

## **Shuswap Trails Roundtable Working Group**

### **Meeting Summary as of April 19, 2026**

**Meeting date:** April 17, 2026 9:00AM to 12:00PM **Location:** North Shuswap Community Hall, Celista

#### **Present (for at least a portion of the meeting):**

Brad Arnouse, Neskonlith  
Adrian Bostock, Shuswap Trail Alliance (STA)  
Linda Buchanan, Backcountry Horsemen of BC, Shuswap Chapter  
Keith Cox, Shuswap Outdoors  
Helen Dalin, Chase Fish & Game Club  
Patrick Frank, White Lake Residents Association  
Sue Ghattas, Vernon Outdoors Club  
Evan Houle, Interior Health  
Eleanor Marshall, Mallory Ridge Community Trails Society  
Phil McIntyre-Paul, STA  
Sarah Megyesi, BC Parks  
Brian Pratt, 4WD Association of BC  
Ronan Redel, Shuswap Economic Development Society  
Jenna Robins, Salmon Arm Economic Development Society  
Debbie Seymour, North Shuswap Chamber of Commerce  
Jamie Sherlock, District of Sicamous (DoS)  
Jay Simpson, Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD)  
Mike Simpson, consultant (facilitator, recorder)  
Jan Thingsted, CSRD  
Hannah Treleaven, STA  
Brad Vickerson, Shuswap Dirt Riders

#### **1. Welcome, Introductions, Review Agenda and Objectives**

Mike Simpson welcomed everyone, Secwepemcúl'ecw was acknowledged, and a round of introductions took place. The agenda was accepted; early departures were noted. Numerous regrets were noted.

Electoral Area Director for the North Shuswap (Area F) Jay Simpson thanked everyone for attending, shared some history of the hall (originally built in 1908), and the importance of trails and recreation infrastructure as a key part of the economy in the North Shuswap, especially rebuilding post-2023 wildfire. Debbie Seymour of North Shuswap Chamber of Commerce was thanked for helping arrange to have the meeting here.

#### **2. Secwepemc Learning Opportunity**

Mike noted that he's recently heard of the first [Secwepemctsín \(Shuswap\) Introductory Online Language Course](#) for adults (both Eastern and Western dialects). This is open to everyone who wants to support language revitalization. It is offered over 8 weekly 1 hour classes in July-August 2026, and all registrants will receive access to the recording and a certificate of attendance.

### 3. Previous Meeting Summary

The meeting summary from January 16, 2026, was approved. Many action items are related to trails initiatives and will be covered later in the agenda. Many are standing items; see table of action items at end of this summary for an updated version.

### 4. Trails Authorization Requests, Trail Planning and Sub-regional Planning Updates

The overall Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy map, and 7 subregions, identifying many of the locations discussed is available [here](#); scroll down to “Print Maps.”

Broader Initiatives related to Trails, Economic Development, Marketing (see more in Appendix 1)

- Phil spoke to three related but connected initiatives:
  - Shuswap Regional Trails Destination Development and Marketing Working Group
  - Shuswap regional trail marketing support
  - Destination BC/Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association opportunities, support
- All of these are arising, and landing at Shuswap Trails Roundtable, since Shuswap Tourism was disbanded last year. It was stressed that this isn’t anything new, it’s carrying on what has been built over the last 20 years with Shuswap Tourism; it’s keeping the collaboration going
- An immediate **action** would be to send any new trails to include in printed marketing materials to Phil by end of April (permission being sought from CSRD to take on printed trails guides)
- Overall, there was no objection to pursuing these initiatives; many spoke about their high level of support and that it makes sense to continue collaboration across groups.

Trans Canada Trail Opportunity (see more in Appendix 1)

- Phil noted that Trans Canada Trail folks (a national non-profit) reached out to them based on rail trail progress and more. They provide supports, require that trails are maintained, but can offer lots of connections nationally.
- There was no objection to the concept. It was agreed in principle to think about this further, and aim to formalize at our annual meeting in November.

