

2018 AGM Report: Executive Director

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2017 was a banner year for Shuswap trails despite the chaotic season of floods, wind, and fire, with outcomes in all 5 core pillars of our strategic planning framework.

- ✓ Regional Collaboration (e.g. Trail Strategy, Secwepemc Tourism, Rail Trail, Health, SOLF)
- ✓ Trail Stewardship (e.g. volunteer events, trail report hotline, stewardship training)
- ✓ Environmental Adaptive Planning (e.g. CSISS Play-Clean-Go, foreshore monitoring, TEST)
- ✓ Experience Development (e.g. Shuswap Trail Guide/Website, TrailRider, Tourism Marketing)
- ✓ Capital projects/technical trail services (e.g. 10 new trails. . .see below)

Trail stewards, volunteers, Secwepemc/municipal/regional/and provincial community partners, funding supporters, clubs, school groups, business teams, Rapattack, the STA trail team, and so many others worked very, very hard successfully adding an incredible 10 new trails in 2017 totaling over 12,000 metres, and installing over 300 new signs – not to mention maintaining 260,000 metres of existing trail.

Regional Collaboration – Huge thanks go out to all the leaders throughout the region who work together to make the Shuswap a healthier place to live, work, and play. It truly is and continues to be a team effort. This includes the hard working Secwepemc, Provincial, regional/municipal, tourism & economic development, trail stewardship clubs & societies, health, education, environmental, and industry leaders who are meeting through the Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable and the quarterly Working Group. Thank you to all the dedicated Secwepemc, Provincial, Regional, and Municipal staff we have the great privilege of working with every day; the sector agencies who have jumped in deep; the diverse, wise, and talented Shuswap Trail Alliance board and sub-committee members; the Shuswap Trail Alliance management team and trail crew; and the many trail stewardship organizations and volunteers who have dedicated so much of their time. Remarkable! *Kukstemc* (Thank you).

The Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and Roundtable – The Roundtable continues to grow and evolve as the formal meeting point for all invested in Shuswap trials and their care to work together in a spirit of respect, cooperation, and stewardship to *take care of the land*. . .Y'icwetsutce.

Seventy people from Secwépemc, local and provincial governments, along with trail user groups, environmental stewardship, industry, business, economic development, tourism, invasive species and health organizations gathered for the third annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable meeting at the Chase Community Hall in November 2017.

The objectives for the meeting were to provide update on progress of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year, to seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy for next year, and endorse the annual work plan, and convene all trail user groups, build relationships, and share information.

An updated work plan and funding strategy were developed inviting a four-year commitment of support from each of the partners. Commitments have been confirmed by the Provincial Recreation Sites and Trails BC office and the Sexqéltkemc te Secwepemc Lakes Division Chiefs and Councils. Further commitments are pending. The Fraser Basin Council have been contracted to resume facilitation of the Roundtable in 2018 on behalf of the Shuswap Trail Alliance, who are tasked with administering the Strategy and Roundtable on the partners behalf.

10 New Trails in 2017 – despite the crazy wind-flood-wind-fire-wind-snow season we had, trail stewards, volunteers, munipcal/regional/and provincial community partners, funding supporters, clubs, school groups, business teams, Rapattack, the STA trail team, and so many others worked very, very hard in 2017. The result is an incredible 10 new trails added (yes 10!), totaling over 12,000 metres. A special word of acknowledgement to the Provincial BC Rural Dividend Program that provided a substantial grant leveraged against our 2017 fundraising to support the 2017 trail building season.

