

Meeting summary of the fifth annual

# Shuswap Trails Roundtable

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## Introduction

Over 70 leaders and representatives from Secwepemc, local, regional, and provincial governments, trail user groups, tourism, environmental stewardship, industry, and health organizations met in Sicamous for the fifth annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable meeting. Although the Roundtable participants represent a diverse cross-section of communities and sectors throughout the Shuswap region, they all share an interest and responsibility for trails of all kinds.

The objectives for the Roundtable meeting were:

- To convene all trail user groups, build relationships, and share information
- To provide an update on the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy progress in 2018
- To seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and endorse the annual work plan for 2019.

The Roundtable agenda can be found in Appendix 1. Presentations from the day are [here](#).

## Welcoming Comments

Kukpi7 Wayne Christian welcomed participants and sang the Secwepemc Welcome Song. He commented on the importance of the discussions today for responsibly interacting with the land, and being mindful of the fact that people have been here on this landscape long before us. Kukpi7 Christian commented on the importance of collaboration and working towards reconciliation.

Sicamous Mayor Terry Rysz acknowledged Secwepemc Territory and thanked participants for attending despite the less-than-ideal travel conditions. He remarked on the traditional meaning of “Sicamous”, which means in Secwepemctsin “in the middle”. He also remarked that the Shuswap Trails Strategy is incredibly important to the District of Sicamous and he highlighted the recent acquisition of the Sicamous-Armstrong rail corridor for trail development.

Columbia Shuswap Regional District Chair Rhona Martin acknowledged the traditional territory of the Secwepemc people and expressed her gratitude for the collaborative and progressive work of the Roundtable.

Joe McCulloch welcomed everyone and covered some housekeeping items. He acknowledged Rene St. Onge, a passionate snowmobiling advocate and resident of Sicamous, who passed away recently.

Mike Simpson acknowledged funders and members of the Shuswap Trails Working Group. Introductions were made around the room. The list of participants and contact information can be found in Appendix 2.

## Shuswap Trails Roundtable values: Building pathways to the future on foundations of respect

Phil McIntyre-Paul explained some of the history to the formation of the Roundtable, as being built upon principles and values of respect and relationships. He explained the core values of the Regional Trails Strategy which were shaped by Secwepemc leadership:

- The approach is a participatory, relationship-based, community-development model
- Y'icwetsutce (taking care of the land)
- Respect, stewardship and cooperation
- Letter of Understanding: a formal commitment to work together

He then invited Roundtable participants to reflect on the foundation and successes of the Roundtable, and on challenges and opportunities. This input would be collected, collated, and brought forward to the Shuswap Trails Working Group.

A few Roundtable participants offered their comments, such as their observations of trust being built, recreationists self-regulating, preventing over-use in some recreational areas, planning for the future, and the need for ongoing education and oral traditions.<sup>1</sup>

### 2018 Progress Highlights: Active Transportation

Councillor Fred Torbohm and Joni Heinrich presented on the Village of Chase Active Transportation initiative which sought to develop improved pedestrian, cyclist, and senior mobility as well as nature trails. The Village has produced maps for cycling and walking paths. Future opportunities include trail linkages with Adams Lake Indian Band, Neskonlith, and working with highway developments.



Ryan Nitche introduced the Salmon River Parallel Trail as “an exercise in persistence that is leading to success”. Some of the challenges for CSRD to establish separate parallel pathways include ownership (Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure), cost, and Section 11 permits from BC MFLNRORD. The Salmon River Parallel Trail is a phased plan to establish a trail between Silver Creek Park and the Silver Creek Community Hall, a distance of nearly 4 km. Construction of a trail and foot-bridge is anticipated to commence this spring, thanks in part to a grant from BikeBC.

Louis Thomas spoke about the need for an active transportation corridor in the West Bay area to make pedestrian and cycling safer from the communities in that area to/from Salmon Arm. Councillor Gina Johnny commented on the importance for all the communities in the area to work together to build a parallel trail all at once, rather piece-by-piece.

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<sup>1</sup> A summary of input collected on the ‘Roundtable Reflection’ exercise worksheets can be found in Appendix 3 of this meeting summary

## 2018 Progress Highlights: Secwepemc initiatives



Shelley Witzky introduced initiatives led by Secwepemc communities, a collection of projects including an Elders' Tour in 2016 from the Shuswap to Lake Louise to identify landmarks and opportunities, cultural camps, seasonal gatherings and a recent landmark established off Hwy 1 near Monte Creek. Sutra Brett commented on his personal experience of coming to Canada from New Zealand and being alarmed that First Nations culture isn't as prominent as where he grew up steeped in Maori culture. The Secwepemc

Landmarks Project is addressing this by establishing sculptures that help orient people on the landscape, and educate people about culture and place names.

