

# Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy

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## Acknowledgements

### Acknowledgement of Rights, Title, and Interests

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The Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy is focused primarily within the unceded southeastern territories of the Secwépemc Nation. Adams Lake, Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw, Neskonlith, and Splantsin te Secwépemc share responsibility as *Yucwmenlúcwu* (caretakers) of this area of responsibility within *Secwépemcúlecw* (territory).

The Secwépemc people have never ceded or surrendered any part of Secwépemcúlecw and therefore remain the true title holders to their homelands. The information contained in this document titled "*Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy*" does not represent or limit Secwépemc indigenous rights, title, or interests for the project area. Secwépemc leadership reserves the right to gather and produce further information, including identifying concerns about Secwépemc rights, title, and interests in relation to the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy as this initiative moves forward into the future.

The initiative to gather regional leaders to work together and better care for these lands, hear the true story, and manage trails and recreational access, has been guided by Secwépemc leadership from Splantsin te Secwépemc, Adams Lake, Neskonlith, and Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw through the Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable.

The Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy is founded on the Secwépemc understanding of *Y'icwetsutce* ("you take care") - The responsibility of taking care of the land & its resources (Secwepemc) and recognition of Indigenous title and rights. It provides a protocol of values for collaboration, respect, and stewardship together.

It is also acknowledged that the southeastern planning areas of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy are located within an area of interest of the Syilx people of the Okanagan Nation. The Syilx/Okanagan People continue to assert their jurisdiction and responsibility over the stewarding of the land, resources, and quality of life of their citizens. The *nsyilxcən* language and *Syilx/Okanagan* culture respectfully honour the natural laws of the *tmixw* (*that which gives us life*).

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**This strategy is the result of dedication, effort, and expertise of many people** from all orders of government (Secwépemc, Provincial, Regional, Municipal) and many organizations and interest groups in the Shuswap. We wish to gratefully express our appreciation to the steering committee, and then the Working Group members for their contributions to this document, and for their time, in-kind support, and ongoing efforts to keep this work progressing.

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## Glossary

### ***Active transportation***

Any form of human-powered transportation. It is any trip made for the purposes of getting oneself, or others, to a particular destination - to work, to school, to the store or to visit friends. Walking and cycling are the most popular forms of active transportation and are often combined with other modes, notably public transit. (Enderby-Splatsin Active Transportation Plan, 2014)

### ***Ad-hoc Committee***

A short-term committee to address a specific issue

### ***Backcountry***

Sparsely inhabited wilderness or rural areas, mostly undeveloped, located away from developed or urbanized areas

### ***Front country***

Outdoor recreation areas that are easily accessible from developed or urbanized areas

### ***Greenway***

Linear corridors of land that support trails/pathways and natural or cultural features of interest to trail users; greenways provide linkages between human development and natural areas, recreational opportunities, social activities and/or corridors of wildlife habitat and environmental protection.

### ***Ground-truthing***

Reconciliation of maps, data and information obtained through web-based, electronic or paper formats with the reality on the ground; also the collection of new field-verified information

### ***Kela7scen***

Shuswap language name for Mount Ida; containing culturally significant sites known as the Sacred Circle

### ***Orders of government***

Inclusive of First Nations, local (municipal and regional), provincial and federal; the four orders of government are not a hierarchy

### ***Secwépemc***

Shuswap language, meaning “The People”

### ***Secwépemcúlecw***

Shuswap language, meaning “Secwepemc Territory”

### ***Standing Committee***

A committee with an ongoing timeline

### ***Trail***

For the purpose of this strategy, “Trail” includes all trails, for motorized and non-motorized access, and for a variety of uses including but not limited to recreation, tourism, hunting, and

access to culturally important sites. While this strategy is initially focussed on land-based trails, water-based trails and paddling routes (Blueways) are also considered trails.

***Y'icwetsutce* TO BE REVIEWED\***

("you take care") - The responsibility of taking care of the land & its resources (Secwépemc) and recognition of Indigenous title and rights. \*NOTE: (23/11/29) Secwépemc leadership have recommended a review of the correct Secwepemctsín (Secwépemc language) pronunciation for this value. For now, the term is used as a placeholder for this foundational Secwépemc value on which the Shuswap Regional Trail Strategy is built but will be changed once Secwépemc leadership have reviewed and provided direction on a corrected translation.

## List of Acronyms

ALIB - Adams Lake Indian Band  
ATV - All Terrain Vehicle  
BCHBC - Backcountry Horsemen of BC  
BCTS - British Columbia Timber Sales  
CEA - cumulative effects assessment  
CSRD - Columbia Shuswap Regional District  
DFO - Department of Fisheries and Oceans  
EVSC - Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club  
FCBC - Front Counter BC  
GBCSA - Gorge Backcountry Ski Association  
HRSA - Hunters Range Snowmobile Association  
LOU - Letter of Understanding  
LRMP - Land and Resource Management Plan  
LSLIB - Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band  
MOF - Ministry of Forests  
MOE - Ministry of Environment  
MOU - Memorandum of Understanding  
MOTI - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
OCP - Official Community Plan  
ORV - Off Road Vehicle  
RDNO - Regional District of North Okanagan  
RMZ - Recreation Management Zone  
RSTBC - Recreation Sites and Trails BC  
SABNES - Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society  
SBR - Shuswap Backcountry Riders (ATV)  
SCC - Shuswap Cycling Club (Bicycle/Mountain Bike)  
SCPSS - Sunnybrae Canoe Point Stewardship Society  
SDRA - Shuswap Dirt Riders Association (Motorcycle)  
SEAS - Shuswap Environmental Action Society  
STA - Shuswap Trail Alliance  
STR - Shuswap Trails Roundtable  
TBD - To be determined  
TNRD - Thompson-Nicola Regional District  
UTV - Utility Terrain Vehicle  
WLRA - White Lake Residents Association



## Chapter 1: Purpose, Vision, and Values

*“Some of our Chiefs said, “These people wish to be partners with us in our country. We must, therefore, be the same as brothers to them, and live as one family. We will share equally in everything half and half in land, water and timber, etc. What is ours will be theirs, and what is theirs will be ours. We will help each other to be great and good.”... Sir Wilfred Laurier Memorial, 1910*

### **Background and context**

Regional leadership collaborating through the Shuswap Trail Alliance has done significant work since 2005 in promoting non-motorized trails, supporting Secwepemc caretakers and stewards in asserting title and rights to the land, and in encouraging ecological stewardship, promotion, signage and use of non-motorized trails.

Since 2001, a series of planning initiatives and community projects<sup>1</sup> have provided a strategic thread on which a region-wide strategy for non-motorized trails has evolved. In addition, discussions between Secwepemc leadership, regional leadership and some trail user groups helped to confirm the need for a region-wide strategy to involve *all* trail user groups (motorized and non-motorized), and make connections to land use, existing land use plans, Secwepemc values, environmental and community health, tourism and economic development.

A key focus of this strategy is land-based trails; however, interconnectedness between land-based trails and waterways on the many lakes and rivers are recognized. Connection to water is also important from a Secwepemc perspective: water is an original travel corridor of First Nations peoples. Therefore, this strategy is framed within the wider context of the importance and cycle of water in the region, and to acknowledge waterways and water recreation in access management planning.

It is also important to note that the concepts and ideas contained in this strategy do not necessarily have funding in place; support or endorsement of this strategy by any organization does not imply that they have the funds to implement it.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the strategy is to protect, enhance and recognize trails as an integral part of the Shuswap lifestyle, culture and economy. This strategy will ensure trails are appropriately authorized, mapped, developed, maintained, and promoted. It will also protect and promote First Nations interests, reduce/repair ecological damage from all trail use, and manage land access appropriately. The strategy’s process will also serve to demonstrate collaborative management between all orders of government, industry sectors and stewardship groups. It will provide stability and security to all user groups, businesses, and the orders of government who invest in them.

### **Proposed Outcomes and Deliverables**

It’s anticipated that there will be a suite of benefits achieved through collaboration by trail user groups, industry groups and orders of government:

- Greater recognition, protection and enhancement of trails
- Clarity on priority planning areas
- Improved communication and protocols

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<sup>1</sup> See Chapter 3

- Increased value and security, and more effective marketing of trail system assets, through consistent trail design and sign standards
- Optimization of limited shared resources

Additional proposed outcomes include:

- Alignment of Secwepemc values and principles with trail planning and development
- Planning guidance for industry sectors at the operational level
- Increased awareness of historical and cultural significance of trails
- Minimization of conflicts on trails

The four primary deliverables of this strategy are:

- Establishment of a regional trails council or roundtable
- A formal commitment to work together, as evidenced by either a signed agreement or Letter of Understanding
- A strategy document, including the two components mentioned above, and an implementation plan [*this document*]
- Maps of priority planning areas (paper and digital files) that can be used by all parties

#### *Vision - draft components of a vision statement*

- Collaboration of multiple stakeholders including all orders of government, trail user groups, industry sectors
- Secwépemc are affirmed as caretakers, stewards and decision makers of Secwépemcúlecw
- Value of trails contributes to triple bottom line: healthy environment, healthy communities (i.e., physical health of individuals, through exercise and connection with nature), and healthy economy.
- Safety of different users on trails
- Shuswap is known as a united destination trail centre that has trails for all uses

#### *Values*

- Y'icwetsutce (“you take care”)\* - the responsibility of taking care of the land & its resources (Secwépemc) and recognition of Indigenous title and rights (\*NOTE: This Secwepemctsín pronunciation is currently under review by Secwépemc leadership.)
- Commit to a suite of values based on *Respect, Cooperation, & Stewardship*
- Never take more than you need
- Participate in reproduction, balance, education & protection
- Take care of one another
- Respect, harmony, balance - self-worth - self-respect - we all individually have a place & responsibility
- We are caretakers of Mother Earth - interconnected with all - small part of the whole Earthly ecosystem- there is no one thing or human being that is more important than the other
- Belief and honoring of the Creator - higher power - spiritual strength is a necessity

## Chapter 2: Steering Committee

The concept for this strategy was championed by Secwépemc Nation (as described below), STA, RSTBC, Shuswap Tourism and CSRD Parks in 2010; however, an expanded steering committee with representation from the following groups have been developing this strategy since fall 2014:

- Secwépemc Nation (Adams Lake, Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw, Neskonlith, and Splatsin te Secwépemc); Switzmalph Cultural Society
- Non-motorized recreation groups, represented by Shuswap Trail Alliance, and subsequently other organizations (Backcountry Horsemen, Shuswap Outdoors, Larch Hills Nordic Society, Shuswap Cycling Club, Shuswap Mountaineering Society, etc.)
- Motorized recreation groups, represented by Shuswap Backcountry Riders (formerly Sicamous Quadders), Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club, and Shuswap Dirt Riders Association (formerly Shuswap Offroad Riding Enthusiasts)
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District, including Shuswap Tourism
- City of Salmon Arm
- District of Sicamous
- Village of Chase
- Recreation Sites and Trails
- BC Parks
- School District #83
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

The Fraser Basin Council was retained by the Steering Committee to facilitate the process and write the strategy. Adams Lake Indian Band and Columbia Shuswap Regional District have provided GIS and mapping support.

Since June 2015, the interim Steering Committee has been replaced by a Working Group with the approval of Chapter 13 on Governance. Both the Roundtable and Working Group meetings are facilitated by Mike Simpson.

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# SECTION 1: THE SHUSWAP REGION AND PRIORITY PLANNING AREAS FOR TRAILS

*Take only what you need...  
no more, no less*

Secwépemc Value

## Chapter 3: Existing Plans and Land Uses

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There are many existing plans and land uses within the Shuswap watershed that directly or indirectly affect trails and their management, and guide their development and maintenance.

Since 2001, a series of planning initiatives and community projects have provided a strategic thread on which the current Shuswap Trails and Recreational Access Management Planning process is based:

- 2001 Okanagan-Shuswap Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP)
- 2002 Shuswap Tourism Opportunity Strategy
- 2004 Ad Hoc Regional Trails Working Group
- 2005 Community Consultations and Shuswap Trails Study
- 2006 Creation of the Shuswap Trail Alliance
- 2007 Shuswap Trail Strategic Plan
- 2007 Shuswap Trail Design and Sign Standards
- 2008 on - CSRD Parks Plans, Official Community Plans
- 2008 Pilot: Larch Hills Non-Winter Trail Stewardship Plan
- 2009 Shuswap Environmental Trail Screening and Adaptive Planning Process
- 2010 Secwepemc Trails Meeting and Regional Trail Strategy Planning Proposal & Funding
- 2010 Ad Hoc Working Group: Lakes Division/Little Shuswap Band, Shuswap Trail Alliance, CSRD Parks, Shuswap Tourism, Rec Sites and Trails.
- 2010 Shuswap Tourism Strategy
- 2011 Shuswap Trail Protocol
- 2011 Pilot: South Canoe Trail Management Plan
- 2012 Shuswap Trail Stewardship Program
- 2012 Regional Community Consultations
- 2013 Shuswap Lake Integrated Planning Process - Draft Recreation Strategy
- 2013 Regional Operational Partnership Pilot
- 2013 BC Trails Strategy
- 2014 Shuswap Trails Partnership Agreements (BC Parks, Rec Sites and Trails)
- 2014 Forestry Trail MoUs (Canoe Forest Products, Stella-Jones, Woodlot 1571 &1572)

### *First Nations Rights*

The Secwépemc people have lived in Secwépemcúlecw and the Shuswap lakes district for thousands of years, long before the arrival of European settlers. First Nations' title and rights are evolving through the courts and exist throughout the Shuswap region.

### *Secwépemc plans*

- Spltasin Comprehensive Community Plan (also see Neskonlith, Adams Lake Indian Band, and Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band)
- STS and Secwepemc Indigenous Cultural Tourism Strategy - in progress
- Secwépemc Landmarks and Trailhead Post Project

### *Okanagan Shuswap LRMP*

The Okanagan Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP), initiated in 1995 and approved in 2001, provides direction of Crown land and resource management on 2.5 million hectares. For the majority of the plan area, general resource management zones (RMZs) have

objectives for multiple resource values. There are also polygon-specific RMZs that have objectives and strategies specific to a major value, to maintain or enhance that specific major value. Within the LRMP there are the following RMZs that relate to trails and tourism:

**Recreation RMZ:** there are two specific RMZs for recreation values:

- Regionally Significant Trail Corridors RMZ - overall goal is to manage for recreational use, opportunities and experiences that are focussed on continuity of trail corridor
- Intensive Recreation Areas RMZ - overall goal is to manage for intensive recreational use, opportunities and experiences. There are seven categories of use:
  - Shared use (all season)
  - Shared use (summer)
  - Snowmobile
  - Cross country skiing/non-motorized
  - Winter non-motorized
  - Summer non-motorized
  - Motorcycle
  - Summer motorized/shared use (summer)

**Tourism RMZ:** general goal is healthy and sustainable tourism industry, which contributes to the economy and works to maintain environment. There are three specific RMZs for tourism values:

- Backcountry RMZ - objective is to maintain backcountry tourism values
- Tourism Use RMZ - objective is to maintain scenic quality of views from existing tourism facilities, lakes and trails
- Dispersed Tourism Use RMZ - objective is to maintain scenic quality of views from existing tourism use areas, trails and features

### ***British Columbia Trails Strategy***

The British Columbia Trails Strategy is a foundation to which this strategy is linked.

### ***Recreation Sites and Trails BC***

- Trail Design and Sign Standards
- Forest and Range Practices Act (Section 56, 57, 58) - MOF

### ***BC Parks***

- BC Parks and Ecological Reserve Management Plans

### ***City of Salmon Arm Greenways & Active Transportation Strategy***

Council's support for greenways led to the formation of a Greenways Liaison Committee (GLC) in 2008. In 2009, a decision was made to prepare a Greenways Strategy concurrent with the Official Community Plan (OCP) Review process. [www.salmonarm.ca/documentcenter/view/99](http://www.salmonarm.ca/documentcenter/view/99)

The purpose of the Greenways Strategy is to provide direction for the long-term planning and implementation of a trail / path network spanning the City, integrated with the sidewalk and bicycle networks, and connecting to existing and future regional trails, in order to provide recreational opportunities, to accommodate alternative transportation for a diverse range of trail / path users, and to support corridors for ecological connectivity.

The vision for the Greenways Strategy is as follows:

*An interconnected network of greenways and trails, serving all forms of non-vehicular movement and all ability levels, linking the City Centre neighbourhoods and major points of interest with each other and with surrounding lands, and providing healthy transportation, outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities, and ecological connectivity.*

The City has 58 kilometres of existing trails (in 2008/2009... there are more today!). Greenway and trail systems offer multiple benefits to communities.

In 2022, the City of Salmon Arm completed a comprehensive Active Transportation Strategy for the community. It guides development of pedestrian, bicycle, and universal access.