Check out the links below, and be sure to explore the hot new geo-referenced pdf map links c/o or partners at the CSRD GIS department posted online at www.shuswaptrails.com:

- Black Dog and Double D Mountain Bike Climb Trails at Rubberhead Trail System (Partners: Rec Sites & Trails BC, Shuswap Bike Club, the STA, Canoe Forest Products, Stella-Jones, Rapattack, and BCRDP grant funding)
- Mo Budda Mountain Bike and Toby Trott EQ trails at South Canoe Trail System (Partners: The South Shuswap Trail Advisory, the STA, the City of Salmon Arm, Rec Sites and Trails BC, Shuswap Bike Club, Backcountry Horsemen Shuswap, EQ Trail Association, Salmon Arm Fish & Game, Woodlot 1571, Canoe Forest Products, Rapattack, Skookum Cycle, and BCRDP grant funding)
- <u>Farrell's Field Nature Trails</u> at Celista/CSRD Area F (Partners: CSRD Parks Area F, North Shuswap Lion's Club, STA)
- Malakwa Community Park Trails in Malakwa/CSRD Area E (Partners: CSRD Parks Area E, STA)
- <u>Top-O-the-Sic 2 km Single Track Addition</u> to the Larch Hills Traverse (Partners: Rec Sites and Trails BC, STA, Canoe Forest Products, and BCRDP grant funding)
- <u>Around-the-Hill Greenway Loop</u> Addition to the Larch Hills Traverse (Partners: Rec Sites and Trails BC, STA, Shuswap Outdoors, Larch Hills Nordic Society, Canoe Forest Products, and BCRDP grant funding)
- <u>Historic Pack Trail</u> at North Fork Wild (Partners: Rec Sites and Trails BC, STA, Peter Jenning, CSRD Parks Area E, the Shuswap Outdoor Learning Foundation, and BCRDP grant funding)
- Canoe Ball Diamond Beach Trail Connector in Salmon Arm (Partners: City of Salmon Arm, STA)
- <u>Salmon Arm Memorial Cemetery Trail</u> pond loop in Salmon Arm (Partners: City of Salmon Arm, STA, School District 83 students)
- And Bonus stash! Sicamous Greenways 100 new trail signs installed (Partners: District of Sicamous and the STA)

Trail Signage – 385 new greenway trail signs went up in 2017, including signage on the new trails, repairs and updates to the entire Rubberhead Trail System, and the extraordinary push by the District of Sicamous to install over 100 new trail signs throughout the community. Watch for more in 2018.

New Trail Planning – 21 new trail planning projects were initiated in 2017 with the support of regional partners including the CSRD, the City of Salmon Arm, the new Salmon Arm MRDT (Hotel Tax) Fund, the

North Shuswap Lion's Club, and the Provincial Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operation and Rural Development's BC Rural Dividend Program grant.

Final reviews are underway for new trail work in 2018 to include Balmoral, Gayle Creek, North Fork Wild, Rubberhead, Chase, and South Canoe. Plus there's wider Shuswap Trails round-table planning underway in areas like the Owlhead, Joss Mountain, and Eagle Pass alpine, Larch Hills Traverse, Rubberhead, the Kela7scen (Mt Ida) management discussions, Haines Creek, Glenemma, Scatchard, and Lee Creek, Onyx and Hunakwa in the North Shuswap.

Planning priorities targeted for 2018 also include exploration of potential new Evelyn Falls Trail Extensions (North Shuswap), Scotch Creek/Hlina Trail Extensions (North Shuswap), Mt Ida North Slopes Trail Plan (Salmon Arm), Rubberhead Mountain Bike Trail (Larch Hills/Salmon Arm), Larch Hills Traverse 109 FSR Section (Larch Hills/CSRD Area E), East Shuswap Alpine (Sicamous/CSRD Area E) — including Queest, Anstey, Owlhead, Eagle Pass, Joss, and McPherson/English, and Enderby-to-Mabel Lake Road Corridor along Shuswap River and surrounding area.

2018 will also see blueways being explored for paddle access, invasive species tackled at trailheads, a complete trail guide redo with Shuswap Tourism, more trail signs, even more geo-referenced maps developed in partnership with the CSRD GIS staff, launch of the South Shuswap Destination Trail planning process with CSRD Area C, new developments in the Adams River Pictograph Protection program with BC Parks, Little Shuswap, Adams Lake, and Neskonlith Bands ready for the peak salmon run, further planning to explore the West Bay connectors with the Switzmalph Cultural Society, Neskonlith, Adams Lake, Little Shuswap Bands, and the City of Salmon Arm, and support for the Kela7scen (Mt. Ida) management plan process with Secwepemc leadership. Plus can you say rail-trails?