Frank Antoine commented on the opportunities in Indigenous Tourism, and sharing First Nations culture with the entire community. He told an inspirational story about his experience facilitating the Cottonwood Canoe project at Quaaout a couple years ago.

The Secwepemc Tourism and Landmarks projects will help to establish protocols that guide future trail development throughout the region.

## Shuswap Trails Roundtable business

Mike Simpson briefly reviewed the previous four years of Roundtable meetings, in various locations, starting in 2014. He introduced a piece of business for the Roundtable, which is to approve the previous year's meeting summary. He explained that the Roundtable makes decisions via consensus, that that today's meeting had quorum<sup>2</sup>.

The meeting summaries for 2016 (which could not be approved in 2017 due to not having quorum) and 2017 were approved.

## 2018 Progress Highlights: South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan

Ryan Nitchie introduced the vision of creating a destination trail network for motorized and non-motorized recreation throughout the South Shuswap peninsula. Sutra Brett elaborated on steps done to-date, including work done by staff and contractors on preliminary planning and inventorying. The Master Plan will include Secwepemc Landmarks, and work toward establishing a 140-km Cinnemousun Trail over time that circumnavigates the peninsula. Consultation with Secwepemc and local leadership is currently underway.

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<sup>2</sup> Shuswap Trails Roundtable Quorum is described in the [Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy](#), Appendix 9

### Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail update

Ryan Nitchie provided an update on the rail-trail initiative and credited Splatsin for providing leadership and catalyzing momentum on the project. In December 2017, Splatsin, CSRD and RDNO collectively purchased approximately 50 km of rail line from Canadian Pacific for the purposes of establishing a lakeside trail from Sicamous to Armstrong. There is still much work to be done including working with jurisdictional partners and establishing secure funding for planning and trail development.

### Recreation Sites & Trails BC update

Kevin Eskelin provided an update on behalf of the provincial recreation branch. He commented on the province's forthcoming E-bike policy, noting that electric bikes are growing in popularity. The branch is committed to working with stewardship groups in determining how best to manage E-bikes and implement the new policy, ensuring public safety and preventing environmental degradation.

He also commented on the success of the Roundtable as a large, well-represented collaborative group for outdoor recreation in the Shuswap; such groups provide a valuable service to government in advancing collaborative management.

### Sub-regional discussions

Roundtable participants broke into seven working groups, one for each of the planning sub-regions in the Shuswap, and were asked to discuss the following questions:

- *What trails-related issues exist in this sub-region that need to be addressed? What are the emerging issues?*
- *How do we work together in this sub-region? Do we need structures such as committees or specific point-people to enhance capacity? If so, who is willing to step up?*
- *What is the big picture for the sub-region? If we restrict access in one area, where do we allow it to increase? Considering cumulative effects, what are the areas to promote rails and different uses?*
- *What new funding opportunities are out there?*
- *Other comments on the sub-region?*

Break-out groups were invited to briefly present the highlights of their group discussions to the entire Roundtable:

**Salmon Arm Bay:** issues in this sub-region include multi-use in several recreational areas including Larch Hills and Kela7scen (Mt. Ida), and the need for signage and appropriate protection measures. There is an opportunity to connect the Haney "Heritage Trail" through Salmon Arm to the Mary Thomas Heritage Centre. Invasive species are a concern, particularly in Salmon Arm Bay and Turner Creek. The proposed West Bay Trail is a top priority. Opportunities for partnerships and collaboration were suggested, including

engaging post-secondary institutions and the First Nation Leadership Tech Council; additionally, potential funding was noted via Destination BC, Bike BC, and the Rural Dividend Fund. Anita Ely volunteered to help keep everyone engaged in the sub-region via email, in between Roundtable meetings. A major theme that emerged in this sub-region was uncertainty about who/which organization is the 'convenor', acknowledging that Shuswap Trail Alliance is at capacity.

**Shuswap River:** several issues and opportunities were noted for the forthcoming Sicamous-Armstrong rail-trail including parking, maintenance, impacts to wildlife, waste disposal, and the potential for campsite development; the vision for the sub-region includes the development of a parallel trail connecting Enderby, Splatsin, and the Enderby Cliffs.

**East Shuswap:** Issues include closures, lack of monitoring of back-country use, and overlapping back-country use particularly in The Gorge area; group participants endorsed the need for a sub-committee; capitalize on the opportunity to use existing clubs to inform, educate and engage trail users.