### ***City of Salmon Arm Official Community Plan***

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a bylaw of local government that provides objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management within a community or plan area. An OCP is generated with community input and provides statements on land uses and servicing requirements in the Plan area for the future.

[www.salmonarm.ca/DocumentCenter/View/52](http://www.salmonarm.ca/DocumentCenter/View/52)

Section 11 addresses OCP policy regarding Parks, Recreation and Greenways. An update of the OCP is currently underway.

City of Salmon Arm also has a Strategic Plan, and is developing a Marketing and Brand Strategy linked to the regional Tourism Development Plan See:

- Salmon Arm MRDT (hotel tax) Destination Development Business plan.
- Salmon Arm Marketing, Brand, and Sign Design Strategy

### ***Shuswap Tourism - Tourism Development Plan***

This plan, facilitated by Tourism BC for Shuswap Tourism, identifies the need for a strategic level coordinated recreation management plan, improved communication, improved trail management, and improved signage and wayfinding. The tourism development plan, developed in 2010, grounded the need for the development of this strategy. It is currently being updated.

### ***Columbia Shuswap Regional District plans***

- Official community plans
- Parks plans - for each of Electoral Areas C, D, E, F, G (Including a newly updated Area C/G Parks & Trails Master plan)
- South Shuswap (Area C/G) Destination Trail Planning Framework
- South and North Shuswap Economic Development Plan

### ***Regional District of North Okanagan plans***

- Official community plans
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan
- Area F/Enderby Parks & Trails Master Plan
- Enderby Tourism Strategy

### ***Other local government plans***

- Enderby: Enderby Integrated Community Sustainability Plan;



- Enderby-Splatsin Active Transportation Plan Sicamous: Open Spaces Plan, Marketing & Brand Strategy
- Lumby: none compiled to date
- Chase: Active Transportation Walking Master Plan & Scatchard Road Trail System
- District of Sicamous Parks & Trails Master Plan, Active Transportation, and Age Friendly Community Plans
- City of Armstrong Active Transportation Plan
- Splatsin te Secwépemc/Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail Development Plan
- Splatsin te Secwépemc/Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail Maintenance Standards

### ***Other Sector Plans***

- Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society Operational Plan (2013)
- Interior Health Authority - Healthy Built Environment Strategy
- Destination BC Regional Development Strategies
- Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association Tourism Strategy & Rail-Trail Marketing Strategy
- Thompson-Nicola Conservation Strategy (in progress through the Thompson-Nicola Conservation Collaborative)

### ***Sub-Regional and Area Specific Plans***

- See Chapter 4 and Annual Summary Report and Workplan

## Chapter 4: Priority Planning Areas, Potential Development Areas, and Hot-spot Pilot Projects

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The purpose of this chapter is to identify priority planning areas and their attributes within seven sub-regions of the Shuswap. This will enable better trail development and promotion that is consistent with values, stewardship and environmental practices, and existing land uses. Chapter 16 proposes a timeline for implementing further work on these priority planning areas.

### Priority Planning Areas

The following area-based priorities contained in the seven tables below emerged from a review of consultations and community planning throughout the region<sup>2</sup>. They include known concept proposals and are assembled to provide a starting point for discussions on sub-regional recreation access management planning.

This is a living document, however. Priorities are constantly being updated through the quarterly working group. For the most current working priorities see the quarterly Working Group minutes and respective plans held for each region or location by the specific roundtable partners.

Potential development areas and hot-spot pilot projects were preliminarily prioritized by the Steering Committee<sup>3</sup>; and subsequently updated through the working group. Current working priorities are indicated in ***bold, italicized red font***. Descriptions for some of these areas are provided at the end of this chapter. For a full update see the quarterly working group notes.

| West Shuswap                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                              |
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| Potential development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Hot-spot Priority projects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Existing trail infrastructure (not authorized and/or mapped) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scatchard Mountain/Turtle Valley/Phillips Lake</li> <li>Neskonlith Meadows/Skmana Lake/McGillvary Lake trails</li> <li>Tsútswecw Provincial Park</li> <li>Little Shuswap/Squilax lake connectors - potential loop trail? And/or water trail?</li> <li>Chase/Adams Lake/Neskonlith Parallel road trails</li> <li>Bear Creek Flume Trail maintenance (completed 2017)</li> <li>Skmana Lake - potential trail expansion</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fly Hills recreation area (west access)</li> <li><b><i>Scatchard Mountain Road trail plan (incl. Chase Creek Falls, Rocky Road Trail)</i></b></li> <li><b><i>Secwépemc signage for Scatchard trails</i></b></li> <li><b><i>Chase Walking Master Plan - incl. MoTI Hwy plans</i></b></li> <li><b><i>Tsútswecw Park (includes Bear Creek Flume Trails, see North Shore)</i></b></li> </ul> |                                                              |

<sup>2</sup> Not necessarily an all-inclusive review

<sup>3</sup> Steering Committee meeting December 18<sup>th</sup> 2014

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>2023 Wildfire Trail Recovery (Tsútswecw/Bear Creek Flume)</i></li> <li>• <i>Skimikin Lake (see South Shuswap)</i></li> <li>• <i>Need sub-regional recreational access management plan; including TNRD</i></li> <li>• <i>Invasive species partner projects</i></li> </ul> |  |
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| <b>South (Inner) Shuswap</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Potential development</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Hot-spot priority projects</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Existing trail infrastructure (not authorized and/or mapped)</b>                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reinecker/White Lake Connector -Trail from White Lk Lookout to Reinecker Crk trail</li> <li>▪ Blind Bay/Eagle Bay/Sorrento Parallel trails</li> <li>▪ Balmoral/Blind Bay Mountain Bike Trail System</li> <li>▪ White Lake/Eagle Bay/Cinnemousoun Narrows connector</li> <li>▪ Peninsula Trail Circuit</li> <li>▪ Peninsula ORV Loop Routes</li> <li>▪ Peninsula Paddle Trail</li> <li>▪ Connector trail from Blind Bay to Sunnybrae</li> <li>▪ Connector trail from White Lake to Herman Lake</li> <li>▪ Parallel trail from Ford Road to Carlin School</li> <li>▪ Sunnybrae parallel path and trails</li> <li>▪ Parallel trail from Sunnybrae to Tappen to the Co-op</li> <li>▪ Parallel trail at Reedman Point</li> <li>▪ White Lake bike park (stacked loop trails)</li> <li>▪ Access to Balmoral trails from Sherry Road</li> <li>▪ Mt Baldy Trail extensions</li> <li>▪ White Lake/Balmoral Additions</li> <li>▪ Sorrento Highway West</li> <li>▪ Foreshore Walk - Sorrento to Blind Bay</li> <li>▪ Bastion Mountain</li> <li>▪ Blind Bay Residential Connections</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Skimikin Lake Trail Plan</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Reinecker Creek trail, motorized and non-motorized users, and forestry conflicts; repairs &amp; reroutes</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Herald Park Trail Repairs/Reroute (safe pedestrian crossings)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Sunnybrae Parallel Trail - Priority: Seniors Strata to Community &amp; Senior's Hall</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Sunnybrae bluff trail/access to new parkland</i></li> <li>▪ <i>White Lake Provincial Park - redesign/foreshore protection/FSR reroute/ trail plan</i></li> <li>▪ <i>White Lake parallel trail - Hall to J.E. Park</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Loftus Lake</i></li> <li>▪ <i>South Shuswap Area C Parks and Trails Master Plan (2017)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>South Shuswap Destination Trails Master plan</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trails on north side of Little White Lake and White Lake</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ White Lake - Cedar Creek</li> <li>▪ White Lake circumference trail</li> <li>▪ Expanded universal access</li> <li>▪ South Shuswap Active Transportation Plan</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>ORV/Non-motor dedicated trail heads</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Mt Baldy trail repair (wildfire)</i></li> <li>▪ White Lake winter use conflicts btw motorized and non-motorized</li> <li>▪ Invasive species partner projects - <i>yellow flag iris</i></li> </ul> |  |
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| North Shuswap                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adams/Lichen/Pukeashun/Humamilt/Momich</li> <li>▪ Seymour Sub-Basin - Seymour River, Hunakwa Lake, Upper Seymour Valley, Paddle route, Grace/Cottonwood</li> <li>▪ Squilax/Scotch Creek/Anglemont roadside parallel trail (North Shuswap Parallel Pathway)</li> <li>▪ Boat access at Celista/Magna Bay/Anglemont</li> <li>▪ Canoe/kayak launches from Celista to Ruckell Point</li> <li>▪ Paddling route on Upper Adams River</li> <li>▪ Paddling route at Humamilt Lake, and campsite/trail development</li> <li>▪ Trail connecting North Anstey Arm to Seymour Arm (past Wright Lake)</li> <li>▪ Connector trail from Farrell's Field to Celista</li> <li>▪ Lee Creek Bluffs Trail</li> <li>▪ Lee Creek waterfall</li> <li>▪ Cottonbelt Mine trail (Seymour Arm - clearing and restoration needed)</li> <li>▪ Scotch Creek Trail Plan</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>North Shuswap Parallel Pathway Phased development</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Crowfoot/Mobley/Grizzly/Angle Highland (Historic Route)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Need Crowfoot/Mobley recreation access management plan</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Adams River Gorge Canyon Trail - pictographs protection</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Hunakwa Lake/Wright Lake Trail Plan and Wildfire Recovery Plan</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Onyx Falls</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Seymour River (Upper) Paddle Trail</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Squilax Trail (LSLIB) Quaaout Lodge/ARSS/BC Parks</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Scotch Creek/Hlina improvements</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Seymour Arm Community AT Pathways</i></li> <li>▪ <i>2023 Wildfire Trail Recovery</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trail along Upper Seymour River</li> <li>▪ Paddling route along upper Seymour River</li> <li>▪ Trail to Pukeashun Peak</li> <li>▪ Cayenne Falls is placed incorrectly on map - confirm location</li> <li>▪ Grizzly Cabin</li> <li>▪ Onyx Falls</li> </ul> |

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|  | <p><i>(Tsútswecw/Bear Creek Flume; Scotch Creek/Hlina Lookout)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lee Creek Bluffs Trail</li> <li>Invasive species partner projects</li> </ul> |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queest, <i>Owlshead</i>, Eagle Pass, Griffith, <i>Joss</i>, English</li> <li>Gorge Ski Area/ Perry/Eagle/Wap drainage</li> <li>Anstey Highland Traverse - Hut-to-Hut</li> <li>Access to Gorge Creek trail (at Hwy #1)</li> <li>Connect existing trails to Sicamous core</li> <li>Trail from Silver Sands to Old Town Bay</li> <li>Sicamous Creek Falls/Bayview Trail Plan</li> <li>Sicamous Mountain Motor Park</li> <li>Larch Hills Traverse/Hyde Mtn/Rail Trail Loop</li> <li>Turtle Bay</li> <li>Upper Perry River alpine trail</li> <li>English Mountain access and trail (at Victor Lake)</li> <li>English Lake Park</li> <li>North Fork Wild/Perry River</li> <li>Outdoor school at North Fork Wild Conservation Park</li> <li>Eagle River Nature Trails/Yard Creek</li> <li>Hunakwa Lake (See North Shuswap)</li> <li>Blue Lake snowmobile parking for sledders with big trailers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Eagle Pass Mountain and alpine area</i></li> <li><i>Joss Pass Mountain/Tsuius/ Mabel</i></li> <li>Bourne Glacier and Pettipiece Pass multi-season plan</li> <li><i>Owlshead/Mara and Cummings &amp; Blue Lakes and Hunters Range</i></li> <li><i>Wap Creek Valley/North Mabel Lake</i></li> <li>Eagle River blueway</li> <li>Anstey Highlands</li> <li><i>Gorge Ski Area</i></li> <li>NFW Historic Trail</li> <li><i>Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail</i> (&amp; Osoyoos)</li> <li><i>Hwy #1 bridge at Sicamous Narrows - AT path, Rail Trail, Larch Hills Traverse, Old Sicamous Hwy connection</i></li> <li><i>Sicamous Mountain Bike Park</i></li> <li><i>Highway snowmobile parking (Blue Lake) - with MoTI</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eagle Pass trail from lakes to hut</li> <li>Eagle River paddling access points</li> <li>Owlshead/Kingfisher trail and shelter</li> <li>Mount McPherson access from the north side</li> <li><i>Cummings &amp; Blue Lakes</i></li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enderby/Splatsin active transportation plan</li> <li>• Mara Mtn, Hunters Range</li> <li>• <b>Enderby Cliffs/Reeves Lake</b></li> <li>• Shuswap River Paddle Trail - Kingfisher to Mara;</li> <li>• Hidden Lake Trail Plan</li> <li>• Parallel trails along Enderby-Mabel Lake Road, active transportation plan</li> <li>• Trail to Isobel Falls</li> <li>• Kingfisher Trails</li> <li>• Trinity Valley - Lumby</li> <li>• Dale Lake, Grasey Lake, Elbow Lake, Kidney Lake, Liver Lake</li> <li>• Establish wildlife corridors</li> <li>• Armstrong/Spallumcheen Active Transportation Plans</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Tplaqin/Enderby Cliffs/Reeves Lake</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail (&amp; Osoyoos) - also see East Shuswap</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Armstrong-Vernon Greenway (Rail Trail) Connector</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Rosemond Lake Access Mngt</b></li> <li>▪ Shuswap River paddling/boating routes</li> <li>▪ Enderby to Splatsin River walk Extension Plan</li> <li>▪ RDNO Area F Parks &amp; Trails Master Plan</li> <li>▪ RDNO Area F Parallel Trails (Back Enderby &amp; Mabel Lake Road)</li> <li>▪ <b>Owlshead/Hunters Rec Mngt Plan (see East Shuswap)</b></li> <li>▪ Hunters Range/Mara Mtn - snowmobile land use management</li> <li>▪ <b>Joss-Tsuis-Mabel (See East Shuswap)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Rose Swanson Trail System</b></li> <li>▪ Invasive species partner projects</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enderby</li> <li>▪ Twin lakes</li> <li>▪ Ashton Creek</li> <li>▪ Isobel Falls</li> <li>▪ Kingfisher Lookout</li> </ul> |

| Salmon Arm Bay        |                            |                                                              |
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| Potential development | Hot-spot Priority projects | Existing trail infrastructure (not authorized and/or mapped) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><i>Kela7scen (Mount Ida) - Sacred Circle</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><i>Haines Creek, south slopes</i></b></li> <li>○ <b><i>Salmon Arm Greenways - north slopes</i></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Trails from Bastion, Jackson, and SAS Schools to Salmon Arm Bay</li> <li>▪ <b><i>Parallel trails from West Bay into Salmon Arm</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><i>West Bay greenway/Hwy 1 Parallel trail</i></b></li> <li>○ <b><i>Tappen/Sunnybrae Parallel trail</i></b></li> <li>○ <b><i>Glen Eden/Tappen Connector</i></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Rancho parallel pathway</li> <li>▪ Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail South (See East &amp; Shuswap River)</li> <li>▪ Turtle Bay (See East &amp; Shuswap River)</li> <li>▪ Parallel cycle touring routes (for all 7 sub-regions - see Cycle Tour Map)</li> <li>▪ Rock climbing access and safety at Gleneden (Syphon Falls)</li> <li>▪ Link Shuswap Bird Trail into bcbirdtrail.ca</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Salmon Arm Bay shoreline trails and bird sanctuary</li> <li>▪ South Canoe (multi-use in sensitive watershed)</li> <li>▪ Rubberhead</li> <li>▪ <b><i>West Bay Connector Master Plan</i></b></li> <li>▪ <b><i>Kela7scen (Mt. Ida) sacred circle &amp; Recreation Access Mgt Plan</i></b></li> <li>▪ <b><i>Haines Creek/south slopes of Mt. Ida</i></b></li> <li>▪ <b><i>Mara Meadows</i></b></li> <li>▪ <b><i>Larch Hills trail planning/ Non-winter Management plan</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Novice Trails</li> <li>▪ Snow Shoe trails</li> <li>▪ Backcountry trails</li> <li>▪ Upper Violet Creek protection</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Larch Hills Traverse Phased Additions - 109 Connector; Top-of-the-Sic; Hyde Mtn/Rail Trail loop; <b><i>Sicamous Trailhead/Hwy 1 - Rail Trail link</i></b></li> <li>▪ <b><i>Salmon Arm Greenways &amp; AT Implementation</i></b></li> <li>▪ SA Foreshore Trail</li> <li>▪ SA Heritage Trail (RJ Haney to Switzmalph)</li> <li>▪ Switzmalph Nature Trail</li> <li>▪ <b><i>Switzmalph restoration - Wapato replant</i></b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trail from SE Salmon Arm into north slopes area of Mt. Ida</li> <li>▪ Rubberhead Trail to lake at Canoe</li> <li>▪ <b><i>Mallory Ridge Trail System</i></b></li> </ul> |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rubberhead Mountain Bike Trail System</li> <li>▪ South Canoe</li> <li>▪ <b>Mallory Ridge Trail Plan</b></li> <li>▪ City Salmon Arm wildfire mitigation</li> <li>▪ Invasive species partner projects</li> </ul> |  |
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| <b>Falkland Area</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                         |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Salmon River/Silver Creek Parallel Pathway Extension</li> <li>▪ Falkland River greenway,</li> <li>▪ Falkland area falls, caves, Pillar Lake, Joyce Lake</li> <li>▪ Estekwalen Mtn route</li> <li>▪ Tuktakamin Mtn trail</li> <li>▪ Yankee Flats multi-use trails</li> <li>▪ Controlled access to pillar at Pillar Lake</li> <li>▪</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><i>Glenemma/Kelly Mountain Multi-Use Trail Planning</i></b></li> <li>▪ <b><i>Kela7scen (Mount Ida) Management Plan - south slopes</i></b></li> <li>▪ Invasive species partner projects</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Slaughterhouse Mountain Bike Trails</li> </ul> |