Bikepacking Cycling Route around Shuswap

- Ronan noted that they are in early stages of exploring a “bikepacking” route around the Shuswap Highlands. This is road cycling on gravel and forestry roads, using existing campgrounds (or hotels/other accommodation). See <https://bikepacking.com/>
- Looking to start with a network of 10 hubs, 5 major ones (e.g., Chase, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, North Shuswap, Lumby). Route could be Sun Peaks, Adams Lake down counterclockwise, rail trail, Larch Hills, Turtle valley back to Chase. Could be called “Great Shuswap Loop” (GRSL)
- Suggestions and clarification noted the desire to avoid informal camping and establishing unauthorized ones, damage, etc. and safety concerns with forestry roads

North Shuswap – Multiple Initiatives

- Debbie noted two things other than parallel trail – working on N Shuswap Destination Trail, keeping in mind CSRD parks planning underway. A North Shuswap Working Group for trails is underway, phased and next is inventory of trails. Want to hire STA to do the inventory of trails and develop the North Shuswap Working Group. Some funding exists, Jay and N Shuswap Chamber and have applied for funds, will know by June.

- Scotch Creek connecting trails. Preliminary designs of some connecting trails years ago. Proposed some, but the parallel pathway group wants to extend. Lawson Eng \$20K for level C costing of this, raising funds for this. STA will help out.
- North Shuswap parallel trail – Jan added that Denise Ackerman at CSRD leading this; two big pieces was archaeological field work in May 2026; and an Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) application to submit soon as some trail runs through agricultural land reserve (ALR). Reach out to Denise Ackerman for more.
- Mtn biking group will likely get reinvigorated with North Shuswap Working Group; on hold. Will hopefully bring in Crowfoot Snowmobile.
- Jay asked about Lee Creek Bluffs Trail on behalf of Jim Cooperman. Adrian noted there's a subdivision that went in near there; there is a paved road to trailhead. Needs funding for planning. Debbie also noted this will come out in the North Shuswap Working Group. Jan also noted the CSRD parks planning update will also address this.

#### Scotch Creek Hlina Trail – Jan, Hannah

- There was a BCTS salvage logging to late fall, some cleanup to continue this spring, more salvage logging proposed, some road deactivation. Need danger tree assessment (DTA) and work to undertake. It's top priority, Jan and Hannah talked recently mapping out game plan to get it completed. Connect with RSTBC, all on same page, funding in place just need to finish salvage.

#### Onyx falls

- After First Nations engagement, there is an upgrade plan with 3 options, ranging from leave as is, to turn it into a fully accessible trail to falls. Waiting for funding and approvals. Non-status trail currently, would need a s.57. Was generally recognized that it should at least be maintained and recognized. Phil noted that elders input and safety considerations were built in.

#### South Shuswap Destination Trail Plan – Phil, Patrick

- Patrick thanked Hannah and Adrian for completing west campsite trail; thanks to WLRA too (Adrian). Patrick raised an innerhub trail right out near spawning channel at east end can we plan for that? Is it roughly surveyed and fairly flat? This fall or spring?
- Phil noted that it's all in the S Shuswap Dest Trail Plan and STA has more detailed planning. Good one for Sarah M to be aware of, it's in BC Parks jurisdiction. SA Fish and game quite active out there. A bit of review to be done for CSRD parks planning.
- Will there be a South Shuswap Working Group? Carmen Massey, Patrick and others, hasn't happened yet. Patrick will follow up with various parties.

#### CSRD parks plan

- [CSRD connect](#) page addresses projects underway, with info on [Parks Plans updates](#)
- Some engagement with EA directors to date, complete. Urban Systems is consultant, they are reaching out to First Nations so far. Public engagement survey drafted, it will be going out in early June. Will coincide with in person meetings. Lots of sessions planned, but no specific dates yet. All except CSRD EA B (rural Rev). All other areas covered.
- Fiona Barton no longer manager of community services. Interviewing soon to replace her. Reporting directly to Derek Sutherland right now. Hoping to have a parks manager soon.

#### Mt Baldy

- Jan noted an ongoing CSRD project post wildfire, received Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) funds for rebuild, have a plan, project paused to consider upslope hazards to the trails given terrain and risk of heavy rain events. Engineers doing landslide risk assessment, based on that outcome, can proceed with trail where it was/is and reconstruction can proceed. Worst case need s.57 amendment if location shift needed. Once complete, STA can proceed with the work. It's a priority as there's lots of use.

#### Skmana Lake

- Helen noted Chase Fish and Game have funds from BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) and want to do something for youth in community. Helen volunteered to look into Skmana Trails. Talked to Adrian, managed under Kamloops RSTBC and co-management with ALIB. STA could provide funds and support. Use snowshoe trails and adapt for walking and biking? Already bathrooms parking and infrastructure. Lots of older members in the club, not a lot of physical ability, but lots of people own equipment. ALIB also has a biathlon group going, maybe dovetail it with that? Skiing and laser targets on skis but also running.
- Adrian can meet with Helen and figure it out. He can help connect her with Noelle Kukella at RSTBC in Kamloops.

#### Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail (website [here](#)) and Sicamous Ferry

- Jamie noted the ferry started Easter weekend, over 100 people first day. Open Fri, Sat Sun 9-5 in April, as of May 1 will be 7 days a week 9-5, then 8-6 for July-Aug, then down to 9-5. 20min crossing, last sailing is 4:40PM when closing at 5PM. Otherwise have to walk and cross Hwy 1.
- Funding from Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF) to support the ferry, still looking for sponsorships and funding.
- Phil added huge shout out to all the Sicamous people involved in making this work: Carly, Richard, Jamie. See website main page, "latest updates" and a link to the update bulletin on what's open, closed, construction, etc. There are also updates on social media from Splatsin Dev Corp Jeremy Schuetze.

#### Mallory Ridge – Eleanor

- Awaiting CSRD parks and recreation public engagement process, done lots of research, prepped lots. Partnered with Gardom Lake Stewardship Society (GLSS) to get protection underway. Membership drive now at >450 members. 885 members combined with GLSS and Mallory Ridge. Lots of use at hand launch Gardom Lake, got members by engaging with folks there.
- Funds through membership drive, had one \$10 K donation, in hands of STA for Mallory Ridge.

#### Brian Pratt – Mara Lookout fire

- Applied for s.57 for the lookout itself, and last 2km road from south. Thanks to Vernon ATV, ATV BC, STA, Shuswap Backcountry Riders and Hunter's Range Snowmobile Club.

#### Pacifican Funding at STA

- Adrian noted that STA received \$300K a few years ago to do a whole bunch of initiatives. All work is complete. Some came out include trail plan Kelly Mtn, Balmoral White Lake, and First Nations engagement around Scatchard and Onyx. Trial planning. Working with Village of Chase, funded by Chase now, Oden trail from Hwy to upper trails, no building for couple of years.
- Out of Onyx and Scatchard came a concept of creating an "indigenous plant survey framework" during assessment of a trail, will identify any plants that are part of their food sovereignty and

food security interests, follow up and contact key people, transplant to safe places. Working with Keith Cox. Still figuring it out. Scatchard this is a have to do. Brand new. Developing a framework by June. Any ideas share with Adrian.

#### Owlhead Mtn bike trails update

- Jamie has a question for Gord Bushell where are we at with Phase 2? Wants extra \$1000 to purchase gravel to finish things.
- Adrian noted that there is a maintenance agreement to maintain phase 1 with District of Sicamous and Phase 2 is at Front Counter BC, don't know status, Splatsin doing a cultural assessment on area to be done soon. Kelsey at RSTBC had a call from her, suspects most work is done. Optimistically start work this fall 2026 or early 2027.

#### Salmon Arm Foreshore Boardwalk

- The boardwalk on main trail connecting to Raven subdivision, built in 1998, needs lifespan assessment. Mandatory repairs needed. Recommend replacing in 5 years. Min \$200K to replace and planning \$50K. Managed with Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society (SABNES) and City of Salmon Arm.

#### South Canoe trails

- Adrian noted they are starting construction on new trail next week.
- New potential trail due to harvesting in Canoe East watershed by Canoe Forest Products. Recommended to plan a trail before they plant the recently cut block. It's potential for a trail.

#### Skimikin

- New camp hosts are on site now.
- Need trail counters to count people – stick with laser thingy. Linda looking for 2. Adrian will provide some.
- Jen suggested when applying for a large grant and need to provide stats on usage, include in your grant a company that would do trail counting. Or a trail counting thing? Cell phone data? Or use “heat map” from Strava but not everyone tracks use

#### Vernon Outdoors Club

- Check out the [VOC website](#) for updates on trails status, links to Regional District of North Okanagan for any closures, reminder to have dogs on leash

### 6. Roundtable of New Information

Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS), upcoming weed pulls:

- May 30th Herald Provincial Park
- June 10th - Rail Trail Enderby
- June 25th- Little White Lake -Yellow Flag Iris

#### Shuswap Trail Alliance

- BC Trails Day party at South Canoe, Sat June 6, 4-8PM with live music, tickets [here](#)
- Just had successful gear swap on April 11, 440 people, proceeds to new trail at South Canoe

