trail in Sunnybrae from the park to the community hall.

## Salmon Arm Bay

### Priorities:

- Continue working on the West Bay Connector. \$305,000 raised so far for this work. RFP for a plan is going out in 2024 with work to start in 2025.
- Kela7scen (Mount Ida). Some property is for sale, continue on collaboration for access, improvements, authorizations, education on values.
- Heritage Trail – colonial culture in the east to indigenous culture in the west
- Mallory Ridge protected area and trail system.

## Shuswap River

### Priorities:

- Re-convene Owlshead-Mara working group
- Rose Swanson Mountain and Eagle Mountain area – trouble with access
- Armstrong – Spallumcheen Trail Association – connecting existing trail to the Shuswap-North Okanagan Rail Trail.

## Falkland

### Priorities:

- Staging area built in Glenemma
- Kela7scen (Mount Ida) Section 57, access and authorized use.

## Upcoming Events later in 2023 and in 2024

- Check out Shuswap Tourism's event page, make submissions to it. There is a regional calendar that anyone can contribute to (use the 'Add Event' button on the upper-right part of the page). Link: <https://www.shuswaptourism.ca/events/>.

## 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.

Participants were given the opportunity to provide closing remarks. Barbra Fairclough acknowledged all the volunteer time put into the day by participants. Rhona Martin thanked everyone for their collaborative spirit.

Jen Bellhouse re-iterated her appreciation to all Roundtable members for their participation today. She expressed her awe of what great things a small group of committed people can achieve.

Louis Thomas closed the day with a story about how the Little People of Kela7scen and Coyote worked together to make and distribute toys to kids at Christmas time! On a more serious note, he remarked that traditionally Secwepemc People spent lots of quality time together all winter long, telling stories and sharing meals together.



**Shuswap Trails Roundtable**  
**Wednesday November 29, 2023 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**Splatsin Centre (in person only, no virtual option)**  
 Participant agenda as of Nov 23, 2023

**Objectives**

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Time	Topic	Who and/or format
9:00	Welcoming comments and prayer Acknowledge territory Introductions around the room Review agenda	Splatsin welcoming prayer Jen Bellhouse, Shuswap Trail Alliance Mike Simpson, Facilitator
9:45	10 years of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Recent funding announcements</li> </ul>	Phil McIntyre-Paul, Jen Bellhouse, Louis Thomas, Mike Simpson  Discussion at your table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some key accomplishments of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable?</li> <li>• What wouldn't have happened if the Shuswap Trails Roundtable didn't exist?</li> </ul>
10:15	BREAK	
10:45	Wildfire: assessment of impacts to trails from 2023 wildfires	Glenn Thiem, Forsite  Discussion at your table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What role can the Shuswap Trails Roundtable play with regards to recovery from this year's wildfires?</li> <li>• What role can the Shuswap Trails Roundtable play with regards to preparing for future wildfires?</li> </ul>
11:15	Secwepemc Landmarks	Libby Jay Chisolm, Dorry William, Trina Antoine
11:45	Recreation Sites and Trails BC update	Tennessee Trent
12:00	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00	Shuswap Trails Roundtable business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Meeting summary from October 2022</a></li> <li>• 2023 report on what was done</li> <li>• 2024 Annual Work Plan and Budget (subject to subregional input)</li> <li>• Regional Trails Strategies updates</li> </ul>	Jen Bellhouse, Phil McIntyre-Paul, Mike Simpson
1:30	Sub-regional discussions  <i>See back page for questions</i>	Small group discussions by area of choice
3:00	Debrief from sub-regional discussions	Everyone
3:30	Updates on upcoming related events	Everyone
3:45	Next steps, closing comments Thank you, acknowledgements	Everyone
4:00	Adjourn	

## Appendix 1 - Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable Agenda for November 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

### 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 2024, and for each, the key next steps, by who?
- What Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy updates have yet to be identified for this sub-region?

*Please be prepared to report out to the Roundtable briefly*

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## **Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable - Annual Summary Report November 29, 2023**

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### **2023 Progress Summary:**

**Quarterly Working Group** – met virtually in January and October, and in-person in April at Splatsin and in June at Tappen Hall in Skwłāx.

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

**Advocated for four-year Roundtable funding strategy** – 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. Commitments from municipalities were renewed for 2023 – 2026.

**Maintained Trail-Based Tourism Promotion** through Shuswap Tourism and partners and looking to Secwepemc Lakes Tourism Initiative.

**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 the Roundtable and planning efforts and followed up with Secwepemc leadership regarding Government-to-Government land management.