### *Region Wide Priorities*

- ORV (ATV/Motorcycle) Route Plan and Mapping
- Shuswap Active Transportation Initiative
- Shuswap Trail Guides (online & print)
- Play, Clean, Go Trailhead signs
- Secwépemc Naming, Interpretation and sign standards protocol
- Secwépemc Landmarks & Trailhead Post Project



### Potential Development Areas and Hot-spot Pilot Projects

The table below provides descriptions, uses, values and activities related to a sample of the **bold, italicized red font** priority potential development areas and hot-spot pilot projects listed in the tables in Chapter 4 above. They are not exhaustive, however. See the Annual Summary Report and Workplan for current additions and updates, and Working Group Quarterly Notes for current priorities, progress reporting, and plans.

| Area Name                                                                                              | General Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Current and future uses and values                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Access management planning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Blind Bay/<br>Balmoral/White<br>Lake/Herald Park<br>(See: South Shuswap<br>Trail Plan - Area C &<br>G) | Mixed interior Douglas fir and cedar-hemlock forest; high interface area, surrounded by communities of Blind Bay, Sorrento and White Lake. Access via the Herman Lake (north) and White Lake (south) Forest Service Roads and three non-motorized trailheads. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four-season recreation including hiking, snowshoeing, equestrian, mountain biking and ORV</li> <li>• Integrated purpose-built recreational trail system for aforementioned uses weaves with existing forestry/skid trail system</li> <li>• Active timber harvest area; BCTS proceeding with harvest plans adjacent to Balmoral and MacArthur heights trails. Some trails will require re-routing and restoration post-harvest.</li> <li>• Considered high-value for tourism and trail development</li> <li>• Recommend a review of Secwepemc values and cultural concerns in the area</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCTS Total Chance Harvest Plan for Balmoral and MacArthur Heights</li> <li>• CSRD Area C Parks Plan notes high priority; Area C Parks Commission is a key community liaison point</li> <li>• Local trail stewardship advisory is recommended to help implement</li> <li>• Concept proposals in the Area C Parks Plan and Shuswap Trails plan for new wetland interpretive trails at Cedar Creek and Loftus Lake fen in Blind Bay</li> <li>• A major initiative is now underway to move the White Lake FSRoad and redesign White Lake Provincial Park to improve habitat conservation</li> <li>• Other concept proposals for horse trail to Herman Lake; and linking Reinecker Creek, White Lake perimeter and North ridge line trails to Blind Bay - White Lake trails</li> <li>• Recommend establishing an MoU with BCTS and woodlot licensees</li> </ul> |
| Crowfoot/Mobley/<br>Grizzly/Angle<br>Highland                                                          | Extensive sub-alpine meadows, accessed via several forestry roads and the historic Crowfoot                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High significance for Secwepemc - traditional route to North Shuswap</li> <li>• Popular snowmobiling destination including three overnight shelters</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snowmobile recreation area managed by Crowfoot Mountain Snowmobile Club under</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                                          | Meadows ‘Sheep’ trail from the south                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backcountry skiing on south-facing slopes</li> <li>• Mountain biking and hiking</li> <li>• Historic route and uses - Secwepemc, gold rush, Dominion fire lookout, shepherding, etc.</li> <li>• Considered high value for tourism development</li> </ul>                                            | <p>agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest tenure licenses and woodlots on lower slopes; range tenure license in alpine meadows</li> <li>• Concern over vulnerability of open alpine terrain, impacts of ORVs and others</li> <li>• Concern re: local stewardship capacity and visitor volumes</li> <li>• Proposed hut-to-hut connector, north east traverse to Albas Falls</li> <li>• Recommend collaborative recreational access management plan</li> </ul> |
| Adams River Gorge Canyon Trail - pictographs             | The Adams River Gorge Canyon Trail is within Roderick Haig Brown Provincial Park. The park is most popular in the fall during salmon runs; the canyon trail is used by hikers and mountain bikers from spring through fall. Access is via designated trailheads. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site of famous Adams River Sockeye Salmon Run (&gt;200K visitors on peak years)</li> <li>• Ecologically and culturally significant Secwepemc traditional sites throughout</li> <li>• 34 km of trails for non-motorized use</li> </ul>                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern over vulnerability of pictographs on upper Gorge Canyon trail; identified as a high priority by LSLIB</li> <li>• Protection strategy for pictographs includes BC Parks, LSLIB, ALIB, Adams River Salmon Society and STA; opportunity to develop protection objectives, strategies and protocol as a template for region-wide implementation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                 |
| Owlshead (also see Owlhead/Mara Mtn/Hunters Range below) | Alpine area on the north side of Mara Mountain, on the western edge of the Monashee Range and northern edge of the Hunters Range. Access from the north via Owlshead FSR and access from the south via the Skyline FSR.                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High significance for Secwepemc and Splantsin</li> <li>• Popular snowmobiling destination</li> <li>• Site of historic Owlshead hiking trail to Mara fire lookout</li> <li>• ORV/ATV use during summer months</li> <li>• Tolko forest operations</li> <li>• High trail and tourism value</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snowmobile recreation area managed by the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club; includes one cabin within the Kingfisher Creek Park</li> <li>• Concern over impacts from unmanaged summer recreation in vulnerable alpine terrain</li> <li>• Access management strategy currently underway by Splantsin, EVSC, BC Parks, Sicamous</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                           |

| Area Name                  | General Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Current and future uses and values                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Access management planning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Joss Mountain              | Alpine environment at the northern edge of the Sawtooth Range within the Monashees. Highly fertile grizzly alpine habitat. Several points of access including traditional Secwepemc trails and Dominion fire lookout trails from the north; trails from Tsuius Mountain from the south; Forest Service Road from the west; and a trail from Greenbush Lake from the south. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historically and culturally significant for Secwepemc and Splatsin</li> <li>• Backcountry alpine hiking route; community consultation and Splatsin direction have recommended the trail via Dominion fire lookout as suitable for hiking only</li> <li>• Some ski touring in the area although access is a challenge due to avalanche terrain</li> <li>• Snowmobile access from the south</li> <li>• Revelstoke Bike Club has proposed trail improvements</li> <li>• High alpine hunting area; guide outfitter tenure located in the Greenbush Lake area</li> <li>• Environmental screening has revealed presence of red-listed species and need for trail re-alignment</li> </ul> | <p>Backcountry Riders, Hunters Range Snowmobile Assoc., Tolko, BCTS and STA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Splatsin and STA have worked with Recreation Sites and Trails BC on trail maintenance</li> <li>• Trail planning and upgrades have been proposed to Rec Sites and Trails BC</li> <li>• High priority site for access management planning, monitoring and improvements</li> <li>• Northern boundary of the Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Grizzly Management Area</li> <li>• North non-motorized trails to Joss Mountain Lookout - grizzly habitat monitoring and trail management plan in progress.</li> </ul> |
| Cummings and Blue Lakes    | Alpine lakes on the north side of Mara Mountain, on the western edge of the Monashee Range and northern edge of the Hunters Range. Access from the North via Owlshead Forest Service Road and from the south via Yard Creek FSR.                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popular fishing lakes</li> <li>• Winter recreation managed by Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club</li> <li>• Summer ATV use</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern over impacts from unmanaged summer recreation in vulnerable alpine terrain</li> <li>• Access management strategy currently underway by Splatsin, EVSC, BC Parks, Sicamous Backcountry Riders, Tolko and STA</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Wap Creek/North Mabel Lake | A rich ecological watershed corridor within the Monashee Mountain ranges at the northern end of Mabel Lake through to Three Valley Gap.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential site for First Nations cultural education</li> <li>• A significant area for the Secwépemc lakes communities, and a popular area for recreation,</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Area Name                                             | General Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Current and future uses and values                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Access management planning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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|                                                       | Several ecological reserves link to Wap Creek, including the Mary Thomas Ecological Reserve.                                                                                                                                                                                          | hunting, and gathering. Several sites, including the Noisy Creek Recreation Site, managed by the Splat-sin, attracts significant numbers of overnight users to the area during the summer months.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Enderby Cliffs and Reeves Lake                        | Iconic basalt cliffs that define the upper Shuswap River Valley east of Enderby. Reeves Lake is a forested lake nestled at the top of the cliffs.                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant and cultural site for the Splat-sin community within Secwepemc territory</li> <li>• One of the most popular hiking trail destinations in the Shuswap (“Tpla-qin Trail”)</li> <li>• Reeves Lake popular for fishing</li> <li>• Considered to be high trail and tourism development potential and high historical and cultural value</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Splat-sin, BC Parks and STA collaborated to restore/re-route Tpla-qin Trail; these groups have also recommended closure and re-routing Reeves Lake trail</li> <li>• Collaborative planning must include ATV groups and Tolko</li> <li>• Protecting cultural sites and sensitive habitat in the area is critical</li> </ul>                                    |
| Kela7scen (Mount Ida) - Haines Creek and south slopes | Mount Ida is a significant, identifying part of the landscape, defining Salmon Arm and the surrounding area. The Haines Creek and south slopes are a dry Interior Douglas fir forest and grassland ecosystems.                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantial network of motorcycle trail use; regional consultations have recommended that the south slope trails be acknowledged as the main destination for this use in the Shuswap</li> <li>• Equestrian use</li> <li>• Rock climbing</li> <li>• High potential for tourism and trail development - hiking, motorcycle, and rock-climbing</li> </ul>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None underway</li> <li>• Groups to involve in access management planning include CSRD (community park at Haines Creek), Shuswap Mountaineering Club (Haines Creek bluffs), Shuswap Off Road Enthusiasts</li> <li>• Recommend collaborative access management planning, monitoring and improvements including inventory and authorization of trails</li> </ul> |
| Mara Meadows                                          | Upland area west of Mara Lake, adjacent to Larch Hills. A highly sensitive and unique Ecological Reserve protected under MoE through BC Parks; protects a unique calcareous fen and its diverse flora, including several rare orchids (14 of 32 orchid species in BC are found here). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ecological reserve is closed to public access, and monitored by Ecological Warden and biologist, Jeremy Ayotte. Access is by special permit only. Monitoring and studies in the reserve are ongoing. STA has supported monitoring, conservation efforts.</li> <li>• Potential site for First Nations cultural education</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved integrated management of recreational, residential, harvest, and range activities in the wider Larch Hills is needed to ensure the ongoing protection and water flow to the meadow</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                        |

| Area Name                                                                                                                                                                                             | General Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Current and future uses and values                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Access management planning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Kela7scen (Mount Ida) - Salmon Arm greenways and north slopes                                                                                                                                         | Mount Ida is a significant, identifying part of the landscape, defining Salmon Arm and the surrounding area. The north slopes of Mount Ida form the southern boundary for the City of Salmon Arm.                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important Secwépemc sacred site, managed under special agreement with the Province</li> <li>• Informal trail uses include hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, ATV, and snowmobile</li> <li>• Existing east and west peak trails are authorized; some improvement needs identified</li> <li>• Switzmalph Cultural Society has expressed interest in developing healing centre</li> <li>• Urban and suburban land uses / interface area</li> <li>• Considered high value for tourism/trail development</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four properties on lower north slopes owned by the City of Salmon Arm; potential access points. City OCP and Greenways Strategy identify trail potential.</li> <li>• Mount Ida Management Agreement between ALIB, Neskonlith, and MOF sets protocol for future planning</li> <li>• Recommend collaborative access management planning, monitoring and improvements</li> </ul> |
| Parallel trails linking Salmon Arm communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Bay greenway/ Highway #1</li> <li>• Tappen/ Sunnybrae</li> <li>• Glen Eden/ Tappen connector</li> </ul> | Salmon Arm is a central service area for many rural and First Nations communities. Parallel trails are needed to improve walking and cycling between communities; Highway #1 and the railway are the only routes and these are high fatality corridors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desire for pedestrian/cyclist corridor along Highway #1 as Priority Active Transportation Route</li> <li>• Mary Thomas Centre Nature Trail - link to West Bay Connector</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept proposals are included in Salmon Arm Greenways Strategy - priority for 2015</li> <li>• High priority for LSLIB, ALIB, Neskonlith and Salmon Arm</li> <li>• Opportunity to develop as MOTI makes highway improvements (highway twinning)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    |
| Glenemma/Kelly Mtn Multiuse trail plan                                                                                                                                                                | Proposed trail system in the open Interior Douglas fir forest, south of Salmon Arm at the Salmon River/Falkland Road. Secwepemc and Okanagan Nations area of interest.                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing skid trails used for ATV, motorcycle, equestrian and snowmobile</li> <li>• Forestry and range tenure licenses</li> <li>• Considered high value for trail and tourism development</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSRD Area D Parks - recommendation to designate lower trails as non-motorized system with dedicated motorized corridor within; upper multi-use trail system</li> <li>• Planning priority for CSRD Parks in 2015</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                    |

| Area Name                           | General Description                                                                                                            | Current and future uses and values                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Access management planning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|                                     |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow-up consultations needed with Recreation Sites and Trails BC, STA and others</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Anstey Highlands/<br>Gorge Ski Area | Extended alpine ridge line between a series of peaks. Includes access from Queest Mountain and the Gorge Backcountry Ski Area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing winter backcountry ski and snowshoe areas, including commercial ski guiding</li> <li>Existing non-winter backcountry hiking</li> <li>Interfere with snowmobile management areas</li> <li>Location of proposed backcountry hut-to-hut route (see preliminary planning and environmental screening to date)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grizzly and caribou habitat management</li> <li>Need for recreational access plan between motorized and non-motorized uses, including commercial tenure</li> <li>Recommend establishing Gorge Ski area as Section 56 Rec Site</li> <li>Recommend review of Anstey Highlands for potential zoning designations</li> </ul> |

#### Priority Additions as of November 29, 2023. . .

- South Shuswap Trail Plan - Destination Loop Trail, ORV Loop Routes, Community Trails, and Multi-Use Trailheads
- Regional Active Transportation Corridors - All roads in CSRD Area C, D, E, F, G, RDNO Area F, Armstrong/Spallumcheen, Hwy 1, Hwy 97A, Hwy 97B, Hwy 97
- North Shuswap Parallel Pathway - Phased Additions
- Crowfoot Meadows/Mobley
- Owlhead/Cummings/Bluelake/Mara Mtn/Hunters Range - recreational access management plan; Mara Mt/Hunters snowmobile land use management plan; Mara Mtn Fire Lookout management/maintenance
- Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail
- Shuswap/North Okanagan - Armstrong/Spallumcheen to Vernon Greenway
- Skimikin Lake Rec Site and Trails
- Sicamous Area Trails Plan - Mountain Bike Park, Motor Park, Bayview Trail System, Rail Trail Pedestrian Bridge
- Eagle River Paddle Trail
- East Shuswap Highway Trailhead Access Plan - Eagle Valley Snowmobile Blue Lake Area - with MoTI
- Rosemond Lake Access Management
- Salmon Arm Active Transportation & Greenways Strategy (incls. Heritage Trail Plan)
- Mallory Ridge Trail System

- Rose Swanson Trail System
- Scatchard Trail System Priorities & Secwépemc Signage
- West Shuswap - regional recreation management planning; including TNRD
- 2023 Wildfire Assessments & Recovery - Tsútswecw Park/Bear Flume Trails, Mt Baldy, Scotch Creek Hlina

**Also see:** Chapter 8 Hot Spot Priorities - Annual Workplan Priorities update.

## Chapter 5: Greenways, Front Country and Backcountry

### [To be completed]

The intent of this chapter is to identify connections between greenways, front country and backcountry trail systems.