#### Interior Health

- Plan H grants now open, see [here](#) for more info

#### Shuswap Economic Development Society

- Putting out an investment and attraction strategy
- Annual general meeting coming up April 29

#### Salmon Arm Economic Development Society

- Canada celebrates for June 20, World Cup related
- TOTA golf tournament on June 9, demolition derby same day.
- Trail your way campaign, BC Bob TV show, story telling

#### Outdoor Recreation Council

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting being held in Kamloops, May 20-22
- Linda, Brian Pratt and Jen are hosting a 1 hour breakout session on Shuswap Trails Roundtable

#### Avenza Map changes

- Linda noted that Avenza maps has been bought by Blue Marble Geographics, and as Horse Council is a vendor to them, they've been advised they won't be accepting new maps or updates
- This is challenging, as she and others understand it, Avenza was the only one using georeferenced pdf maps, only tracks can be uploaded not maps

#### Secwepemc Landmarks

- Keith noted that the landmark was installed in Enderby last November

#### Sicamous events

- Backyard Ultra, next weekend, 110 racers
- Sicamous hosts Canadian Nationals for Backyard Ultra, 15 racers, will be big coverage
- Shuswap Strongman event May 30, see Sicamous Facebook page
- Working with others to host clinics for youth and adults at pump track and Mtn bike trails

#### Revelstoke Area Forest Service Road

- Brian has initiated a petition to reopen an FSR south of Revelstoke, and to understand reasons why it was closed

#### Shaw Road cleanup

- Brian has been doing some cleanup of Shaw Road area, there is a lot of material dumped there. He has waivers from CSRD for dump. Reach out to him if you want to help out.

#### Chase Fish & Game Club

- 3D archery shoot May 2-3, 724 Turtle Valley Road

#### Earth Day

- ALIB is celebrating Earth Day at Tsutswecw Park April 25, 12-3PM, invasive weed pulling too

How to interact with horses on trails

- Backcountry Horsemen, Shuswap Chapter, hosting an education event on Trails Day June 6 at Skimikin trails

Federal funding

- Jamie noted federal [Build Communities Strong](#) funding, \$6B over 10 years, infrastructure projects that may be suitable for trails and recreation initiatives; more details to follow.

## 7. Next Steps

Next Working Group Meetings (third Friday of January, April, June, October, with exceptions):

Date	Location*	Field trip (after lunch, optional)
Fri June 19, 9AM-12PM	Sicamous Health Centre (park on street, not parking lot please)	Ferry to rail trail
Fri Oct 16, 9AM-12PM	TBD	TBD

\*tentative plan, nothing booked to date

Next Annual Meeting

- “90%” set for Wed November 18, 2026, location TBD (recognizing its local government election year, there will be a lot of inaugural meetings, and new councillors/directors to invite)
  - This date does not overlap with District of Sicamous meeting dates
  - This date overlaps with RDNO meetings, but they don’t commence until 4PM

The following **ACTION** items were noted:

Task or activity	Responsibility	Timeframe
Consult with elders and Chief Atahm School on the proper use, understanding, spelling and pronunciation of <b>Y’icwetsutce</b> and whether it’s the right word (explore dialects)	Brad Arnouse, Shelley Witzky	Delayed
Build in <b>“trail counters”</b> cost in your grant application, having usage statistics can help with future applications.	Everyone	Ongoing
Send any <b>new trails</b> to put in <b>printed marketing</b> material to Phil	Everyone	April 30
Think about Trans Canada Trail Opportunity and other broader initiatives, how to bring them into the <a href="#">trails strategy</a> at annual meeting	Everyone	November
Look for other <b>ACTION</b> items in each item update in summary	Everyone	Ongoing

The following **ongoing ACTION** items are noted:

Task or activity	Responsibility	Timeframe
Start <b>hut to hut opportunities</b> , overnight stays. Build on history. Larger areas, not just Owlhead, Blue Lake, Hunter’s Range.	Louis, others	Future meeting
Work with <b>Shuswap Tourism</b> or current organization to publish and advertise authorized trails	Everyone	Ongoing
Organizations to <b>sign the LOU</b> if they haven’t already done so – original copy if possible (Phil or Jen have it)	Any groups that haven’t signed	Ongoing
Send any <b>GPS/GIS linework</b> on trails to Adrian at Shuswap Trail Alliance, <a href="mailto:adrian@shuswaptrails.com">adrian@shuswaptrails.com</a>	Everyone	Ongoing
Trails groups – send <b>suitable berry picking sites, locations of cultural plants of interest</b> (highbush cranberry, hazelnut, yellow avalanche lily, spring beauty/Indian potatoes, soopalalie, saskatoon) as trail reports to	Everyone	Ongoing