**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)
- Cliff Ave – Enderby (STA/City Enderby lead)
- Crowfoot Use and Management (North Shuswap Chamber 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 dedicated dog trail (LHNS Lead)
- Larch Hills Nordic Beginner Trail & Lighting Plan (LHNS lead)

- Larch Hills Link trail (LHNS lead)
- 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 Baldy (CSRD/STA lead)
- 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) - ongoing
- 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) - ongoing
- 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/Sicamous ATV/EVSC lead)
- Sicamous Mountain Bike Park Plan (Sicamous/STA lead)
- Silver Creek Parks/Haines Creek Bluffs Plan (CSRD/STA/SMC lead) – tied to Kela7scen
- 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 Master Plan Update (CitySA/STA/SCAdvisory lead)
- South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan (CSRD Parks/STA lead) – draft in progress
- Sunnybrae Parallel Pathway(SBCPS lead)
- Switzmalph Cultural Heritage Trail (SCHS/STA lead)
- 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 Parks Enhancement (WLRA/STA lead)
- Wildfire Recovery – Mt Baldy and Scotch Creek Hlina (CSRD/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.)

**2024 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 RSTBC, Municipal/Regional partners, clubs/organizations that have contributed funding in 2023, partial funding confirmed for 2024
- 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

**2023 Financial Summary:**

**Expenses\***

<i>Action</i>	<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Project Coordination	\$7,500	STA - 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 – November 29, 2023	\$6,700	
Additional Materials & Supply	\$385	
<b>2023 Expense Total</b>	<b>\$18,085.00</b>	

\*Note: includes projected expenses to Dec. 31, 2023

**Revenues**

<i>Revenue Summary</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Notes</i>
STA Partner Contribution	\$7,500	Project Coordination expenses
Municipal/Regional Partner Contributions	\$18,450	from combined partner reserve (Note: including 2022 carry fwd. funding)
Clubs and Roundtable Member Organizations: Friends of Mt Ida, Shuswap Outdoors Club,		
RSTBC Contribution		
<b>2023 Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$25,950.00</b>	
<b>2023 Surplus</b>	<b>\$7,865.00</b>	

**2024 Budget Proposal**

**Expenses \*Based on in-person meetings**

<i>Action</i>	<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Project Coordination	\$8,000	STA support, planning, reporting, admin
Four Working Group Meetings	\$4,500	Facilitation X 4 working group meetings; Roundtable gatherings; database coordination; communications; minutes;
Annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable – Nov 2024	\$8,000	
Additional Materials & Supply	\$500	Documents, meeting supply, honorariums
<b>2024 Projected Expense Total</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	

**Revenue Confirmed to Date**

<i>Revenue Summary – Confirmed to Date</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Notes</i>
STA Partner Contribution	\$8,000	Project Coordination support
Carry Forward (Funding)	\$7865	2023 Reserve Funds
Municipal/Regional Partner Contributions (Fund)	\$6000	Municipal/Regional funds confirmed
<b>2024 Revenue Total – Confirmed to Date</b>	<b>\$21,865</b>	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$865.00</b>	<b>Anticipated Funding surplus</b>

## Appendix 4 – List of acronyms

ALIB - Adams Lake Indian Band  
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  
MOF – BC Ministry of Forests  
MLWRS – BC Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship  
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  
SBCPS - Sunnybrae Canoe Point Stewards  
SDR - Shuswap Dirt Riders  
SNORT - Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail  
STA - Shuswap Trail Alliance  
WLRA - White Lake Residents Association

## Appendix 5 – Summary of evaluations

Evaluation survey was open from Nov 30 to Dec 6, and was completed by 31 people.

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

Larger venue, more space to easily move around and network
having time to connect with others, and chat at tables on questions relevant to the group, and sub-regional conversations
Great venue, lots of space and good food, well facilitated and stayed on time
Beautiful venue. Good audio. Great presentations. Appreciate the humor worked in.
The small group discussions, time for networking
networking, information provided
Location was beautiful!! Self guided seating.
Meeting a diverse range of people united by a common purpose
It was in person! Always best to see folks face to face.
It was a nice space. Lots of room to move around and find the people you needed to speak with. It was good to have so much time for "networking".
Great opportunities to meet the other members of the STA!!
The opportunities we had to network with other stake holders
I liked moving around the room, it kept me engaged and interested
I liked the ice breaker of how we were separated into geographical location using the room as the map. It was an easy way to network.
Great room!! Pacing allowed networking.
Plenty of time for sub-regional breakout sessions and networking, good presentations
Great Collaboration
venue worked really well
All of the people together. Such a great group
Making connections and knowing what other organizations exist and what the do
great space.
Though I floated around to learn about all the different areas of concern the conversation seemed to be more focused than in previous AGMs that I have been to. Some really good discussion going on. Probably just me. I also really enjoyed the presentation on the landmarks project. This could be leveraged into a real tourist draw to the area.
The extra time for networking and the larger space
I liked the venue, lots of room, nice and light. I also liked that there was lots of time for networking.
Great location, good attendance, good food, well organized
Was great to see everybody and to have lots of time to network and to discuss plans.
Moved along well - only a couple of long speeches where voice clarity was a problem.
The pullout sessions were excellent and I enjoyed being put with the Salmon Arm Bay group which was the perfect option. The food and venue were excellent. Enjoyed all the presenters. The extra time for meeting with others was very valuable. Well run-thankyou.
Location, name tags, joining others from the same area.
Perfect amount of time to network within the specific areas in the afternoon