See glossary for definitions of greenway, front country and backcountry. Greenways can also provide safe passage into towns/cities for foot and bike traffic from first nations reserves (March 26, 2015 STS meeting). This is consistent with active transportation or parallel pathways initiatives.

Other initiatives led by different regional partners and working groups link into this Regional Trails Strategy, including but not limited to:

- Update and revision to the Shuswap Trail Strategy for non-motorized trail development - by regional leadership through the Shuswap Trail Alliance (this includes sector specific sub-strategies including hiking, mountain biking, road cycling, equestrian, Nordic, and paddle trails). It also includes the Shuswap Trail Community-to-Community greenway and blueway development concept, and the potential for hut-to-hut trails. And the Shuswap-North Okanagan Rail-Trail.
- Development of community Active Transportation Plans throughout the region - again, this is part of the working mandate of the Shuswap Trail Alliance in partnership with local governments, communities, organizations, and agencies.
- Development of Culturally significant Secwepemc site protection and protocols
- Development of a regional outdoor education development strategy
- Development of an Off-Road Vehicle Strategy - if deemed necessary by regional user groups

**See Chapter 3: Existing Plans and Land Uses for current list of initiatives linked to the Regional Trails Strategy.**



## SECTION 2: TRAILS AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES ON THE LAND

*We are all connected for survival*

Secwépemc Value

## Chapter 6: Agreements with Other Sectors

Agreements with other sectors: with all industry sectors (forestry, mining, guide outfitters, trapping, commercial recreation, tourism, others) to ensure communication, coordination and collaborative planning for support of areas for recreational and tourism business potential, as well as ensuring culturally sensitive sites are kept confidential.

First Nations title and rights are evolving. Adams Lake, Skwłāx te Secwepemcúłecw, Neskonlith, and Splatsin te Secwépemc have several accommodation agreements in place, and the 2014 Supreme Court of Canada decision on the Tsilhqot'in title case was precedent setting. Consultation, accommodation, and consent is a requirement. New Government-to-Government land and water management initiatives are evolving including Culturally Significant Protected Areas and Guardian's Programs. As referenced in Chapters 1 and 3, the importance of First Nations title and rights in this strategy, and in the development of agreements with other sectors, is significant.

See Appendix 4 *Agreement with other sectors template* for a template created by the Steering Committee to be used for the development of these agreements. Also see Appendix 7 *Environmental Screening Tool* which can be used in the development of these agreements.

The template in Appendix 4 could be developed into memorandums or letters of understanding (MOU/LOU), partnership agreements, stewardship agreements, or agreements in principle. The Shuswap Trail Alliance has developed several MoUs with the forest industry which provide a template to work from. As well, Adams Lake, Skwłāx te Secwepemcúłecw, Neskonlith, and Splatsin te Secwépemc are also developing MoU's and management agreements to guide future relationships. It is acknowledged these will provide an important basis for future agreements.

## Chapter 7: Access Management

Access management: managing or identifying access to trails or priority planning areas for recreational trail use and tourism business development; it means coordinating access to trails with all other users on the land base; it doesn't mean access only for trails use to the exclusion of others; it's a means to enhance communication about access. It's related to the concept of hot-spot pilot projects, as well as priority planning areas.

Access management plans should:

- Guide management with objectives for specific areas
- Determine acceptable activities and developments
- Determine the limits of acceptable change
- Monitor area conditions and recreation experience opportunities
- Coordinate with adjacent areas and uses

Lessons and Implications from a review of other recreation access management plans (Jeremy Ayotte), the needs are as follows:

- Clear vision
- Government level commitment, and capacity and funding
- Clarity of roles
- Strong community engagement, and champions (leadership)
- Technical capacity
- Adaptability and shorter planning time frames
- Predictable ongoing funding
- Consensus model is consistently preferred
- Community based model preferred; inclusive

Proposed process for access management planning (from Larch Hills non-winter use):

- Create a local planning advisory group - stakeholders, orders of government
- Study the historic and current situation - various mechanisms to get input
- Site or field review of every trail - current condition, use, environmental impacts (see Appendix 7)
- Develop foundational stewardship priorities - what is desired over time?
- Draft environmental and recreational quality measures - how to monitor over time
- Identify specific land management and recreational issues to address - location, issue, proposed action
- Assess and designate each existing trail - for appropriate long-term use, closure/restoration, or area-wide zoning
- Project future trail and land management needs - develop planning recommendations
- Develop strategic recommendations - short, medium and long term, responsibility
- Develop draft trail advisory terms of reference - to ensure implementation

It was raised that access management also may require enforcement capacity; others noted that information and signage has gone a long way to achieving compliance with access management plan objectives. Good information and signage should be a key component of this strategy.

The template in Appendix 4 *Agreement with other sectors template* could be used for the development of access management plans.

## Chapter 8: Hot-spot Pilot Projects

Updated: November 29, 2023

Hot-spot Pilot Projects: development of recreational access management planning pilot projects in identified “hot spot” sub-regional priority areas throughout the Shuswap as identified through community roundtables.

The template in Appendix 4 *Agreement with other sectors template* could be used for the development of hot-spot pilot projects. A values-based adaptive planning worksheet has also been under development for guiding collaborative planning.

See Chapter 4 for Development Areas and Hot-Spot Priorities, and the Annual Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable Summary and Workplan and Quarterly Working Group Summaries for update reports on current pilot projects.

As reported in 2023, the following **regional partner-led legacy initiatives are 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/Mobley Recreation Access/Use and Management (North Shuswap Chamber lead)
- Eagle Valley Snowmobile Parking (Blue Lake Access) - for big trailers (EVSC lead)
- Glenemma Rec Site and Trail Access Plan (CSR D Parks lead)
- Glenemma/Kelly Mountain - trail plan (SDRA/BCHBC lead)
- Gorge Winter Recreational Access Plan (GSTA/EVSC/CKMP/K3/RSTBC lead) - new Ski Touring Association
- Hidden Lake (STA/RSTBC lead)
- Hunakwa 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)
- Hunters Range/Mara Mtn- snowmobile land use management boundary planning (HRSA 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)
- Larch Hills Traverse - Sicamous Trailhead (STA/District of Sicamous lead)
- Lee Creek Bluffs Concept Plan (Lee Creek/CSR D Parks lead)
- Loftus Lake Universal Trail/Dog Park (CSR D Parks lead)
- Mallory Ridge (Mallory Ridge Community Trail Society lead)
- Mt Ida Dirt Bike Trails (SDRA lead) - part of Kela7scen working group
- Mount Baldy - wildfire recovery (CSR D/STA lead)
- Mount MacPherson alpine north access management (SO!/STA lead)
- North Fork Wild (CSR D Parks lead)
- North Shuswap Parallel Pathway - Squilax-Anglemont Road to St Ives (NS Chamber/CSR D Parks lead)

- Owlhead/Cummings/Blue Lake/Hunters Recreation Access Management Plan (EVSC/BCParks/Splatsin/SBR/STA/HRSA/RSTBC lead) - ongoing
- Play/Clean/Go Invasive Trail Sign program (CSISS lead)
- Reinecker Creek West Trails (CSR/STA lead)
- Rose Swanson Trail System (ASTS 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)
- Salmon Arm Heritage Trail Plan (City Salmon Arm/RJ Haney 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)
- Scotch Creek/Hlina Lookout Trail - wildfire recovery (CSR/STA lead)
- Scotch Creek Trail Plan (North Shuswap Chamber lead)
- Secwépemc Landmarks & Trailhead Posts (ALB/Skwłāx/Neskonlith/Splatsin/STA lead)
- Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail (Sicamous-to-Armstrong) (Splatsin/CSR/RDNO lead)
- Shuswap/North Okanagan - Spall/Armstrong to Vernon Greenway (Ribbons-of-Green 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 (CSR/STA/SMC lead) - tied to Kela7scen
- Skimikin Lake Rec Site & Trail Management (RSTBC/BCHBC/SBCR-Shuswap lead)
- Sorrento Blind Bay Park accessible/universal trail (CSR/STA lead)
- South Canoe Trail System Master Plan Update (CitySA/STA/SCAdvisory lead)
- South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan (CSR/STA lead) - draft in progress
- Sunnybrae Parallel Pathway - Senior's Strata to Community & Senior's Halls (SCPSS lead)
- Switzmalph Cultural Heritage Trail (SCHS/STA lead)
- Tsútswecw Provincial Park Secwepemc Winter Home Interpretive Project (BCParks/Skwłāx/ALIB lead)
- Tsútswecw Provincial Park Wildfire Trail Recovery (BC Parks/Skwłāx/ALIB/ARSS lead)
- West Bay Connector (Switzmalph/Neskonlith/Adams Lake/Little Shuswap/CitySA/STA lead)
- White Lake Parallel Trail - J.E. Park to Hall (WLRA lead)
- White Lake Parks Enhancement (WLRA/STA lead)
- Wildfire Recovery - Mt Baldy and Scotch Creek Hlina (CSR/STA lead)
- Yard Creek Park Japanese Internment Project (CSR/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 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 annual 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 **Secwépemc 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 Secwépemc 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.

**Wildfire Assessment, Recovery, and Resilience Planning** is also identified as an emergent ongoing priority.

## Chapter 9: Cumulative Effects Assessment

### [To be completed]

Following a presentation at the 2 December 2015 Shuswap Trails Roundtable, input was collected from the participants in small groups on opportunities for use of cumulative effects assessment (CEA) in the strategy, risk assessments or evaluations that CEA could contribute to, and specifically how CEA could help with trails planning. This input was reviewed by the Working Group at their January and June meetings, and a Cumulative Effects Subcommittee was struck to further assess the opportunities for utilizing CEA. Barry Wilson, Principal of CE Analytic Ltd., has worked with the subcommittee to advance the opportunity and scope the project.

The following is an excerpt of survey input from the Cumulative Effects Subcommittee members and other participants from the December 2015 Shuswap Trails Roundtable, conducted in September 2016. The survey had 26 respondents.

#### Definition

- Cumulative effects are defined as the changes, both benefits and liabilities, caused by our actions today in combination with other past and reasonably foreseeable human and natural disturbances (agreed to by 100% of survey respondents)

#### Five Highest Ranked Priorities for Land Use Planning in the Shuswap Watershed:

- Control of invasive species
- State of environmental and/or cultural sensitive area integrity and protection
- Wildlife habitat integrity
- State of the economy and jobs
- Water quality

#### Five Highest Ranked Opportunities for including CEA in the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy:

- To help determine the type, appropriateness, amount or intensity of land uses in the watershed
- To identify areas that need to remain undisturbed
- To learn and understand how one land use affects other land uses and users and use this knowledge to help set priorities for land management zones to avoid conflicts
- To establish monitoring measures, and to set targets and/or thresholds
- To connect the Strategy to other plans like Official Community Plans

The project proposal presented to the 30 November 2016 Roundtable is to conduct scenario planning using CEA, specifically the ALCES (A Landscape Cumulative Effects Simulator) online simulator.

The proposed potential project objectives are as follows:

1. To increase landscape dynamics understanding within the Shuswap Watershed using scenario planning.
2. To establish a spatial, online strategic landscape analysis tool that creates maps, graphs, histograms and imagery to very quickly and on demand:
  - a. show historic changes from pre-European contact to present,

- b. show future changes associated with proposed activities under different management strategies,
  - c. assess the risk to key values associated with uncertainty including climate change.
3. To assist long-term stewardship of multiple land uses within the finite boundaries the Shuswap Watershed by:
- a. identifying specific strategies, actions, monitoring and planning that can reduce conflict,
  - b. increase shared benefits and avoid negative, unintended consequences.
  - c. provide valuable input into natural resource management planning in the Shuswap Watershed
  - d. combine historic and contemporary traditional and western science knowledge
  - e. inform individual project development referral responses
  - f. identify strategies that lead to long term resilience of culture, economy & environment
  - g. identify future research priorities

(See: Shuswap Trails Roundtable Cumulative Effects Scoping Report, Nov. 30, 2017)

1. On 19 June 2017, the Roundtable Working Group hosted a Cumulative Effects Assessment discussion with potential regional partners. The following implementation goals were identified at that meeting: that a Shuswap Trails Model for Cumulative Effects Assessment be realized within a broader regional land management context;
2. that resourcing of a viable CEA process for trail planning will only be realized through participation as a partner in this broader regional land management context with Secwepemc leadership, the Province, and other vested land management stakeholders in the Shuswap Watershed;
3. and that the Shuswap Trails Roundtable look to the Adams Lake, Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw, Neskonlith, and Splat sin te Secwépemc as the lead champion for CEA in the Shuswap, and seek to have trails-based CEA hosted within their modelling process.



## SECTION 3: TRAILS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT

*We must always remember and honour the past,  
and merge these values and principles into the present, for the future*

Dr. Mary Thomas

## Chapter 10: Existing Trails Inventory

[This chapter is in progress]

Existing Trails Inventory: mapping and documentation of existing trails and their use, their history, economic value, tenure and management status, and addressing potential conflicts, and identification of gaps in tenure.

The following are the goals related to Existing Trails Inventory, or “desired future condition”:

- One master, detailed inventory database exists for all trails in the Shuswap - existing, proposed, and for all types of uses (motorized, non-motorized) - to be housed at the CSRD, but accessible to all groups.
- The inventory is linked to GIS, and all trails have accurate spatial information.
- All unauthorized/non-designated existing trails go through the authorization process, come into compliance, are properly mapped, and are properly managed with a connection to a stewardship group.

The following details are needed to be included in a trails inventory in this strategy:

- Trail name, reference number
- Length
- Trail type
- Use
- Season
- Legal status
- Secwepemc jurisdiction
- Land manager/lead jurisdiction
- Lead proponent/stewardship group
- Associated infrastructure - existing or needs
- Planning and stewardship (management plan, archaeological or traditional use review, environmental screening, adaptive plan, maintenance plan)

The Columbia Shuswap Regional District GIS Department has established the master GIS inventory database and dedicated GIS mapping personnel to maintain it on behalf of the Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable partners.

## Chapter 11: Pre-Authorization Processes and the Shuswap Trail Protocol

The purpose of this chapter is to describe the process to be followed when any organization builds new trails or seeks authorizations on existing trails. This process - the 'pre-authorization process' - will be consistent with the existing procedures and requirements by all orders of government; this process does not supersede regulatory processes, but is intended to coordinate the approaches across orders of government.

Please see Appendix 5 *Pre-Authorization Process Checklist*. This will be an important part of the Communications work of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable (see Chapter 15) and a useful resource for all trail proponents and stewards in the Shuswap.

### *The Shuswap Trail Protocol: a starting point*

The Shuswap Trail Protocol was developed by the Shuswap Trail Alliance with Secwépemc and regional leadership as part of the Shuswap Trail Strategy. It is a core component of the Shuswap Trail Roundtable agreement. The STA advocates this protocol within its membership for trail use, building and authorization of existing trails<sup>4</sup>. It begins by encouraging trail proponents to understand the existing uses, claims, and stewardship of the land, such as those listed below. The Shuswap Trail Protocol has been modified and adopted within this strategy.

#### ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

Trail proponents and stewards are encouraged to contact any one of the Adams Lake, Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw, Neskonlith, and Splatsin te Secwépemc governments, MOF Recreation Sites and Trails, Shuswap Trail Alliance, a regional district, or a municipality as appropriate (see Appendix 6 *Contact List*).

#### PHASE 1 - The “desk phase”

Work through these steps from a computer, looking over maps, and talking to people:

- Secwépemc (Shuswap) Nation - there are multiple Secwépemc communities that assert rights and interests in the area of the trail(s); start with which community is nearby.
  - Are there traditional land uses or cultural sites in the area?
  - Do cultural heritage assessments exist?
- Federal Government - are there any operations or infrastructure in the area (e.g., Department of Fisheries and Oceans; etc.)? What involvement would they have in a new trail? Are there any works in and around water? Also consider the following:
  - Indian Reserve - contact the local Secwépemc community first; Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada will also be involved; there may also be private landowners on Indian Reserves
- Provincial Government - do governments/agencies have any operations or infrastructure in the area (e.g., BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations; BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; etc.)? What involvement would they have in a new trail? Also consider the following:
  - A road or highway under MOTI jurisdiction - contact MOTI
  - Within a BC Parks park or protected area - contact BC Parks
  - Crown land outside of municipalities or provincial parks - this is the majority of the land area in the Shuswap - contact RSTBC/FCBC

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<sup>4</sup> Shuswap Trail Alliance: Shuswap Trail Protocol. October 16, 2011.