Task or activity	Responsibility	Timeframe
<a href="mailto:trailreport@shuswaptrails.com">trailreport@shuswaptrails.com</a> – intent is that Secwepemc governments are seeking this information		
Send any reports of <b>erosion or trail damage</b> from heavy rains to <a href="mailto:trailreport@shuswaptrails.com">trailreport@shuswaptrails.com</a>	Everyone	Ongoing
Seek <b>support letters for funding</b> applications from each other	Everyone	Ongoing
Consider opportunities for funds to do <b>cumulative effects assessment</b> on a complex project	Everyone	Ongoing
<b>Secwepemc Plant Knowledge cards</b> - order from Neskonlith Education Centre by email <a href="mailto:educationassistant@neskonlithec.net">educationassistant@neskonlithec.net</a>	Everyone	Ongoing
Download the <b>Secwepemc language app</b> for your smart phone	Everyone	Ongoing
Consider doing <b>media releases</b> when projects are complete (e.g., South Canoe Parking lot, Sorrento Blind Bay perimeter trail, Skimikin)	Jen, everyone	Ongoing
If doing a <b>clean-up event</b> , contact <a href="#">Ben van Nostrand</a> at CSRD about up to \$500 in support for meals, supplies and waiving of tipping fees	Trail stewardship groups	Ongoing
Consider joint applications/working collaboratively if <b>future big funding calls come out</b> . Need time to be strategic.	Everyone	Ongoing
<b>Secwepemc Landmarks – sentinel structures</b> : contact Jen or Adrian if your group wants to undertake this for one or more in their areas	Everyone	Ongoing
Morgan requested for people <b>hosting events</b> wanting to raise awareness to submit them to the events page at <b>Shuswap Tourism</b> <a href="#">here</a>	Anyone hosting events	Ongoing
Engage Interior Health team for a <b>“health benefits perspective”</b> for funding applications or overcoming barriers for projects	Local governments	Ongoing

## Appendix 1 – Broader Initiatives Background

1. **Shuswap Trails Destination Development and Marketing Working Group (DD&M)** - a collaborative regional Working Group was formed earlier this year following the Rail Trail Business Readiness Workshops hosted by North Okanagan Community Futures. Destination BC and TOTA attended and indicated they were very interested in supporting key priorities within our Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy that align with the provincial Destination Development Iconic strategic plans including . But it requires a commitment regionally to collaborate as a hub. So the Shuswap Trail Alliance (Phil) coordinated three meetings with Economic Development, Chamber, and Tourism leads from most of our sub-regions as well as key Secwépemc leads working on trail-related destination projects (e.g. Splantsin Rail Trail, Secwepemc Landmarks, Quaaout Resort) Phil is still reaching out to others (Skwlax, Neskonlith, Adams Lake, South Shuswap Chamber, Enderby Chamber). Everyone has been keen to collaborate. Phil is proposing we umbrella this working group under the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and Roundtable as it includes most of the Secwépemc and regional ec dev/tourism/chamber regional leads who already attend the roundtable working group, and the trails roundtable shares a strategic mandate to work together as a regional hub. This would meet the requirements of Destination BC, as least as an interim measure while wider regional collaboration evolves. The Shuswap Trail Alliance can continue to provide coordination support for the DD&M working group as an ongoing extension of its role coordinating the roundtable and regional trail destination development and marketing trail guides over the last 20 years.
2. **Shuswap regional trail destination development and marketing support** - as a result of the trails DD&M working group collaboration we were able to successfully secure some fiscal year-end funding through Destination BC with support from TOTA to assist with the production of a two page trails update tear sheet to compliment the current Shuswap Trail guide, expanded info rack card printing for the Sicamous Ferry Shuttle, and support to design/build/install trailhead gateway information kiosks with Splantsin te Secwepemc content for the rail trail. Send recommendations for new trails to be noted on the update tear sheet to Phil.
3. **Destination BC/Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association opportunities, support** - Destination BC and Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association staff have also committed to working with Shuswap regional partners to strategize on long-term support for trail-based destination development in the region that align with the DBC Strategic Priorities. This includes Secwépemc and regional priorities like the Landmarks program, rail trail, and Switzmalph West Bay Connector which have been acknowledged as priorities in the provincial Destination BC Rainforest-to-Rockies strategy.
  - a. A Discussion Summary of trail-based priorities and strategic actions (OneDrive Link) was prepared during the DD&M working group meetings over the last few months. Page one lists trail-based destination development projects and actions that align with the DBC Rainforest to Rocky's Iconics program. This is a working document to help guide discussions going forward.
  - b. TOTA has developed a foundation that is prioritizing destination trail support. The foundation will work in partnership with Destination BC to help raise, hold, and distribute funds.
  - c. Wider regional tourism collaboration - Destination BC and TOTA are also exploring ways they can support wider regional tourism collaboration beyond just trail-based priorities.