It will be another pivotal year for Shuswap Trails ahead, particularly in using the trails as a tool for ongoing reconciliation, relationship building between Secwepemc First Nations and the wider communities, and telling the true story of this place that is our home. As expressed at the Joss-Tsuius-Mabel alpine recreational access planning discussion recently hosted by Splatsin and facilitated by the STA - there is a new awakening in the land and an opportunity to work together to manage ourselves differently and well.

Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail – The Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail took a giant step forward in 2017! The Regional District of North Okanagan and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District successfully concluded the purchase of the CP Rail Corridor between Sicamous and Armstrong. Working in partnership with Splatsin and the regional municipal governments - along with 1/3rd Provincial funding support by MLA Greg Kyllo and former Minister of Transport, Todd Stone - the corridor will be "used for recreational opportunities, including walking and cycling, while retaining it for future transportation and economic development needs. There is also long-term potential to connect this corridor to the Okanagan Rail Trail, which is currently under development, connecting the City of Kelowna to the District of Coldstream." (Check out the full news release here.)

The Shuswap Trail Alliance is pleased to continue to support the efforts of the Splatsin and local RDNO/CSRD regional and municipal governments in the next phases of planning and development. It is an unprecedented opportunity to realize what Splatsin Kupki7 (Chief) Wayne Christian and Council have described as telling the true story of this place.

Trail Maintenance – Over 267,000 meters of trail were maintained throughout 2017 (and that's not including the trails managed by the Larch Hills Nordic Society, the Skmana Ski Club, or the EQ Trail Assocition at Skimikin!) It was a particularly challenging year with the extreme variables of weather, water, and fire. But trail stewards, regional and provincial land managers, trail clubs, the Shuswap Trail Crew, and volunteers throughout the region came together. We thank the ongoing commitments to support trail maintenance by the CSRD Parks department, City of Salmon Arm, BC Parks, and Recreation Sites and Trails BC, and the particularly significant contribution of the Rapattack crew.

We acknowledge the extraordinary work of the region's well-established Trail Organizations including the Larch Hills Nordic Society, Shuswap Outdoors, the Skamana Ski Club, SABNES, and the EQ Trail Association. And also the growing new trail advisories and stewardship groups like the South Canoe Trails Advisory, the White Lake Trail Stewards, the Pileateers, Park Hill, and the Shuswap Bike Club.

A new initiative to grow new trail stewardship advisories is underway this year championed by the Shuswap Trail Alliance's Adrian Bostock and Lori Schneider Wood. Interested in joining one of the new advisories? Email Lori at admin@shuswaptrails.com.

And finally – a great big word of thanks to Glen Pilling who manages the Trail Report hotline. Glen is the uber volunteer who reads all those trees down and flooding issues you send into trailreport@shuswaptrails.com, notes them down on the record table, and then forwards them on to the relevant land managers and trail stewards. Keep those notes coming.

Trail Promotion – work with Shuswap Tourism and regional partners in 2017 included a full update of the Shuswap Trail guide to come out in June this year, which has also allowed us to work through all the online information and look to a full update this season. As well, the CSRD GIS staff have now taken on acting as the central hub for housing all master trail files throughout the Shuswap. They helped us clean up all the existing map files and produced 66 brand new geo-reference pdf maps that can be downloaded from the Shuswap Trails website for printing or use on mobile devices. This year, the GIS team is working with us to upgrade the online Google Earth trail maps which will soon be linked directly to the master files at the CSRD. Yay!