- Local Governments - do governments/agencies have any operations or infrastructure in the area (e.g., CSRD parks; etc.)? What involvement would they have in a new trail? Also consider the following:
  - Within a local government other than a regional district (e.g., City of Salmon Arm, Village of Chase) - contact the relevant local government
  - Land outside of municipalities is an electoral area of a regional district - contact CSRD, TNRD or RDNO
- Environment and ecology - are there critical habitats or endangered species in the area? Is it a riparian area or wetland? What watershed is the area part of? (*See also Appendix 7 STA Environmental Screening Tool*)
- Land tenure holders - such as forestry, range, mining or mineral exploration, trapping, tourism, etc.
- Utilities - is there hydro, natural gas, or other infrastructure?
- Private landowners and residents
- Recreation user and stewardship groups - hiking, mountain biking, skiing (Nordic or touring), all-terrain vehicle, motorcycling, snowmobiling, equestrian, fish and game, paddling, etc. Check with user groups and trail stewardship organizations to ascertain their involvement.
- Safety - who are the first responders? (i.e., RCMP; fire protection; search and rescue, etc.)

#### PHASE 2 - Field work, review and authorization

Work through these steps in the field, collecting information, seeking authorization, and then for trail-building:

- Obtain permission to explore the area and begin ground-truthing
- Make a map
- Conduct environmental screening (*see Appendix 7, STA Environmental Screening Tool*)
- Prepare a draft trail development plan - include design, build, maintenance, public safety plan/assessment and budget and funding strategy/commitments
- Send a draft plan for review to First Nations, federal, provincial and local governments, local trail stewardship group(s) as required or appropriate
- Make amendments to draft plan, per results of review feedback and send revised draft to aforementioned groups
- Apply for authorization from regulatory agencies (e.g., Front Counter BC; local government; etc.) and private landowners as necessary
- Build, monitor, maintain and adapt

Once the application is submitted to regulatory bodies, First Nations referrals will be initiated by those agencies. Having completed the pre-authorization process listed above, and having involved First Nations early on and up front will greatly expedite this referral process. It will also reduce the investment of time and money by proponents by collecting the relevant information and collaborating up front. See Figure 1 on the next page for a diagram of the different processes and how they connect.

#### ***Making it their own: an authorization process for the Shuswap Trails Roundtable***

The Shuswap Regional Trail Strategy Steering Committee supports a process of regional consultation prior to making a Front Counter BC submission, as described above in the Shuswap Trail Protocol.

The authorization process will be implemented consistently across First Nations in a way that does not compromise their independence. A process for determining which community(ies) to submit a trail development plan and which community takes the lead on approval need to be determined.

The process for reviewing and providing input (not decisions) on trails authorization requests from local, first nations and provincial governments will occur quarterly (see Chapter 14: Annual Planning Cycle).

A future phase of this coordinated authorization process could outline and propose the development of a joint or collaborative permitting system with Secwépemc and other orders of government.

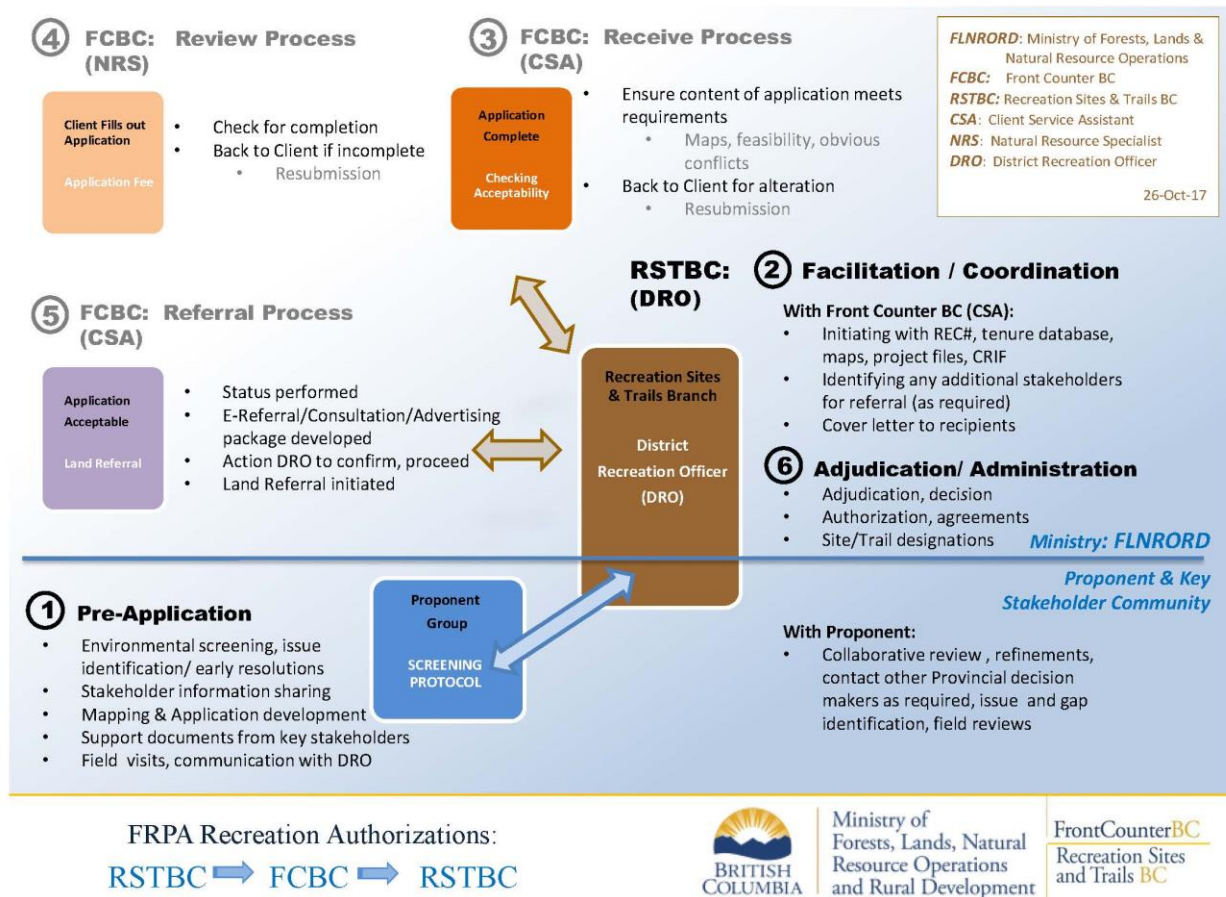


Figure 1. Authorization Processes for Recreational Trails

## Chapter 12: Best Practices for Trails

[This chapter is in progress]

Best Practices for Trails: promoting the use of established best practices for trail infrastructure, amenities, maintenance, adaptive monitoring.

**Stewardship** - Adopt regionally applicable tools to ensure consistent quality and value, excluding culturally sensitive trails to be identified by Secwépemc leadership.

- Shuswap Trail Design standards and BC Trail Design Standards (RSTBC) - *"Well designed, well signed, well maintained, well promoted"*
- Shuswap Trail Sign standards and Province of BC Trail Sign Standards (RSTBC)
- Shuswap Environmental screening and adaptive planning tool (*See Appendix 7*)
- Preliminary Archaeological Reconnaissance (PAR), Preliminary Field Reconnaissance (PFR), Cultural Heritage Overview Assessments (CHOA), Archaeological Impact Assessments (AIA), and Traditional Use Studies (TUS), when needed
- Shuswap Trail Maintenance Standards
- Shuswap Risk Management Protocol - for field work and programs, training

**Educational opportunities** (from March 26, 2015 STS meeting):

- Need signage for sensitive areas, signage that indicates seasonal closures
- Education of protection of the land (natural environment), consideration of Secwépemc laws and permits being used in the future
- Value of education through interpretation and storytelling - create more opportunities to educate the public through trail-based events, such as Routes and Blues Interpretive Walks

**Development of Secwépemc Cultural Protocols** are in progress, including protocol related to the protection and preservation of culturally significant sites. This includes cultural heritage overview assessments, preliminary field reconnaissance, and archaeological assessments required under the Heritage Act. Contact Adams Lake, Skwłāx te Secwepemcúlecw, Neskonlith, and Splantsin te Secwépemc Title & Rights and Timcw (Land Management) Departments through the NationsConnect portal. (See: NationsConnect.ca)

**Secwépemc protocols for place naming, trailhead signage, and interpretive art work** are being developed through the Secwépemc Landmarks Project.

**Wildfire Assessment, Recovery, and Resilience Planning** - Safety, assessment, planning, and restoration procedures for trails impacted by wildfire are being developed by the Shuswap Trail Alliance with Forsite Consulting and funding support from the Province of British Columbia.

## SECTION 4: STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

*Decision making was collective, all-inclusive, and with respect for all living things*

Dr. Mary Thomas

## Chapter 13: Governance

| Element                                              | Shuswap Trails Roundtable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Working Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p><b>Purpose/role, expectations of partners</b></p> | <p>To implement the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy</p> <p>To set direction and provide course corrections, as needed</p> <p>To communicate, share information, and learn from each other</p> <p>To communicate (two ways) with their own organization, and existing regional, inter-regional or provincial organizations across all orders of government</p> <p>To access/leverage funding to allow for sufficient financial and human resources to implement the strategy</p> <p>To resolve disputes arising from Agreements with Other Sectors, or Access Management Plans</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>To implement the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy at an operational level, with direction from the Roundtable</p> <p>To review, clarify, and provide input to trails authorization requests from local, first nations, provincial governments (not supersede decision making authority)</p> <p>To assist trails groups with trail authorization, as a resource</p> <p>To communicate with new participants</p> <p>To prepare the following for Roundtable meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Annual report (ch.16)</li> <li>▪ Annual work plan (ch.16)</li> <li>▪ Briefing notes for specific conflicts to STR</li> </ul>                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Composition</b></p>                            | <p>Desired representation from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ALIB</li> <li>▪ BC Parks</li> <li>▪ Chase</li> <li>▪ CSRD</li> <li>▪ Enderby</li> <li>▪ Neskonalith</li> <li>▪ RDNO</li> <li>▪ Recreation Sites and Trails BC</li> <li>▪ Salmon Arm</li> <li>▪ Sicamous</li> <li>▪ Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw</li> <li>▪ Splantsin te Secwépemc</li> <li>▪ TNRD</li> <li>▪ Shuswap Indian Band</li> <li>▪ Shuswap Trail Alliance</li> <li>▪ Shuswap Tourism</li> <li>▪ Commercial Guide Operators</li> <li>▪ The Switzmalph Cultural Society</li> <li>▪ Agricultural Land Commission</li> <li>▪ Environmental Stewardship and Naturalist Organizations (SEAS, SABNES, Adams River Salmon Society, Watershed Roundtables)</li> <li>▪ Education including School District 83, post-secondary, and outdoor education and interpretive organizations like the Shuswap Outdoor Learning</li> </ul> | <p>Representation from the following organizations, flexible but similar to the make-up of the Steering Committee from Nov 2014 to June 2015.</p> <p>First Nations Government - Adams Lake, Neskonalith, Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw, Splantsin te Secwépemc</p> <p>Local government - CSRD, City of Salmon Arm, Village of Chase, District of Sicamous, City of Enderby, RDNO, TNRD</p> <p>Provincial government - RSTBC (MOF), MOTI, BC Parks</p> <p>Motorized groups - Sicamous Backcountry Riders, Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club, Shuswap Dirt Riders Association, Hunters Range Snowmobile</p> <p>Non-motorized - STA, Backcountry Horsemen of BC, Shuswap Cycling Club, Larch Hills Nordic Society, a few other groups as needed</p> |



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|                                | Foundation and the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural Resource Industry</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Transport</li> <li>▪ Health</li> <li>▪ Economic Development</li> <li>▪ Arts and Culture</li> <li>▪ Fish and Game</li> <li>▪ Motorized recreation groups</li> <li>▪ Non-motorized recreation groups</li> </ul> | Other - School District 83, Switzmalph Cultural Society, Interior Health Authority, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society, Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association |
| <b>Representation</b>          | Actively engaged leadership (elected and staff) from each organization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Actively engaged leadership (elected and staff) from each organization                                                                                               |
| <b>Meeting frequency</b>       | Once per year (see Chapter 14)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Quarterly (see Chapter 14) - at a time that works for the majority                                                                                                   |
| <b>Decision making process</b> | Consensus, option to present dissenting views                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Consensus, option to present dissenting views; elevate to Roundtable if needed                                                                                       |
| <b>Terms of Reference</b>      | See Appendix 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | See Appendix 10                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Subcommittees</b>           | No; defer to Working Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes, on very specific issues and for up to 6 months; or standing committees as needed; reports to Working Group                                                      |
| <b>Staff support</b>           | Shuswap Trail Alliance, CSRD, other partners, and/or Mike Simpson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Shuswap Trail Alliance                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Accountability</b>          | See signed Letter of Understanding in Appendix 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | No                                                                                                                                                                   |

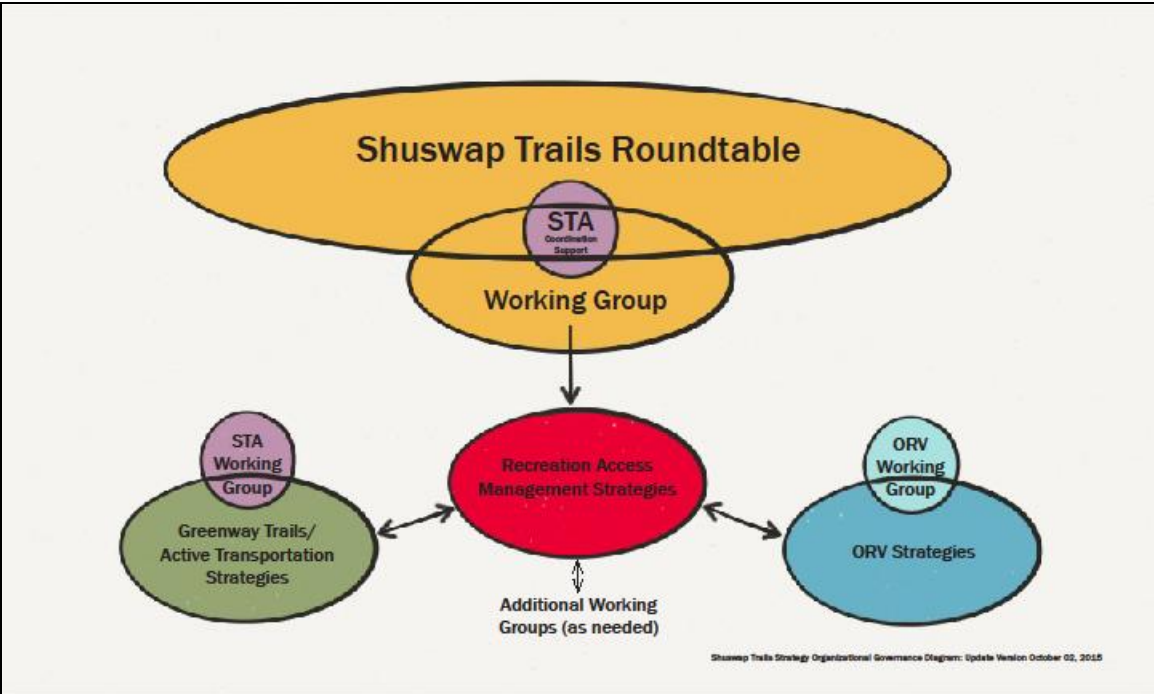


Figure 2 – Governance Diagram

## Chapter 14: Annual Planning Cycle

The following is a proposed annual planning cycle for the two levels of governance proposed in Chapter 13:

| Month           | Proposed Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| January         | <p><b>Working Group</b> meets. Meeting objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Debrief from Shuswap Trails Roundtable meeting</li> <li>▪ Tweak annual work plan</li> <li>▪ To review and provide input (not decisions) to trails authorization requests from local, first nations, provincial governments</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| February, March | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| April           | <p><b>Working Group</b> meets. Meeting objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To review and provide input (not decisions) to trails authorization requests from local, first nations, provincial governments</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| May, June       | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| July            | <p><b>Working Group</b> meets. Meeting objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To review and provide input (not decisions) to trails authorization requests from local, first nations, provincial governments</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| August, Sept.   | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| October         | <p><b>Working Group</b> meets. Meeting objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To review and provide input (not decisions) to trails authorization requests from local, first nations, provincial governments</li> <li>▪ To prepare for the November Roundtable meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare annual report for current year, including monitoring and evaluation of strategy progress</li> <li>▪ Prepare annual work plan for next year for endorsement</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| November        | <p>Annual “<b>Shuswap Trails Roundtable</b>” meeting, open to all user groups, all orders of government. Meeting objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide update on progress of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year</li> <li>▪ To seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy for next year, and endorse the annual work plan</li> <li>▪ Convene all trail user groups, build relationships, share information</li> </ul>                                                   |
| December        | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Chapter 15: Communication

### [To be completed]

The following are some communication objectives and actions for specific audiences.