**Glenemma/Falkland:** Issues include signage for multi-use trails and staging for equestrian and motorized uses; trail grants may be accessed through the Backcountry Horsemen of BC and/or the Horse Council of BC, or via BC Off-Road Motorcycle Association.

**North Shuswap:** Long-outstanding uncompleted trail projects were noted; the Shuswap Trail Advisory Committee and North Shuswap Chamber of Commerce were identified as two groups to add capacity. A vision for the sub-region includes a completed network of trails, with emphasis on beach access, bike trails and multi-use pathways, and potential for a historic 'Scotch Creek Gold Rush Trail'.

**West Shuswap:** The pillar at Pillar Lake is eroding and/or damaged and needs protection (significant cultural importance); it was suggested that previously damaged or disturbed areas be recommended for ongoing motorized uses, and protect pristine areas from damage rather than enabling access to them; opportunities for new trail linkages exist between Neskonlith, Adams Lake band, Village of Chase and Scotch Creek. Several indigenous organizations were identified as possible sources of funding for trail crews, supplies, and outreach.

**Inner Shuswap:** issues include ongoing maintenance required at Reinecker Creek, and the need for motorized users to establish a formal group so that they can be properly engaged in planning and outreach, as well as enhance funding opportunities. The 'big picture' for the region is the South Shuswap Destination Trail.

#### 2018 Progress Highlights: Kela7scen (Mt. Ida)

Louis Thomas noted the importance of Kela7scen to all Secwepemc people, and that work is underway to replace the old agreement with the provincial government about use in the area. Once that is in place, work with different user groups can proceed.

## 2018 Annual Report and funding update

Phil McIntyre-Paul provided an overview of 2018 activities and revenue and expenses. The Shuswap Trail Alliance secured funding from BC Rural Dividend Program to support planning with an emphasis on Joss-Tsuius-Mabel area. The Working Group has recommended four-year funding cycles. An update of partner funding and in-kind commitments to-date was provided.

## 2019 Annual work plan and budget

Mike Simpson explained that the Working Group has already met once in 2019, and the workplan for the year will be updated with input from today's Roundtable meeting.

Working Group meetings are scheduled to take place on April 12<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, and October 18<sup>th</sup>. Locations to be determined, and organizations to host meetings and provide coffee and lunch are encouraged.

*\* Since these were discussed at the Roundtable, the Working Group facilitators have realized there is a conflict with the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting date and it will likely need to be re-scheduled.*

## Closing comments

Mike gave everyone in the room the opportunity to announce an upcoming event or initiative relevant to trails in the Shuswap:

- CE Analytics Cumulative Effects conference on May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> in Kamloops. Visit [cfxconference.com](http://cfxconference.com) to learn more and to register.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Loose Screw' dual-sport event on August 10<sup>th</sup> featuring five routes and lunch in Falkland. Contact Brad Vickerson for more information.
- Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club fundraiser on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Valley Secondary School. Great prizes to be won! Contact Gord Bushell for more information.
- The Lewiston Ultra Marathon is returning to Salmon Arm on September 28<sup>th</sup>
- There will be a 'Mountain Safety' night in Sicamous on February 15<sup>th</sup> with Search & Rescue and Avalanche Canada in attendance
- Armstrong-Spallumcheen Trail Society is leading a hike up Rose Swanson mountain on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Marge Sidney for more information.
- Rivershed Society of BC is hosting a forum at Thompson Rivers University, April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for more information.

Phil McIntyre-Paul offered his closing comments by thanking participants, especially to the newcomers. He also remarked on the value of physically coming together, and despite the meeting itself not being laden with 'work', it's evident that people are listening, learning, and very much committed to the work to come.

## Appendix 1: Shuswap Trails Roundtable Agenda

# Shuswap Trails Roundtable

Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sicamous & District Recreation Centre | 1121 Eagle Pass Way, Sicamous BC

Agenda as at February 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Objectives

- Provide update on progress of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year
- To seek feedback on priorities for the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, and endorse the annual work plan
- Convene all trail user groups, build relationships, and share information