Watch for work on a new mountain bike trail map supplement to compliment the updated Trail Guide in 2018. Local mountain bike leadership are working on assembling focused information along with the new maps, plus continue to update the TrailForks app, thanks to funding through Salmon Arm MRDT.

And a massive thank you to D'Arcy MacLeod who has been doing a spectacular job managing the Shuswap Trails Facebook site. He's keeping us excited and informed on all things trail-related throughout the Shuswap – and when the news is a little lean, he posts tantalizing photos from his own trail explorations. Thanks to D'Arcy for keeping us so well connected.

Leveraging Partnerships – All Shuswap Trail projects supported through the Shuswap Trail Alliance are based on working partnerships. In 2017 over 50 partners worked together on over 65 projects throughout the Shuswap representing Secwepemc, Provincial, Regional/Municipal orders of government, industry, business, environment, economic development, tourism, health, education, recreational trail user groups, and community residents. Plus over 5400 volunteer hours were logged.

Shuswap trail leadership are giving an especially big shout out of thanks this year to the Provincial Ministry of Forest Range and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development who awarded a BC

Rural Development Program Grant to assist with trail work in 2017. That was matched with funding from the annual February fundraiser event along with project funding through the CSRD Parks Areas C, D, E, F, the City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, City of Enderby, RDNO Area F, BC Parks, Shuswap Tourism, the Salmon Arm MRDT Hotel Tax Funds, Shuswap Community Foundation, North Shuswap Lions Club, Bike-for-Your-Life, and the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society.

We were successful securing another BC Rural Dividend Grant in 2018 to support further planning throughout the region. Unfortunately, we were not successful in securing a BC Rural Development Program grant for trail building in 2018, but have been asked to reapply for future funding, which we will do. The Salmon Arm MRDT Hotel Tax funding strategy continues to include support for trail planning, signage, and marketing in 2018. Our regional operational grants continue with CSRD Areas C, D, E, F, City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, City of Enderby, and RDNO Area F.

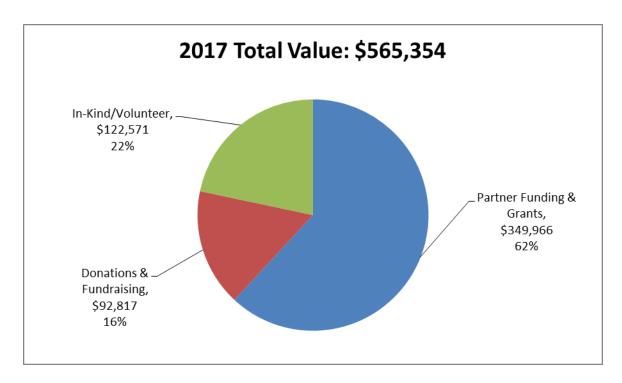
To date in 2018, new project funding has been secured by the South Canoe Trail Advisory through the Backcountry Horsemen Shuswap, EQ Trails, and Horse Council of BC to add another EQ trail connector to the existing trails. Two BC Parks Enhancement Fund grants carry through to support the Adams River Pictograph protection project and the Owlhead Recreational Access signage project. The City of Salmon Arm has committed project funding for greenway upgrade and signage priorities. And Recreation Sites and Trails BC and the Sexqéltkemc te Secwepemc Lakes Division have confirmed funding to support the 4-year Shuswap Trails Roundtable proposal — other regional partners are reviewing the proposal.

A few of the key 2017 funding partners are listed below, but please see the full 2017 project tables and the Shuswap Regional Roundtable Participant list for a snapshot of the many ways leadership is collaborating.