Audience: orders of government elected officials

- Communication objective is to ensure all orders of government in the Shuswap are aware of this strategy, its purpose and status
- Communication action is after June 17, 2015 meeting, to have this on the agenda of local and first nations governments, either to be received or to be endorsed and to ensure their staff are aware of it

Audience: natural resources or planning staff responsible for referrals or trails authorizations at local, first nations and provincial governments

- Communication objective is to ensure natural resources or planning staff responsible for trails authorizations are aware of Chapter 11 Authorization Process
- Communication action is after June 17, 2015 meeting, to have this strategy, and Chapter 11 Authorization Process in particular, circulated to all relevant staff as described above
- Potential communication action is to have a training session with all relevant staff from various orders of government

Audience: trail stewardship and/or recreation groups

- Communication objective is to ensure any trail stewardship and/or recreation group is aware of the entire strategy, but in particular Chapter 11 Authorization Process
- Communication action is after June 17, 2015 meeting, to have this strategy, and Chapter 11 Authorization Process in particular, circulated to all trail stewardship groups and/or recreation groups; post the authorization process online
- Potential communication action is for presentations to be made at trail stewardship and/or recreation group meetings, gatherings, etc. to explain the authorization process

## Chapter 16: Implementation and Work Plan **To Be Updated by Working Group**

Not all chapters of this strategy are completed; the following is an implementation plan to complete the remaining chapters, with priorities, resources/budget is needed, timeline for completion, etc. (See Annual Summary Report and Work Plan)

| Chapter                             | Specific content or action                                                            | Priority | Timeline for completion | Resources needed                                | Lead organization                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3: Existing Plans and Land Uses     | Update or expand this chapter with new plans, on an as needed basis                   | Low      | As needed               | Minimal - labour                                | Working Group                                                                     |
| 4: Maps and Priority Planning Areas | Develop agreements with other sectors, access management plans and/or Hot Spot Pilots | High     | See rows below          | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | -                                                                                 |
|                                     | Owlshead                                                                              | High     | In progress             | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | Splatsin, BC Parks, EVSC, STA, RSTBC, Sicamous Quadders, Tolko, BCTS, Carl Kuster |
|                                     | Cummings & Blue Lakes                                                                 | High     | TBD                     | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | Ditto above                                                                       |
|                                     | Enderby Cliffs and Reeves Lake                                                        | High     | TBD                     | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | Splatsin, BC PARKS, STA, Tolko                                                    |
|                                     | Kela7scen (Mount Ida) - Haines Creek and south slopes                                 | High     | In progress             | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | Adams Lake, Neskonlith, Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlcw, Splatsin te Secwépemc            |
|                                     | Kela7scen (Mount Ida) - Salmon Arm greenways and north slopes                         | High     | In progress             | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | City of Salmon Arm - Greenways Liaison Cttee, MOF, Secwépemc Nation               |
|                                     | White Lake/Balmoral                                                                   | High     | TBD                     | Moderate - labour, meeting                      | CSRD Parks, STA, White Lake Stewards, BC Parks, BCTS                              |

| Chapter                                             | Specific content or action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Priority        | Timeline for completion | Resources needed                                | Lead organization                                                             |
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|                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |                         | venues, time to meet                            |                                                                               |
|                                                     | Crowfoot/Mobley/Grizzly/Angle Highland (Historic Route)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | High            | TBD                     | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | TBD                                                                           |
|                                                     | Adams River Pictographs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | High            | Completed               | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | ALIB, Skwłāx, BC Parks, Chase, STA, CSRD                                      |
|                                                     | Joss Mountain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | High            | In progress             | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | Splatsin, STA, RSTBC, to be expanded...                                       |
|                                                     | Parallel trails linking communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ West Bay greenway/Highway #1</li> <li>▪ Tappen/Sunnybrae</li> <li>▪ Glen Eden/Tappen Connector</li> <li>▪ Larch Hills Traverse (not a greenways trail, it's rough)</li> <li>▪ Sicamous-Enderby rail trail</li> </ul> | High            | In progress             | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | Neskonlith, ALIB, Switzmalph cultural society, City of SA, STA; MOTI, CP Rail |
|                                                     | Glenemma Multiuse trail plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | High            | In progress             | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | CSRD parks, STA, RSTBC, user groups<br>TBD                                    |
|                                                     | All other areas listed in Chapter 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Moderate - High | Ongoing                 | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | TBD                                                                           |
| 5: Greenways, Front Country and Back Country Trails | Flesh out the contents further for this chapter; update, revise, and/or develop complimenting strategic plans, including the Shuswap Trail Strategy for non-motorized and active transportation development.                                                                                       | Moderate        | Ongoing                 | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet | STA, Neskonlith, Adams Lake, Skwłāx, Splatsin, CSRD, City SA, RDNO, TNRD      |

| Chapter                                                   | Specific content or action                                                                                                | Priority                                            | Timeline for completion       | Resources needed                                                   | Lead organization                                       |
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| 6: Agreements with Other Sectors                          | Develop agreements with other sectors, using the template in Appendix 4, for areas listed in Chapter 4                    | High                                                | See chapter 4 timelines       | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet                    | Various                                                 |
| 7: Access Management                                      | Develop agreements with other sectors, using the template in Appendix 4, for areas listed in Chapter 4                    | High                                                | See chapter 4 timelines       | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet                    | Various                                                 |
| 8: Hot Spots Pilots                                       | Develop pilots, using the template in Appendix 4, for areas listed in Chapter 4                                           | High                                                | See chapter 4 timelines       | Moderate - labour, meeting venues, time to meet                    | Various                                                 |
| 9: Cumulative Effects Assessment                          | Utilize a cumulative effects assessment process as needed                                                                 | Variable depending on area                          | As resources become available | Significant - funds to complete assessments                        | Neskonlith, Adams Lake, Skwłāx, Splatsin, Working Group |
| 10: Existing Trails Inventory                             | Complete inventory and authorization process for all existing trails                                                      | High                                                | In progress                   | Moderate - labour, field time, mapping                             | Trail groups                                            |
| 11: Authorization Process, and the Shuswap Trail Protocol | N/A - completed and ready to implement                                                                                    |                                                     |                               |                                                                    |                                                         |
| 12: Best Practices for Trails                             | Implement for all trails (includes Secwépemc Landmarks and Trailhead Post project, Wildfire Trail Assessments & Recovery) | High for standards, protocols; moderate for signage | In progress                   | Significant - funds for signage (design, production, installation) | STA, Shuswap Tourism, RSTBC                             |
| 13: Governance                                            | N/A - completed and ready to implement                                                                                    |                                                     |                               |                                                                    |                                                         |
| 14: Annual Planning Cycle                                 | N/A - completed and ready to implement                                                                                    |                                                     |                               |                                                                    |                                                         |
| 15: Communication                                         | Review and update communication actions based on needs                                                                    | High                                                | Annual update                 | Moderate - labour                                                  | Working Group                                           |
| 16: Implementation and Work Plan                          | Review and update based on November meeting                                                                               | High                                                | Annual update                 | Minimal - labour                                                   | Working Group                                           |

**Appendix 1**  
**November 17, 2014 Discussion Paper**

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## Appendix 2

### November 27, 2014 meeting summary and subsequent summaries

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## Appendix 3 Switzmalph Cultural Society Plant List

The following list is used with permission from the Switzmalph Cultural Society.

| Common name                 | Secwepemc name                                    | Latin name                                         | Cultural use                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TREES                       |                                                   |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Rocky Mountain Maple        | t'swallten                                        | <i>Acer glabrum</i> var. <i>douglasii</i>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Green Alder or Sitka Alder  | kukwl7ellp                                        | <i>Alnus viridis</i> ssp. <i>sinuata</i>           | Bark used for dye, especially for dying basket materials black. Medicinally, bark and leaves used to make tea; leaves used for poultices, bark boiled as a vaporizer.                                                       |
| Paper Birch or White birch  | qwllin (bark);<br>qwllinllp (tree)                | <i>Betula papyrifera</i>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Cascara                     | llanllen                                          | <i>Frangula purshiana</i>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Rocky Mountain Juniper      | punllp                                            | <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Engelmann Spruce            | t'sallp                                           | <i>Picea engelmannii</i>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Lodgepole Pine              | qwli7t (tree);<br>sti7q'wel'q (edible inner bark) | <i>Pinus contorta</i> var. <i>latifolia</i>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Ponderosa Pine or Bull Pine | s7atqwllp                                         | <i>Pinus ponderosa</i>                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Black Cottonwood            | mulc                                              | <i>Populus balsamifera</i> ssp. <i>trichocarpa</i> | Large logs used to make dugout canoes; bark used to make containers. Resin from buds used medicinally as a salve. Buds, inner bark and leaves used for colds and lung problems; leaves used as a poultice to stop bleeding. |
| Trembling Aspen             | meltallp                                          | <i>Populus tremuloides</i>                         | Section of tree trunk good for scraping hides as it is smooth. Wood used to make various implements. Bark used for medicinal tea.                                                                                           |
| Pin Cherry                  | pekllanlpp (tree);<br>pekllnuse7 (fruits)         | <i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Choke Cherry                | tkwlose7ellp (tree);<br>tkwlosa7 (fruits)         | <i>Prunus virginiana</i>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Douglas Fir                 | tsq'ellp (tree);<br>qweltsen (boughs)             | <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> var. <i>glauca</i>    | Wood used in construction of houses and other implements; boughs used as a mattress, and as a cleansing agent in a smudge or steam as a spiritual purifier. Sap chewed like gum by children.                                |

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|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Western Red-cedar                         | estqwllp or astqw                                                          | <i>Thuja plicata</i>           | Very culturally important; wood used for paddles, tools, variety of implements. Bark used to make roofing for homes, small objects such as bowls, mats, trays, rope, etc. Roots important for basket making, and were traded. |
| SHRUBS                                    |                                                                            |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Saskatoon Berry or Service Berry          | speqpeqellp (bush);<br>speqpeq7uw'l<br>(berries)                           | <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Kinnikinnick or Bear Berry                | alkallp (plant); alk<br>(berries)                                          | <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Snowbrush or Buckbrush                    | tswelstam                                                                  | <i>Ceanothus velutinus</i>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Creeping Snowberry                        | elkekllp or e7kekllp                                                       | <i>Gaultheria hispidula</i>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| White Clematis                            | stektekt'upel'qw                                                           | <i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Red-osier Dogwood or Red Willow           | tseqwtsqweqwel'qw<br>te q'wlsellp (bush);<br>cpeqpeqeqen'ceni<br>(berries) | <i>Cornus stolonifera</i>      | Strong, light wood used in implements such as fish traps, weirs, baskets. Bark used to make poultices to relieve pain, swelling, bruising and toothache.                                                                      |
| Halzelnut                                 | qe7p'ucwellp (bush);<br>qa7p'ucw or qa7p'cw<br>(nuts)                      | <i>Corylus cornuta</i>         | Nuts were an important food source; often fresh nuts buried in a sack until husks rotted to make easier to clean and shell. Longer branches used for sweatlodge frames.                                                       |
| Black Hawthorn or Thornberry              | stmuqwallp or<br>stagwellp (bush);<br>stmuqw or ste7muqw<br>(berries)      | <i>Crataegus douglasii</i>     | Wood is very strong, used for making digging sticks, often with points burnt. Berries eaten like fruit leather, pressed and dried.                                                                                            |
| Silverberry or Wolf-willow                | sp'eqwey                                                                   | <i>Elaeagnus commutate</i>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Common Juniper or Dwarf Juniper           | tsaxt'saxt                                                                 | <i>Juniperus communis</i>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Orange Honeysuckle                        | stept'upelqw                                                               | <i>Lonicera ciliosa</i>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Black Twinberry or Twinflower Honeysuckle | kenkekneq sq'wluq<br>tsitsen or skwleqs<br>q'lus tsius                     | <i>Lonicera involucrata</i>    | Berries important for bears, not people. Parts of plant used to treat arthritis.                                                                                                                                              |
| Tall Oregon-grape                         | sts'el'sa (plant);<br>sts'al's (berries)                                   | <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>      | Roots used to make a yellow dye, berries used to make purple dye. Berries used as food source and tea, more recently for jam, jelly. All parts used medicinally.                                                              |
| Devil's Club                              | (s)k'atse7allp                                                             | <i>Oplopanux horridus</i>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Mock Orange or Syringa                    | metsmets'etkllp                                   | <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Swamp Tea or Indian Tea or Trapper's Tea  | secwsqaqxa7ten or csecwsecwsqeqxe7ten             | <i>Rhododendron glandulosum</i>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Northern Black Current                    | twupupupse7 or tets'al'qwtten                     | <i>Ribes hudsonianum</i>                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wild or Black Gooseberry                  | cucwele7llp (bush); stcwelcucwel (berries)        | <i>Ribes irriguum</i>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Swamp Gooseberry or Bristly Black Current | tlts'al'qwtten or ts'kenmuse7                     | <i>Ribes lacustre</i>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wild Rose                                 | sk'eple7llp (bush); sek'wew' (hips)               | <i>Rosa acicularis</i>                        | Largest, straightest branches used to make arrow shafts. Fruit (hips) used for tea. Branches used to line the pit in pit-cooking. Branches used to spiritually cleanse and purify home or items of someone sick or who had died. |
| Wild Raspberry                            | s7aytsqwmallp (bush); s7aytsqwu (berries)         | <i>Rubus idaeus</i>                           | Berries eaten or made into a fruit leather. Leaves used for tea for women after giving birth for relaxation.                                                                                                                     |
| Blackcap                                  | metskwellp (plant); matsukw (berries)             | <i>Rubus leucodermis</i>                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Thimbleberry                              | staq'wmallp (bush); staq'wu (berries)             | <i>Rubus parviflorus</i>                      | Berries eaten or mixed with other berries to make a fruit leather.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Green Willow                              | q'wlsallp                                         | <i>Salix glauca</i> and <i>Salix bebbiana</i> | Used widely as technology material; inner bark for twine; sticks as reinforcement for baskets, fish weirs and traps, other implements; roots used as a lashing material. Dolls can be made of the bark.                          |
| Soapberry or Soopolallie                  | sxwesemellp (plant); Sxusa (berries)              | <i>Shepherdia canadensis</i>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Birch-leaved spiraea                      | petspetskllullelcw or petspetskllul'ecw           | <i>Spiraea betulifolia</i>                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Waxberry or Snowberry                     | st'el'cwecwlltkllp (plant); peqpequqsa7 (berries) | <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>                   | Bushy branches tied together to use as a broom. Berries used as a medicine for sore eyes; branches steeped to make medicine for broken bones, arthritis, other aches.                                                            |
| Poison-ivy                                | slhiqt                                            | <i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| Bog Cranberry or Moss Cranberry or Meadow Cranberry             | sketucw (berries); sketucwallp (vine) | <i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>                                       |                                                                                                           |
| Highbush Cranberry and Squashberry                              | t'nisellp (bush); t'anis (berries)    | <i>Viburnum opulus</i> and <i>Viburnum edule</i>                 | Berries picked in fall to make syrup. Leaves and stems dried and then used as a tea to relieve pain.      |
| HERBACEOUS PLANTS                                               |                                       |                                                                  |                                                                                                           |
| Yarrow                                                          | qets'wi7e7llp                         | <i>Achillea millefolium</i>                                      |                                                                                                           |
| Wild Nodding Onion                                              | qwlewe                                | <i>Allium cernuum</i>                                            |                                                                                                           |
| Pearly Everlasting                                              |                                       | <i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>                                    |                                                                                                           |
| Angelica                                                        |                                       | <i>Angelica genuflexa</i>                                        |                                                                                                           |
| Indian-Hemp                                                     | spets'a7 or spets'i                   | <i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>                                       |                                                                                                           |
| Red Columbine                                                   |                                       | <i>Aquilegia Formosa</i>                                         |                                                                                                           |
| Wild Sarsaparilla                                               | stqwiq'wycen'                         | <i>Aralia nudicaulis</i>                                         |                                                                                                           |
| Silverweed or Cinquefoil                                        | cilcel                                | <i>Argentina anserina</i>                                        |                                                                                                           |
| Cudweed or Mugweed Sagewort                                     | pegpegpeg7il'e (?)                    | <i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>                                     |                                                                                                           |
| Wild Ginger                                                     | st'talecw                             | <i>Asarum caudatum</i>                                           |                                                                                                           |
| Showy Aster or Blackfoot                                        | qw'icen or sqw'ica                    | <i>Aster conspicuus</i>                                          |                                                                                                           |
| Slough grass or Swamp hay or Slough hay                         | stet'qst'ye7                          | <i>Carex aquatilis</i> , <i>Carex rostrata</i> and other species |                                                                                                           |
| Fireweed                                                        | ts'ixnallp                            | <i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>                                   |                                                                                                           |
| Water-Hemlock or Poison Parsnip                                 | yenicw                                | <i>Cicuta douglasii</i>                                          |                                                                                                           |
| Spring Beauty or Mountain Potato or Indian Potato               | skwakwina                             | <i>Claytonia lanceolata</i>                                      |                                                                                                           |
| Common Horsetail and Tall Scouring-Rush or Branchless Horsetail | t'ucwen' or xwiyusten'                | <i>Equisetum arvense</i>                                         |                                                                                                           |
| Wild Strawberries                                               | tqitq'a (berries); tqitq'a7ellp       | <i>Fragaria vesca</i> and <i>Fragaria virginiana</i>             | Berries eaten or mashed and dried into fruit leather. Entire plant dried, used for tea to treat diarrhea. |
| Chocolate Lily or Rice Root                                     | seq'we7s (?)                          | <i>Fritillaria affinis</i>                                       |                                                                                                           |
| Sweet-scented Bedstraw or Goose-grass                           | ?tseptspeq'                           | <i>Galium triflorum</i>                                          |                                                                                                           |
| Rattlesnake-plantain                                            |                                       | <i>Goodyera oblongifolia</i>                                     |                                                                                                           |
| Cow-parsnip or Wild Rhubarb                                     | xwtallp                               | <i>Heracleum maximum</i>                                         |                                                                                                           |