- d. Regional Economic Development support - these recent conversations have also opened the opportunity to involve wider regional economic development support for Shuswap Trail initiatives. Myles Bruns (Provincial Regional Manager of Economic Development) has been providing direction along with support from Community Futures Shuswap and Community Futures North Okanagan.
  - e. Destination Marketing Support - the working group collaboration should also allow us to request reconsideration for provincial tourism marketing support that was lost with the recent collapse of Shuswap Tourism as our regional point of collaboration for destination marketing.
  - f. Shuswap Trails Destination Development & Marketing Strategy - the DD&M working group identified development of a 3-5 year Shuswap Regional Trails Destination Development & Marketing Strategy as a key next step towards longer-term support. This would involve key regional and provincial partners, and might ideally support a wider destination development collaboration if/as it evolves. DBC and TOTA are very interested in supporting this. In the meantime, shorter term priorities can continue to be identified and support sought.
  - g. Shuswap Destination Brand, Trail Guides, and Assets - an immediate action identified is the need to secure rights to manage the Shuswap Trail Guide, Mountain Bike Guide, Nordic Guide, Paddle Guide, and Cycle Touring Guide along with the regional Shuswap destination brand elements. This also includes the online versions of these guides. All need to be updated. The Shuswap Trail Alliance worked in partnership with Shuswap Tourism to help create and produce this guide series over the last 20 years, and is in a position to take on formal responsibility for the guides in Shuswap Tourism's absence on behalf of the Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable partners. Phil is following up on this with the CSRD.
4. **Trans Canada Trail - Shuswap Connector** - a new opportunity has emerged through an invitation from the Trans Canada Trail for us to officially connect Shuswap Trails to the Trans Canada Trail.
- a. The Shuswap Trail Alliance have been contacted by Trans Canada Trail staff to explore readiness for inclusion of Shuswap Trails as a registered extension to the TCT.
  - b. The Okanagan Rail Trail between Vernon and Kelowna is currently a candidate-ready extension.
  - c. The TCT would welcome adding the Splatsin te Secwépemc/Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail given the pending completion,
  - d. The work underway by the Ribbon of Greens Trail Society in Vernon to establish a connection between Armstrong and Vernon, and the potential to designate an interim connector utilizing the existing backroads network that are currently used by cyclist also make this highly feasible.
  - e. There is also an opportunity to apply to register rustic trails like the Larch Hills Traverse between Sicamous and Salmon Arm, and then looking ahead, the Salmon Arm heritage trail connection to Switzmalph and the West Bay Connector, etc etc. Each would be added as separate applications.
  - f. Commitments required to be included in the TCT are very manageable (agreement to maintain the trail to the standard it is advertised at), and inclusion of the TCT logo sign plates onto existing trail signs (TCT provides these signs free of charge).
  - g. Inclusion in the TCT network brings the benefit of expanded promotional reach AND the ability to apply for funding support through the Federal TCT grant program.

- h. The TCT staff brought the opportunity to link with Shuswap Trails back to their organization and have received the green light to begin with inclusion of the Splitsin te Secwépemc/Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail. The Shuswap Trail Alliance is reviewing the TCT registration with the rail trail partners.
- i. Phil is recommending we formally acknowledge the opportunity to link the Shuswap as an official connection to the Trans Canada Trail within our Shuswap Regional Trail Strategy priorities. This would help to support the initial link to the rail trail and subsequent applications to link additional trails (i.e. the Larch Hills Traverse, etc).