• Leveraged Funding Partnerships:

- ✓ BC Parks Parks Enhancement Fund
- ✓ BC Rural Dividend Program (MFLNRO)
- ✓ Bike-for-Your-Life
- ✓ Canada Summer Jobs
- ✓ Community Fundraising
- ✓ CSRD Parks Area C, D, E, F
- ✓ City of Salmon Arm
- ✓ City of Enderby/NORD Area F Parks
- ✓ Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Soc.
- ✓ District of Sicamous
- ✓ North Shuswap Lions Club
- ✓ RBC Foundation
- ✓ Recreation Sites and Trails BC
- ✓ Salmon Arm MRDT Funding (Hotel Tax)
- ✓ Shuswap Bike Club
- ✓ Shuswap Community Foundation
- ✓ Shuswap Tourism
- ✓ Community Fundraising
- ✓ Volunteers & In-kind

• Total Leveraged Value in 2017: \$565,354



The 2017 Numbers At-a-Glance...

Fences	2			
Trail stiles	2			
New stairs	2	sets		
New signs	385			
Planned km	228427	metres		
Individual Trail Plans	21			
Conservation/Access Management Projects	8			
Strategic Plans	1			
From 2017 Volunteer Log:				
Total Individual Volunteers	357			
Total Volunteer Days	67			
Total Individual Youth	213			
Interpretive and Information Events	9			
Total Youth Days (in above)	12			
Total Hours	3466.57			
Total Value	\$55,465.12			
Additional Professional Volunteer Hours	1957.04			
Additional Professional Volunteer Value	\$60,983.91	\$60,983.91		
Total In-Kind Volunteer Hours	5423.61			
Total In-Kind Volunteer Value	\$116,449.03			

Since 2006, regional partners working through the Shuswap Trail Alliance have completed. . .

- Over 300+ greenway trail projects (plans, projects, repair, promotion, programs)
- 11 signature trail systems, over 100 regional trails, in all seven sub-regional areas
- Build over 120 km of new trails valued over \$2.15 million
- 10 environmental plans, 8 restoration projects, 17 adaptive trail monitoring locations
- Over 1500 trail signs, 6000 blazes, 25 trailhead kiosks, 1 trail report hotline
- Emerging four-season trail based marketing (trail guide, website, facebook, maps. . .)
- \$4,480,000 in leveraged cash/in–kind investment

2016 – 2020 Strategic Priorities:

- 2018 Priorities. . .currently over 40 project targets in all sub-regions of the Shuswap
 - → Complete Shuswap Trail Alliance business plan update
 - → Facilitate Regional Trail Strategy Roundtable and Access Management Priorities
 - → Support inter-jurisdictional development of the Sicamous Armstrong Rail Trail
 - → Complete Shuswap Trail guide update with Shuswap Tourism, upgrade online trail mapping with CSRD GIS, and develop new mountain bike trail map mini-guide
 - → Continue Annual Trail Maintenance Schedule, Stewardship Support, & Trail Report
 - → Continue Ongoing Trail Planning & Capital Project Targets with Regional Partners (See 2018 Shuswap Trails Project Update Worksheet)

• 2016 – 2020 Strategic Priorities:

- → Facilitate Regional Trails Roundtable includes motorized and non-motorized reps
- → Continue to Develop & Maintain community trails as specified by community strategic plans (includes OCP/CCP, Greenways, Active Transportation, Parks, & Stewardship Plans)
- → Implement Access Management Priorities see identified regional hotspots
- → Grow the Volunteer Trail Stewardship Program and Local Trail Advisories
- → Update Regional Greenway Trail Strategy, Business Plan, and Marketing Plan
- → Develop and Implement Community Active Transportation Plans (Walk/Bicycle)
- → Advance Community-to-Community Trail Connectors (e.g. Rail-Trail, West Bay. . .)

Again, thank you – to everyone working together to grow the Shuswap Trails vision and legacy and make our communities healthier places to live, work, and play. To support the ongoing Shuswap Trails efforts consider making a donation, contributing to the legacy endowment, or coming out to a volunteer trail day. For more visit www.shuswaptrails.com.