Time	Topic	Who and/or format
9:00	Doors open, coffee and networking, set up displays (optional)	
9:30	Welcoming comments and prayer Acknowledge territory Introductions, review agenda	Splatsin, District of Sicamous, CSRD Phil McIntyre-Paul – Shuswap Trail Alliance Mike Simpson – Fraser Basin Council
9:50	Building pathways to the future on foundations of respect - looking forward as we reflect on the foundation and values of the roundtable	Sunny LeBourdais and Phil McIntyre-Paul
10:05	Reflections on history, successes, challenges, current status, areas for growth for the Roundtable	Small group discussion and independent input <i>Report out highlights and/or provide individual submissions throughout the day</i>
10:25	2018 progress highlights: Active Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chase Active Transportation</li> <li>• Salmon River Parallel Trail</li> <li>• West Bay</li> </ul>	Joni Heinrich and Fred Torbohm Ryan Nitchie Louis Thomas
10:45	Coffee break and networking	
11:15	Secwepemc updates on various initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Tourism Project</li> <li>• Secwepemc Landmarks Project</li> <li>• Cumulative Effects Assessment</li> </ul> <i>Q&amp;A to follow</i>	Shelley Witzky and Frank Antoine
11:50	Shuswap Trails Roundtable business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting summaries for 2016 and 2017</li> <li>• Quorum</li> </ul> <i>Q&amp;A to follow</i>	Mike Simpson
12:00	Lunch break and networking	
1:00	2018 progress highlights: South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan	Ryan Nitchie and Sutra Brett
1:10	Sicamous to Armstrong Rail-Trail status update <i>Q&amp;A to follow</i>	Ryan Nitchie and Sharen Berger
1:20	Recreation Sites and Trails BC update	Kevin Eskelin
1:30	Sub-regional discussions <i>See back page</i>	Small group discussions by area of choice <i>See questions on back page</i>
2:30	Coffee break and networking	
3:00	2018 progress highlights: Kela7scen (Mt. Ida)	Louis Thomas
3:10	2018 Annual Report and funding update	Phil McIntyre-Paul
3:30	2019 Annual work plan and budget	Phil McIntyre-Paul and Mike Simpson
3:45	Next steps, closing comments	Everyone
4:00	Adjourn & safe travels	

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### Sub-regional discussions:

Sub-region	Discussion leaders
Inner Shuswap	Sutra Brett, Carmen Massey
East Shuswap	Gord Bushell, Marshall Kronewitt
Shuswap River	Denis Delisle and others TBD
Falkland	Linda Buchanan, Brad Vickerson
Salmon Arm Bay	Anita Ely and/or Louis Thomas
North Shuswap	Wes DeArmond and others TBD
West Shuswap	Joni Heinrich

### Small group discussion questions:

- What trails-related issues exist in your sub-region that need to be addressed? Are there any emerging issues?
- How do we work together? Do we need structure, such as committees or specific point-people to enhance capacity? If so, who is willing to step up?
- What is the big picture for the sub-region? If we restrict access in one area, where do we allow it to increase? What are the areas to promote trails and different kinds of trail use? (elements of Cumulative Effects Assessment)
- What are the connections between trails? How do they connect with one another? What are the opportunities?
- What new funding opportunities are out there?

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

## Appendix 2: Shuswap Trails Roundtable Participants

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## Appendix 3: Reflections Summary

### 1. What do you value about the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and Roundtable?

- Opportunity to network, meet people (12)
- Inclusion of First Nations, connecting with First Nations, cross-cultural learning, welcome (8)
- Diversity of outdoor recreation sector present (7)
- Relationship building (6)
- Diverse groups at all levels that take the time to attend; shows common interest to work together (6)
- Opportunity to provide input and share knowledge, collaborate (6)
- Updates on projects, opportunity to introduce project ideas (5)
- A community initiative; not a special interest group; not a political platform (2)
- Respect, honouring (2)
- Greater understanding of creating a bigger picture of how to work together for future generations; strategic planning based on multiple user groups (2)
- Trust building
- Reaffirmation of common core values, respecting the land base, ensuring that it thrives in the future
- Concept of roundtable is ancient, and very inspiring to have this tool
- Becoming more aware of the Strategy and processes
- Improves our legitimacy with higher levels of government
- It's a positive example of an excellent collaborative process
- Strong leadership and diverse make-up of the Roundtable

### 2. What are some of the successes of the Roundtable to date?

- Building relationships, connections, partnerships and networking (10)
- Replacing silos with improved communication and cooperation (7); user groups are starting to work with each other instead of against each other; motorized working with non-motorized; trail groups interacting with First Nations and province
- Signing of the LOU in 2015, legitimizing the process with First Nations (6)
- Collaboration (6); level of collaboration growing each year; culture of collaboration
- Increasing First Nations connections, understanding their use in area (4)
- Trust with each group (3)
- Multi-use trails (e.g., Salmon River Parallel Trail, Chase Active Transportation) (3)
- Numerous comprehensive planning sessions and tables (2)
- Sophisticated structure of governance with permanent relationships, knowledge sharing; "open door" (2)
- Building trails/reports/research, communication (2)
- Providing a regional pulse to provincial agencies as to recreational demands (2)
- Respect (2)
- Inspiration and ideas (2)
- Building trails, trail systems/networks (2)
- Further enabling Shuswap Trail Alliance progress to achieve goals

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- South Shuswap Destination Trails Master Plan
- Sicamous to Armstrong Rail-Trail
- Providing education on trails, environment
- Kevin Eskelin is here
- Clarity on how to engage in environment responsibly
- Cumulative effects planning
- Good catalyst
- Stronger together.