## Appendix 5 – Summary of evaluations

### 2. What do you think should be changed or improved for next year's Roundtable meeting? What didn't work so well?

Too bad the Zoom presentation did work. There seemed to be technical difficulties with the mic.
I think we need a designate chair at the sub-regional tables to help ensure all voices are heard.
It's too bad the technology didn't cooperate so Tennessee could give his update. Perhaps a test-run of the tech next time.
Our regional sub group was dominated by one user group, sledders. Realistically, this rich mans sport is a small part of the demographics, but they came in numbers and were pushy enough to dominate the regions 'top priorities'. Also, the one table was not big enough to 'get in' on the discussion. This group had numbers and took up over half of the table.
mix us up more to do the brainstorming sessions. I found people tended to stay at the table they sat at in the am.
Maybe some tech related issues with the mics. Not a big deal!
Once again it showed the perils of relying on technology. I also think it would be good if each interest group could deliver a short presentation of their priorities.
At this point hard to say.
More of a comment for next year: I think a 3:30 wrap up is good. As you could tell in the room, people were done and wanted to get home in the light. Quality time over quantity.
more peripheral display coordination
Less time on self-congratulations and more time networking.
everything worked well
I think that everybody should stand up when they are introducing themselves.
The projection system and ambient lighting made it difficult see the projected slides. Zoom was unfortunate.
Too bad not hearing from Rec Sites representative or anyone else regarding the recent realignment of ministries and how that might effect everyone. Would also have helped to hear more from province on the current moratorium on reviewing any section 57/56 applications
seems to be time for more presentations. maybe a panel discussion.
More indigenous perspectives
The hybrid 'zoom' or other did not work. Possibly having it tested and also the microphones just prior to message delivery could be done next time.
more directed discussion
Don't let me eat so much for lunch. Then there was jello LOL
The sound was muffled/echoy. A laser pointer would have been helpful for a couple of the presentations.
Don't bother with any of the video technology, once again it didn't work this year either!
Don't change anything
I would love to hear a presentation from a group of motorized trail users. Seeing more and more of that group at these meetings.
Speakers need to hear themselves-,voice clarity.
It would be nice to see representation by the provincial government other than Rec Sites and Trails.
The RSTBC report would have been good. Maybe get something to hand out.

## Appendix 5 – Summary of evaluations

### 3. Do you have any comments about the logistics leading up to the meeting, the venue or the catering?

Venue was awesome, food was amazing.
Venue is great, catering wonderful and communications were great.
somehow I almost missed the notice of the meeting. Thankfully I was notified by STA staff. The venue was perfect and the catering, the food, can't compete with that! it was so so good. Wonderful host!
The venue was wonderful and the catering as well
nope, worked really well. This was my first meeting to attend.
Thank you for having a vegetarian option.
All good - It would have been nice to have a microwave available to heat up cinnamon buns though
Logistics, venue and catering were all just right.
I think it all worked well!
Nope, loved it!
The support logistics were excellent!
no comments
I love having meeting on the land because of the catering, great food.
Overall, the venue and food was super!
Great venue and fabulous lunch
No concerns
Loved the local indigenous catering. Could use an online polling service to ask questions
Pre announcements and notes were well done. Venue was great.
It was nice to receive all the info before hand. I was able to review and approve in principal before the AGM took place. I am sure this has happened before but maybe I was too busy to really absorb the emails. Enjoyed the venue and the food.
All good. Awesome building and a very good lunch.
The venue was good, ASAB. the catering was good too. I liked that they had good options for those f us who have to eat gluten free!
No, all good.
I admire how you were able to pivot last minute to a different venue with perhaps a different caterer. Really appreciate vegetarian option too!
Lead up was very satisfactory. Venue & food were excellent.
See comments above.
As per No.1 I thought the building was great and the catering was fine.
Logistics were great.

## Appendix 5 – Summary of evaluations

### 4. Any other comments?

It was great to have a face to face this year and to see so many new faces. Our circle is enlarging!
Appreciated hearing about the fire stuff, having Louis speak and felt the day was really successful. Looking forward to the final report.
The geography game was a great way to start the day
Thank you!
Perhaps consider a hands on creative activity an elder can lead us through such as a sage tie, etc that would be a creative and educational way to break up the day?
Thank you for organizing and keeping the STA moving forward in a positive way
Thank you for organizing!
No
See you next year.
Thanks for hosting.
Thanks for 'Keeping the Faith'
It was my first meeting so I do not have anything to compare it to.
I felt the last breakout session worked very well.
Thank you! Here's to another 10 years of collaboration.
Great Gathering
Door prizes? :)
How about some fundraising or raffle items?
Being my 1st STA Round Table was a very positive experience.
Kudos to all the organizers and to Mike for such good moderating.
An excellent meeting, well worth it!
I know this is a long shot but is there any chance of having next year's meeting be scent-free? I have serious allergies to fragrans and find it difficult to be inside for long period of time with folks wearing all sorts of scented products.
Participants were, as usual respectful and informative.
Thank you as always for your leadership and well run AGM.
Good job on keeping it on schedule
Might be good to hear from BC Parks and where things are at from their perspective