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Giant Wildrye or Ryegrass                | napesnul'ten                             | <i>Leymus cinereus</i> or <i>Elymus cinereus</i>       |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wild Pea and Wild Vetch                  | set.setkellp                             | <i>Lathyrus ochroleucus</i> and <i>Vicia americana</i> |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Indian Celery or Wild Celery             | k'utsa                                   | <i>Lomatium nudicanule</i>                             |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bugleweed                                |                                          | <i>Lycopus uniflorus</i>                               |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Skunk-Cabbage or Swamp Lantern           | tim'et                                   | <i>Lysichiton americanus</i>                           |                                                                                                                                                            |
| False Salomon's-seal                     | q'ica                                    | <i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>                           |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Canada Mint or Field Mint                | cwecw7u7cw or cw7ecw7u7cw                | <i>Mentha arvensis</i>                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wild Bergamot or Bee Balm                | cwecw7u7cw or cw7ecw7u7cw                | <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>                               |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Yellow Pond-lily or Yellow Water-lily    | tulensmetkwe (?)                         | <i>Nuphar polysepalum</i>                              |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Broad-leaved Plantain or Common Plantain | slleq'wqe.naka7 or slleqlleq'qenen'st'ye | <i>Plantago major</i>                                  |                                                                                                                                                            |
| White Bog Orchid                         | qwant (?)                                | <i>Platanthera dilatata</i>                            |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Pink Wintergreen or Beaver's Ears        | sqeqlwen'e                               | <i>Pyrola asarifolia</i>                               |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wapato or Arrowleaf or Swamp Potato      | ckwalkwalus                              | <i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>                            | Roots can be steamed and eaten.                                                                                                                            |
| Roundstem Bulrush or Tule                | ?st'nal'tcw                              | <i>Schoenoplectus acutus</i>                           |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Water-parsnip or Swamp Parsnip           | etsmats'                                 | <i>Sium suave</i>                                      |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Canada Goldenrod                         | secwsten (?)                             | <i>Solidago canadensis</i>                             |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Cattail or Bulrush                       | kwtallp                                  | <i>Typha latifolia</i>                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Stinging Nettle                          | ts'exmem'llp or secwmam'llp              | <i>Urtica dioica</i>                                   | Young nettles boiled and eaten like spinach, or added to soup. Mature plants used to ease arthritis pain by rubbing or hitting sore joints with the plant. |
| FUNGI                                    |                                          |                                                        |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Birch Fungus or Cinder Conk              | pucwst'ye                                | <i>Inonotus obliquus</i>                               |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Cottonwood Mushroom                      | semt'eqe7                                | <i>Tricholoma populinum</i>                            |                                                                                                                                                            |

## Appendix 4 Agreements with Other Sectors - template

### Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy Agreement with Other Sectors (and Access Management) Draft Template as at October 2, 2015

**Preamble:** ideally, these agreements with other sectors on priority planning areas, or access management plans, are “quasi-land use plans” that are created in a joint planning process. The implicit objective is to build relationships with all users of a specific geographic area, be open and up front about recognizing multiple uses on the land, and encourage communication. The intent is to build these agreements by consensus; however, there is no requirement for any right holder to participate and therefore ultimate authority rests with the right-granting order of government.

This template is proposed to cover the minimum content of what would comprise an agreement.

**Location:** what is the name of the area? Add brief description of scope/scale. Include a map, directions to general area, how it is accessed.

**Purpose:** what is the purpose of the agreement? What are the objectives of the agreement?  
Draft:

- Purpose of this agreement is to outline joint management to ensure accommodation of rights, values and interests
- Acknowledge rights, interests and values within the area
- Identify communication needs and expectations

**Background:** include the following details:

- Describe trails are in the area, the uses, and the general timing of their use?
- Are trails authorized? Are they accurately mapped?
- Is there a trail stewardship group in place?
- Existing plans - what resource management zones of the Okanagan-Shuswap LRMP apply to this area? Recreation or Tourism? What other relevant plans address trails in this area? Any local resource use plans (LRUPs)?
- First Nations rights, traditional use, interests, place names - share non-sensitive information
- Other?

**Rights, interests and values, legislation:** who has rights, interests or values in the area? Which orders of government have legislative authority? Who needs to be part of this agreement? (All rights holders or interest groups should be invited to participate, however some rights holders may decline due to limited interest or impact on or from trails.)

| Organization          | Rights                                              | Interests, values | Legislation | Comments                      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Splatsin te Secwépemc | Asserted title and rights to use land and resources |                   |             | Contact via NationsConnect.ca |
| Adams Lake Band       |                                                     |                   |             |                               |
| Neskonlith            |                                                     |                   |             |                               |

| Organization             | Rights                                    | Interests, values                               | Legislation | Comments                                                                |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw | Traditional use; Accommodation agreements | Interests in land and resources;                |             |                                                                         |
| Provincial government    | Grants rights                             |                                                 | Numerous    | MOF, MOE, MOTI, other                                                   |
| Federal government       |                                           |                                                 |             | DFO, Indigenous Reserve lands                                           |
| Local government         |                                           |                                                 |             | Regional districts, municipalities                                      |
| Forest licensee          | Timber harvesting                         |                                                 |             | License ____, expires ____                                              |
| BC Timber Sales          | Timber sales                              |                                                 |             |                                                                         |
| Other forest tenures     | Timber harvesting                         |                                                 |             | e.g., woodlot, small scale salvage, tree farm license, community forest |
| Range licensee           | Access to grazing                         |                                                 |             |                                                                         |
| Guide outfitter          | Licence to guide                          |                                                 |             |                                                                         |
| Commercial tourism       |                                           |                                                 |             |                                                                         |
| Trapper                  | Licence to trap                           |                                                 |             |                                                                         |
| Water user               | Water rights                              |                                                 |             |                                                                         |
| Licences of occupation   | ? various ?                               |                                                 |             |                                                                         |
| Trail use group X        |                                           | ATV, UTV trails                                 |             |                                                                         |
| Trail use group Y        |                                           | Snowmobiling                                    |             |                                                                         |
| Trail use group Z        |                                           | Backpacking                                     |             |                                                                         |
| Shuswap Tourism          |                                           | Future backcountry tourism business opportunity |             |                                                                         |
| Private land Stakeholder |                                           | e.g., environmental organizations               |             |                                                                         |
| User                     |                                           | ?                                               |             |                                                                         |
| Interest group           |                                           | e.g., environmental organizations               |             |                                                                         |

#### Proposed Future Use of the Area (years to decades)

- Is trail use proposed to expand? New uses, new seasons?
- For industry sectors, what are future plans to utilize the area? 1, 5, 10 or 20 years?
- What are the factors affecting your sector's future plans (e.g., stumpage rates, mineral commodity prices, demand for cedar, etc.)
- What is the potential future tourism business potential in the area?

**Commitments:** the following comprise the key content of the agreement

## Communication

- Annual meeting, whether perceived it is needed or not
- Field trip (up to two annually, winter or summer activities) to understand

## New developments requiring government authorization

- Communicate with all parties to this agreement BEFORE applications for tenure, authorization or permit is made to government (even if formal consultation will follow)

## Operations not requiring government authorization

- Notification of all parties to this agreement will be made before the following activities proceed: (e.g., road maintenance, silviculture work, trail maintenance)

## Zones on maps

- If applicable, identify “go/no-go” zones on maps where certain activities are agreed to occur or not occur (e.g., no new trails in some particular polygon)

## Dispute Resolution clause

- If attempts to resolve disputes amongst the parties to the agreement are unsuccessful, follow up with: Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy governance body? MOF Rec Sites and Trails?

## Contacts

- The following are the key contacts for liaison...

## Other specific content to consider (for more specific areas, e.g., access management plans or Hot Spot Pilots):

- Insurance for trail user groups (noted as a requirement for any group using Forest Service Roads)
- Safety commitments
- Fire hazard abatement (noted as too specific; compliance with regulations overrides this)
- Signage
- Hazardous material in building trails
- Environmental management of trails considerations (See Appendix 7)
- Trail steward identified
- Enforcement - any mechanisms, or is it relationship-based, or default to a CO or NRO?
- Resourcing and financial commitments or contributions and budget
- Special considerations

## Timelines

- How long is this agreement in place, does it expire?

## Signatures



## Appendix 5

### Pre-Authorization Process checklist

#### ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

Trail proponents and stewards are encouraged to contact any one of the Secwépemc communities, MOF Rec Sites and Trails, Shuswap Trail Alliance, a regional district, or a municipality (see Appendix 6 *Contact List*).

#### PHASE 1 - The “desk phase”

Work through these steps from a computer, looking over maps, and talking to people:

- Secwépemc Nation - there are multiple Secwépemc communities that assert rights and interests in the area of the trail(s); start with which community is nearby.
  - Are there traditional land uses or cultural sites in the area?
  - Do cultural heritage assessments exist?
- Federal Government - are there any operations or infrastructure in the area (e.g., Department of Fisheries and Oceans; etc.)? What involvement would they have in a new trail? Are there any works in and around water? Also consider the following:
  - Indian Reserve - contact the local Secwépemc community first; Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada will also be involved; there may also be private landowners on Indian Reserves
- Provincial Government - do governments/agencies have any operations or infrastructure in the area (e.g., BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations; BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; etc.)? What involvement would they have in a new trail? Also consider the following:
  - A road or highway under MOTI jurisdiction - contact MOTI
  - Within a BC Parks park or protected area - contact BC Parks
  - Crown land outside of municipalities or provincial parks - this is the majority of the land area in the Shuswap - contact RSTBC/FCBC
- Local Governments - do governments/agencies have any operations or infrastructure in the area (e.g., CSRD parks; etc.)? What involvement would they have in a new trail? Also consider the following:
  - Within a local government other than a regional district (e.g., City of Salmon Arm, Village of Chase) - contact the relevant local government
  - Land outside of municipalities is an electoral area of a regional district - contact CSRD, TNRD or RDNO
- Environment and ecology - are there critical habitats or endangered species in the area? Is it a riparian area or wetland? What watershed is the area part of? (*See also Appendix 7 STA Environmental Screening Tool*)
- Land tenure holders - such as forestry, range, mining or mineral exploration, trapping, tourism, etc.
- Utilities - is there hydro, natural gas, or other infrastructure?
- Private land owners and residents
- Recreation user and stewardship groups - hiking, mountain biking, skiing (Nordic or touring), all-terrain vehicle, motorcycling, snowmobiling, equestrian, fish and game, paddling, etc. Check with user groups and trail stewardship organizations to ascertain their involvement.
- Safety - who are the first responders? (i.e., RCMP; fire protection; search and rescue, etc.)

## **PHASE 2 - Field work, review and authorization**

Work through these steps in the field, collecting information, seeking authorization, and then for trail-building:

- Obtain permission to explore the area and begin ground-truthing
- Make a map
- Conduct environmental screening (*see Appendix 7, STA Environmental Screening Tool*)
- Prepare a draft trail development plan - include design, build, maintenance, public safety plan/assessment and budget and funding strategy/commitments
- Send a draft plan for review to First Nations, federal, provincial and local governments, local trail stewardship group(s) as required or appropriate
- Make amendments to draft plan, per results of review feedback and send revised draft to aforementioned groups
- Apply for authorization from regulatory agencies (e.g., Front Counter BC; local government; etc.) and private landowners as necessary
- Build, monitor, maintain and adapt

## Appendix 6 Contact List

Adams Lake Band | [www.adamslakeband.org](http://www.adamslakeband.org) | 250-679-8841

Neskonlith | [www.neskonlith.org](http://www.neskonlith.org) | 250-679-3295

Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw (Little Shuswap Lake) | [www.lslib.com](http://www.lslib.com) | 250-679-3203

Splatsin te Secwépemc | [www.splatsin.com](http://www.splatsin.com) | 250-838-6496

Okanagan Band | [www.okib.ca](http://www.okib.ca) | Territorial Stewardship Department | 250-542-7132

NationsConnect (referral for Adams Lake, Skwlāx, Splatsin, Okanagan) | [nationsconnect.ca](http://nationsconnect.ca)

MOE Recreation Sites and Trails | [www.sitesandtrailsbc.com](http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.com)

- District Recreation Officer (Okanagan) | 250-558-1728
- District Recreation Officer (Columbia-Shuswap) | 250-837-7610
- District Recreation Officer (Kamloops) | 250-371-4404

BC Parks | [www.bparks.ca](http://www.bparks.ca)

- Thompson Eastern Lakes | 250-312-7431
- North Okanagan | 778-622-6904

Ministry of Transportation | Okanagan Shuswap District | 250-712-3660

Front Counter BC | [www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca](http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca) | office locations in Kamloops, Vernon

Shuswap Trail Alliance | [www.shuswaptrails.com](http://www.shuswaptrails.com)

- Jen Bellhouse, Executive Director | [jen@shuswaptrails.com](mailto:jen@shuswaptrails.com) | 250-804-3530

Thomson Nicola Regional District | [www.tnrd.ca](http://www.tnrd.ca) - 250-377-8673

Village of Chase | [www.chasebc.ca](http://www.chasebc.ca) | 250-679-3238

Columbia Shuswap Regional District | [www.csr.d.bc.ca](http://www.csr.d.bc.ca) | 250-832-8194

City of Salmon Arm | [www.salmonarm.ca](http://www.salmonarm.ca) | 250-803-4000

District of Sicamous | [www.sicamous.ca](http://www.sicamous.ca) | 250-836-2477

Regional District of North Okanagan | [www.rdno.ca](http://www.rdno.ca) | 250-550-3700

City of Enderby | [www.cityofenderby.com](http://www.cityofenderby.com) | 250-838-7230

City of Armstrong | [www.cityofarmstrong.bc.ca](http://www.cityofarmstrong.bc.ca) | (250) 546-3023

Township of Spallumcheen | [www.spallumcheentwp.bc.ca](http://www.spallumcheentwp.bc.ca) | 250-546-3013

Village of Lumby | [www.lumby.ca](http://www.lumby.ca) | 250-547-2171

## Appendix 7

# Shuswap Trail Alliance Environmental Screening Tool

## Shuswap Trails Environmental Screening and Adaptive Planning: Principles and Key Concepts Summary Sheet

Updated: January 24, 2017

The *Shuswap Trails Environmental Screening and Adaptive Planning* approach is a process designed to:

- Assess potential environmental impacts of proposed activities during early planning stages
- Ensure that federal and provincial legislation/standards are consistently followed
- Inform decision making (maps of trail network in relation to ecological information)
- Apply science-based understanding of species and habitats in a practical adaptive management approach

***The Goal: to coordinate baseline information with protective legislation and guidelines that build effective mitigation and monitoring commitments into long-term adaptive management trail plans.***

### Principles

The following principles anchor the foundation of the Environmental Screening and Adaptive Management strategy:

- All land management decisions result in some level of impact
- Determining whether impacts are within acceptable limits is a challenge for managers and decision makers
- Scientific assessments of risks and significance of impacts provide managers and decision makers with tools to make the best decisions
- Predicting impacts and determining the significance of impacts should be as objective and quantifiable as possible
- Scientific research, legislation, guidelines and best management practices provide the primary direction for determining acceptable limits of impact
- Determining whether impacts are acceptable is based on both science and values and therefore always entails some level of subjectivity or compromise
- For many of these decisions, public involvement is essential to: determine values and their significance, understand the trade-offs or compromises that will result, and build support for the decision

## **Key Concepts:**

The following are core concepts to be applied when developing Adaptive Management plans for Shuswap Trails:

- **Adaptive Management Planning** – a structured process to guide land management decision-making where the outcome of an action or actions on an ecosystem is uncertain. It includes setting limits of change, ongoing monitoring and adaptive responses over time.
- **Acceptable Limits of Change** – a model used within Adaptive Management Planning that acknowledges change is inevitable, identifies where impacts might occur, determines levels of change that are acceptable, and acts to ensure change remains within these bounds. (Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, 2016)
- **Cumulative Effects** – the changes, both benefits and liabilities, caused by our actions today in combination with other past and reasonable foreseeable human and natural disturbances. (Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, 2016, p. 31)
- **Habitat Disturbance & Compensation** – where a known disturbance to existing habitat is made, an equal or greater compensation in restored habitat elsewhere is applied with the intention of balancing or reducing the overall net impact on the wider ecosystem by the original disturbance.
- **Precautionary Principle** – a risk management principle stating that if an action or policy has a suspected risk, but there is no scientific consensus on the potential harm the risk may produce, actions should be taken before harm occurs to avoid or diminish the risk until such time as scientific analysis and consensus suggests otherwise. (See: UNESCO 2005)

## **Adaptive Management Planning:**

The logic and language of the adaptive planning process is based on the provincial Wildlife Guidelines for Backcountry Tourism/Commercial Recreation in BC. The adaptive management plan includes the following components:

- **Results** – What the adaptive management plan is attempting to achieve
- **Desired Behaviours** – Actions by users that are most likely to achieve the specified results
- **Indicators** – What should be measured to determine if the results are being achieved
- **Limits** – Acceptable bounds related to the measured indicator
- **Mitigation Measures** – Strategies to achieve the desired behaviours
- **Monitoring Schedule** – Frequency and timing of monitoring indicators
- **Corrective Actions** – Actions triggered if monitoring suggests that indicators have exceeded limits

### **The Trails Environmental Screening Tool (T.E.S.T.):**

The *Shuswap Trails Environmental Screening Tool* (T.E.S.T.) is a series of templates and checklists in PDF format that gather web-information on environmental conditions, and current and historic land use. By first describing a trail and its intended uses (DESCRIBE) and describing the environment, plants and animals (MAP & ASSESS) trail planners can then design and plan the ideal ways to minimize any negative impacts (MITIGATE).