### 3. What are some of the main challenges for the Roundtable currently?

- Funding (8)
- MFLNRORD; provincial presence at Roundtable could be stronger (4)
- Volunteers and capacity – getting more people involved, more to lead, break up the workload (4); establishing capacity in different regions/areas; succession planning
- Involving youth (4); mentoring youth
- Sometimes difficult to align priorities and work consistently together across government, volunteer and non-profit organizations (3)
- Maintaining momentum, keeping it going; maintain the trust and collaboration (3)
- Provincial process can hinder people wanting to participate in more collaborative processes without regulatory decision making power; red tape (2)
- Section 11 permits (2)
- Getting everyone on the same page with values, interests, hard to please all (2)
- Managing overuse/growing number of users (2)
- Various component organizations have different capacity and speed of operation
- Don't sweep the challenges under the rug; damage done by ATVs and dirt bikes is a major problem; what is being done to reverse it, fix it, and prevent the damage?
- Higher levels of government information flowing back down. When they are not at the table, info goes up, but doesn't always come back down
- Understanding the rights of First Nations
- Protecting the land
- Motorized users need to become more organized and share GPS trail data
- Caribou land closures
- Communicating successes, develop a list
- Development of policy, rules
- Challenge of Secwepemc worldview being part of tables that are not Secwepemc tables, in their own territory, rather than those organizations coming to Secwepemc governments; not always having Secwepemc capacity to site at all tables they want to be at.
- Never enough time.

**4. How might the Roundtable change, evolve or grow in order to better meet its mandate?**

- Just continue; have patience with gradual evolution of community and cultural underpinnings (3). Changing minds takes time. Relationships grow, change happens invisibly. Trust the relationships; keep going, don't stop.
- Educate the public, youth, start with shared trail protocols, First Nations values (3), and utilize Outdoor Learning Centre
- Invite various/additional groups/organizations (e.g., MFLNRORD, SD83, biologists, bird-watchers) (2)
- Create an online interactive website for communication and continued collaboration (e.g., project ideas, input, suggestions, feedback, review)
- Lobby the province to increase funding for BC Parks and Recreation Sites and Trails BC
- More outreach to community, media reports, of all activities and sub-regional work
- Provide tools for clubs to start and work with government
- Host a bigger fundraising dance or two dances
- Perhaps look for different areas to host open house meetings
- Make the meetings more interactive/exciting. Keep people more engaged
- So much to do – we are progressing with trust and understanding
- Identify things that are not working well, what changes are needed
- Reminder of process and protocol at each Roundtable gathering
- Be proactive regarding over use
- Become better known, more advertising, newspaper articles
- Would be great to have a contact sheet for all parties, especially of First Nations
- Community voter data base on land use for management
- Include cat skiing, heli skiing, range licensees, trappers, guide outfitters
- Have Recreation Sites and Trails BC make it mandatory for all backcountry user groups to attend as per their access or tenure agreements
- Host next Roundtable meeting in a Secwepemc community, have a story of the land
- Develop capacity per area of trails
- Learn about various First Nations technical working groups (land, water, animals)
- Hear what other regions are doing to enhance trails in their region; learn from them, share our ideas with them
- Secwepemc and Caucasian artisans, vendors set up tables to create a mini-economy
- Facilitate relationships between leaders and a few elders of local Secwepemc communities with local tourism operators for cross-cultural training (e.g., meal, overnight stay, do an activity together)
- Encourage others to share their trail, transportation and greenway data to the master set at CSRD to have information in one place for all users
- Include more of business community, consider presenting to Chambers of Commerce, engage with tourism and outdoor oriented businesses.

#### Appendix 4: List of commonly-used acronyms

ALIB	Adams Lake Indian Band
ASTS	Armstrong-Spallumcheen Trails Society
CE(A)	Cumulative Effects (Assessment)
CSISS	Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society
CSRD	Columbia Shuswap Regional District
FBC	Fraser Basin Council
LOU	Letter of Understanding
MFLNRORD	Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
RDNO	Regional District of North Okanagan
RSTBC	Recreation Sites and Trails BC
SABNES	Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society
STA	Shuswap Trail Alliance