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1503	Adams River Pictographs	PEF2017/BCParks/LSIB/ALIB/Chase					
1718	Balmoral Property Access Closure	CSRD Parks/Pilchers PO#7167					
		BCTS/CSRD Parks				1121	
		CRSD Parks PO#7833 BCParks/STA/Stewards/Sexq Lakes Div					
		STA/CFShuswap/Partners					
	. , ,	CSJ Grant					
		Chase/Stewards					
		SCF Grant					
		CSRD Parks PO#7831			59735		
	7 9	CSRD Parks PO#6879 CSRD Parks			68778		
		Splatsin/BCParks/RecSites/EVSC/SicATV/Tolk	10			6971	
		BC Parks/STA				0371	
		Enderby/Splats'n/BCHealthyCom/STA					10
		Enderby/NORD-F/Grindrod Park					
		SCF/SOLF/SD83/OutdoorEdCircle					
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		CSRD Parks/SMClub/STA/SORE/Roundtable				2690	
1449	Healthy Communities (Shuswap)	IHA and Regional/Municipal/NGO partners					
707f	Hunakwa Lake Trails - Plan	BC Parks/STA/Stewards				24600	
		Roundtable/Splatsin/STA/MFLNRO/RSTBC				15395	
		ALIB/LSLIB/NIB/Splatsin/STS/SORE/MFLNRO/	CSRD/SA				
		LHNS, Rec Sites Trails, BC Parks, etc			20000		40
		LHT Spring Clean up and sign fix NS Lions Club/BCRDP			38000	14450	13
_	LHT Cedar Circle (North Hub) - Around-the-Hill Greenway Loo		6500			6500	5
		STA/Rec Sites Trails/CanoeFP	2000			3003	7
	•	CSRD Parks/Malakwa Comm Assoc PO#6892	350				2
		McAbee Working Group/CFDC Sun Country/MF	LNRO Heritage				
		SAEDS/MRDT Committee	-				
		SOLF/SD83/CSRD Parks/STA PO#7159					
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		SOLF/SD83/CSRD Parks/STA	700				
		CSRD Parks/NSStewards/NS Lions Club				5610	
707g	Owlhead - Trail Upgrade Plan	Splatsin/BCParks/RecSites/EVSC/SicATV/Tolk	0			9500	
1504	Owlhead Access Management Plan (incls PEFund 2017)	PEF2017/Splatsin/BCParks/RecSites/EVSC/Si	cATV/Tolko				1
		AMA Torres del Paine/CONAF/TRU					
	,	CSRD/RDNO/Splatsin/End/Sic/Arm/Spal/SA					
	9	Together Shuswap, etc.					
	,	SCIP/Roots&Blues/Browne-Johnson					
	3	Armstrong Trail Society			20000		23
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		SBikeClub/STA/RSTBC/CanoeFP/StellaJones	1950			24000	12
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		City SA PO#44172			37,760		
		City SA PO#44343/Pileated Woods Stewards			,		30
		City SA/Greenways/Stewards					
1723	Salmon Arm - Raven (Foreshore) Trail - Adaptive Monitoring	City SA/SABNES/Advisory PO#45199					
		City SA PO#40219				1600	7
		City SA PO#43602/SD83 Students	400				10
		David Lepsoe/Village of Chase/ALIB/NIB Splatsin/ALL PARTNERS/TOTA				E0000	
		Rec Sites/CSRD/ST/Lks Div/Fraser Basin/IHA				50000	
		City SA/Rec Sites/SC Advisory Partners					
		Shuswap Community Foundation					
		BCRDP/STA/Regional Partners					
1617	Sicamous Greenway Signs 2016	District of Sicamous/STA for sign printing					99
		EQ Trails/BC Rec Sites Trails/BCRDP				26300	
		City SA/Rec Sites/SC Advisory Partners	2430				9
		City SA/Rec Sites/SC Advisory Partners	1766				15
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		STA/Stewards				10130	
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		STA/RSTBC/Phyla Biological (J Ayotte)					
		RSTBC Chilliwack					
		STA subsidized					
		STA/CSRD GIS/Rec Sites					
		STA subsidized/Volunteer/in-kind			20000		
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		CSRD Parks PO #7175			1200		
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