Decision guidelines help answer the question “What level of environmental review is required?” An *Environmental Mitigation Matrix Table* provides a quick glance summary of the most common environmental conditions to consider and corresponding monitoring and mitigation strategies. A summary of *Legislative Guidelines* provides additional links and resources.

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For a link to the *T.E.S.T.* template and other *Shuswap Trail Design and Planning Tools*, visit:

<https://shuswaptrails.com/resources/trail-standards-resources/>

For a link to the *Shuswap Regional Trail Strategy*, visit:

<https://shuswaptrails.com/resources/trail-strategy-roundtable/>

## Appendix 8 Letter of Understanding

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### LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

for members of the

#### Shuswap Trails Roundtable

Appendix 8 of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy as at 2 October 2015

#### BACKGROUND

Since 2001, a series of planning initiatives and community projects in the Shuswap have provided a strategic thread for a regional trail strategy to build upon. The concept for this strategy was championed by Secwepemc Nation (as described below), Shuswap Trail Alliance, Recreation Sites and Trails BC (part of BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations), Shuswap Tourism and Columbia Shuswap Regional District Parks in 2010; however an expanded steering committee with broader representation has been developing this strategy since fall 2014. The purpose of the strategy is to protect, enhance and recognize trails as an integral part of the Shuswap lifestyle, culture and economy; going forward, the strategy will be implemented by the Shuswap Trails Roundtable.

#### PURPOSE

This Letter of Understanding outlines the role, composition, and principles of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable (STR).

#### ROLE AND EXPECTATIONS

The role of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable is to implement the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, as follows:

- To set direction and provide course correction, as needed
  - in collaboration with the 'Working Group' who have an operational mandate
- To communicate (two ways) with their respective organization and across all orders of government
- To communicate, share information, and learn from one another
- To access or leverage funds to enable sufficient resources for implementation
- To resolve disputes, as needed

The expectation is that any order of government or organization that is part of the roundtable will work to fulfill the roles.

The STR provides a forum for collaboration, communication, and forms an agreement to work together; however it is recognized that it is non-regulatory and has no authority for decision-making regarding land use, permitting or authorizations.

The Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy is the guiding document for the STR.

**COMPOSITION**

Representation and participation for the Shuswap Trails Roundtable is desired from the following groups:

- Adams Lake Indian Band
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- Chase
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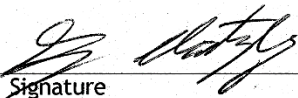
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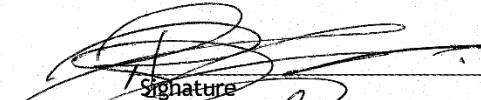
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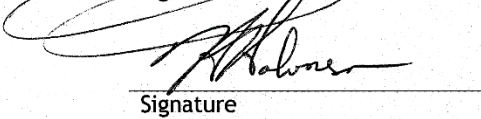
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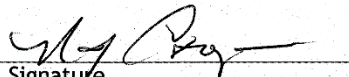
  
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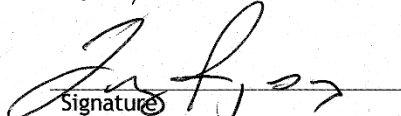
  
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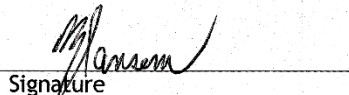
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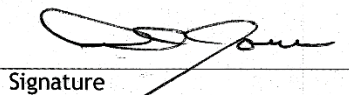
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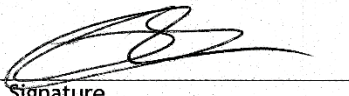
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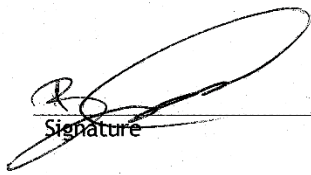
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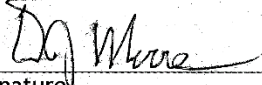
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Organization

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Organization

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HI-SHUSWAP LAKE,  
SQUILLA GENERAL STORE  
& HOSTEL

Organization

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Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club

Organization

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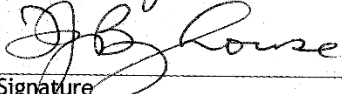


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**SIGNATURES**

Devin Munson  
Name

Little Shuswap Lake Band  
Organization

Dec 7, 2015  
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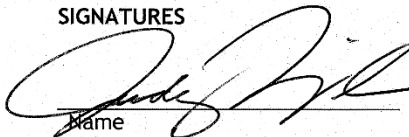
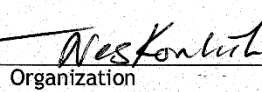
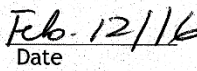
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Gordon Bose

Gorge Ski Tour Association

March 10, 2022

Name

Organization

Date

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NOTE 24/04/15: Shuswap Outdoors! was one of the original LoU signers, but a copy of their LoU was not inserted in the original strategy. The January 18, 2024 LoU affirms the organization's commitment to the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and Roundtable collaboration.

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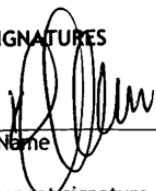
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 Organization Association

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Brian Pratt  
Name

Four Wheel Drive Association of BC  
Organization

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# Appendix 9 Terms of Reference - Shuswap Trails Roundtable

Approved by Working Group October 24, 2016  
Recommended for approval at 2016 Shuswap Trails Roundtable

## PREAMBLE

Since 2001, a series of planning initiatives and community projects have provided a strategic thread on which a region-wide strategy for non-motorized trails has evolved. In addition, discussions between Secwépemc leadership, regional leadership and some trail user groups helped to confirm the need for a region-wide strategy to involve *all* trail user groups (motorized and non-motorized), and make connections to land use, existing land use plans, Secwépemc values, environmental and community health, tourism and economic development.

The development of the [Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy](#) took place through the work of a small group in 2014-15, with three larger public meetings for feedback: the outline and draft content was endorsed on Nov 27, 2014; several key chapters were approved and the Shuswap Trails Roundtable and Working Group structures were established on June 17, 2015; and the inaugural Roundtable meeting was held Dec 2, 2015 that included signing of the Letter of Understanding.

## GEOGRAPHIC AREA

The Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy covers the entire Shuswap watershed, involving many jurisdictions including Secwepemc, provincial, and the Columbia Shuswap, Thompson-Nicola, and North Okanagan regional districts and some of their member municipalities.

## PURPOSE OF ROUNDTABLE

- To implement the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy
- To set direction and provide course corrections, as needed
- To communicate, share information, and learn from each other
- To communicate (two ways) with their own organization, and existing regional, inter-regional or provincial organizations across all orders of government
- To access/leverage funding to allow for sufficient financial and human resources to implement the strategy
- To resolve disputes arising from Agreements with Other Sectors, or Access Management Plans

## MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE - ROUNDTABLE

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These groups will make appointments to the Roundtable at their discretion and may include elected officials or staff.

There are no subcommittees to the Roundtable; defer to Working Group.

### **ROLE OF ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS**

The role of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable is to implement the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, as follows:

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- To communicate (two ways) with their respective organization and across all orders of government
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- To access or leverage funds to enable sufficient resources for implementation
- To resolve disputes, as needed

### **PURPOSE OF WORKING GROUP**

- To implement the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy at an operational level, with direction from the Roundtable
- To review, clarify, and provide input to trails authorization requests from local, first nations, provincial governments (not supersede decision making authority)
- To assist trails groups with trail authorization, as a resource
- To communicate with new participants
- To prepare the following for Roundtable meetings:
  - Annual report (ch.16)
  - Annual work plan (ch.16)
  - Briefing notes for specific conflicts to STR

### **MEETINGS, LOGISTICS - ROUNDTABLE**

The Roundtable will meet once per year, to generally be held in November, on a date and location that maximizes participation. Meetings may rotate around the region.

Agendas will be circulated at least one week in advance of meetings, and meeting summaries will be circulated no later than two week following meetings, with a two-week period to comment before circulating a final meeting summary. Meeting summaries will be reviewed at the subsequent meeting.

Staff (see section later in this document) shall develop and circulate agendas, coordinate meeting logistics, lead discussions and seek consensus at meetings, prepare meeting summaries, and provide support for the roundtable which will include funding applications and external communication.

## **QUORUM**

Quorum for a roundtable meeting will be as follows:

- Secwépemc governments - at least one representative from each of Adams Lake, Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw, Neskonlith, and Splatshin te Secwépemc
- Regional districts - at least 2 representatives from any of the three regional districts (Columbia Shuswap, North Okanagan, Thompson Nicola)
- Municipalities - at least 3 representatives from any of the 5 municipalities (Chase, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Enderby, Lumby)
- Provincial government - at least 2 representatives, ideally from Recreation Sites and Trails BC and BC Parks
- Motorized trails group - at least 3 representatives
- Non-motorized trails group - at least 3 representatives
- Other sector (e.g., invasive species, health authority) - at least 1 representative

## **DECISION MAKING PROCESS**

Consensus\* with option for noting dissenting opinions. \*Consensus is a decision making process based on understanding multiple perspectives, for moving from individual positions to common interests; consensus may not necessarily be unanimous agreement with all elements by all parties, but simply the absence of objection.

Prior to a decision, the quorum present will pause to ask:

- Who is not present who should be in order to make an accountable decision?
- Is there a significant gap in the basic quorum representation?
- Or is this a decision for a different jurisdiction?

Decisions may be deferred to a subsequent meeting.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCES**

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Other than catering for meetings, roundtable members will fund their own expenses to participate in the roundtable (e.g., mileage, accommodation, per diems).

## **STAFF SUPPORT**

Staff support for the Shuswap Trails Roundtable will be predominantly coordinated the Shuswap Trail Alliance, but may include support from the CSRD, other partners, and/or Mike Simpson.

## **EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION**

Shuswap Trail Alliance will be the key contact organization. Each member has their own communication roles for their organization; refer to roles of members if speaking about the roundtable.

The Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and associated material will be hosted on the Shuswap Trail Alliance website. Terms of reference, approved meeting summaries and financial summaries will be made available online, in addition to other resources as they are developed.

**OPT-OUT CLAUSE - ROUNDTABLE**

Any signatory group (organization, government or other) may opt out of the Shuswap Trails Roundtable only after attempting to raise an issue that is the cause of their reason for opting out is discussed at a Working Group meeting and cannot be resolved through the decision-making processes outlined. The group is requested to opt out in writing, with a rationale.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION - ROUNDTABLE**

The use of the Decision-Making Process, described above, with the use of an impartial facilitator and the ability to defer to subsequent meetings is anticipated to address all foreseeable disputes that may arise at the Roundtable.

# Appendix 10 Terms of Reference - Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy Working Group

Approved by Working Group June 20, 2016  
Recommended for approval at 2016 Shuswap Trails Roundtable

## PREAMBLE

Since 2001, a series of planning initiatives and community projects have provided a strategic thread on which a region-wide strategy for non-motorized trails has evolved. In addition, discussions between Secwépemc leadership, regional leadership and some trail user groups helped to confirm the need for a region-wide strategy to involve *all* trail user groups (motorized and non-motorized), and make connections to land use, existing land use plans, Secwépemc values, environmental and community health, tourism and economic development.

The development of the [Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy](#) took place through the work of a small group in 2014-15, with three larger public meetings for feedback: the outline and draft content was endorsed on Nov 27, 2014; several key chapters were approved and the Shuswap Trails Roundtable and Working Group structures were established on June 17, 2015; and the inaugural Roundtable meeting was held Dec 2, 2015 that included signing of the Letter of Understanding.

## GEOGRAPHIC AREA

The Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy covers the entire Shuswap watershed, involving many jurisdictions including Secwépemc , provincial, and the Columbia Shuswap, Thompson-Nicola, and North Okanagan regional districts and some of their member municipalities.

## PURPOSE OF WORKING GROUP

- To implement the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy at an operational level, with direction from the Roundtable
- To review, clarify, and provide input to trails authorization requests from local, first nations, provincial governments (not supersede decision making authority)
- To assist trails groups with trail authorization, as a resource
- To communicate with new participants
- To prepare the following for Roundtable meetings:
  - Annual report (ch.16)
  - Annual work plan (ch.16)
  - Briefing notes for specific conflicts to STR

## MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE - WORKING GROUP

Representation from the following organizations, flexible and may be expanded as needed:

- First Nations Government - Adams Lake, Skw̓lāx te Secwepemcúlecw, Neskonlith, and Splotsin te Secwépemc
- Local government - CSRD, City of Salmon Arm, Village of Chase, District of Sicamous
- Provincial government - RSTBC (MOF), MOTI, BC Parks
- Motorized groups - Sicamous Backcountry Riders, Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club, Shuswap Dirt Riders Association
- Non-motorized - STA, Back Country Horsemen of BC

- Other - School District 83, Switzmalph Cultural Society, Interior Health Authority, Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society

These groups will make appointments to the STR at their discretion, to include actively engaged leadership, whether elected officials or staff.

Chair or co-chairs may be appointed in the future if agreed to, and if an impartial facilitator is not used.

The Working Group may appoint subcommittees: short-term committees on very specific issues for up to six months; or standing committees.

### **MEETINGS, LOGISTICS - WORKING GROUP**

The Working Group will meet four times per year, to generally be held in January, April, June and October, on a date and location that maximizes participation. Meetings may rotate around the region.

Agendas will be circulated at least one week in advance of meetings, and meeting summaries will be circulated no later than one week following meetings. Meeting summaries will be approved at the subsequent meeting.

Staff (see section later in this document) shall develop and circulate agendas, coordinate meeting logistics, lead discussions and seek consensus at meetings, prepare meeting summaries, and provide support for the roundtable which will include funding applications and external communication.

### **QUORUM**

Quorum for a working group meeting will be at least 1 representative(s) from each of: Secwépemc government; local government; provincial government; a motorized trails group; a non-motorized trails group; and at least one other sector.

At least once per year, aim to have all four Secwépemc communities present.

### **DECISION MAKING PROCESS**

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Prior to a decision, the quorum present will pause to ask:

- Who is not present who should be in order to make an accountable decision?
- Is there a significant gap in the basic quorum representation?
- Or is this a decision for a different jurisdiction?

Working group members can submit written feedback on decisions prior to meetings if they are unable to attend.

Decisions may be deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Working Group decisions may be elevated to the Roundtable if needed.



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