

Meeting summary of the sixth annual

Shuswap Trails Roundtable

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Sunnybrae Bible Camp
Sunnybrae, BC



Meeting summary as at 4 December 2019

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Introductions

70 leaders and representatives from Secwepemc, local, regional, and provincial governments, trail user groups, stewardship, industry, and health organizations met in Sunnybrae for the sixth annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable meeting. The objectives for the Roundtable meeting were as follows:

- To Provide update on progress of the Shuswap 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

The agenda can be found in Appendix 1. Presentations from the day can be accessed online [here](#) (scroll down to the sub-heading that reads, “*For further background, check out...*”). A list of Roundtable participants can be found in Appendix 2.¹

Welcoming Comments

Mike Simpson opened the Roundtable at 9:30 am.

Chief Oliver Arnouse welcomed Roundtable participants to Secwepemc’s lecw. Chief Arnouse commented on the momentum to change names of places back to their indigenous names. He remarked that Sunnybrae/Tappen is known by the indigenous name *Silketwa* which means ‘wide bay’.

CSRD Director Paul Demenok welcomed participants to Sunnybrae and commented on the vision to make the South Shuswap a hub for a destination trail.

Camp Director Tim Paquette also welcomed participants to Sunnybrae Bible Camp and expressed his appreciation for the talent and enthusiasm of Roundtable participants, and the work that’s being done in the Shuswap on trails and enabling people to experience nature.

A round of introductions took place around the room. Mike thanked all participants for coming, as well as Sunnybrae Bible Camp for sharing their venue.

Mike reviewed the agenda, explained the worksheets on the tables, and reviewed the objectives of the Roundtable. Mike also explained that the 2019 Roundtable is an anomaly in that it’s the second one of the calendar year, due to the 2018 Roundtable being re-scheduled from November 2018 to February 2019.

Shuswap Trails Protocol Review

Phil McIntyre-Paul explained that the Roundtable’s approach is a participatory, relationship-based community-development model. One of the core values is *Y’icwetsutce* (taking care of the land). A Letter of Understanding that reinforces that value and others was signed in 2015 by three orders of government (indigenous, local/regional and provincial), stewardship organizations, educational institutions, motorized and non-motorized recreation groups, and others.

Phil asked the group to have small roundtable discussions about their own experiences with the Shuswap Trail Protocol this year.

¹ A list of commonly used acronyms found throughout this meeting summary can be found in Appendix 4

A few people in the room commented on their experiences working on community-to-community and personal relationships, and collaborating on various initiatives.

Progress Reports

Ryan Nitchie reported that the Salmon River Parallel Pathway in Silver Creek is complete. It's a 4-km paved trail from the school to the community park for cyclists and pedestrians, and a pedestrian bridge over Salmon River. There will be a grand opening in the spring.

Dave Crowfoot reported that the Owlhead Cache Cabin is repaired, thanks in part to financial contributions from ATV BC. The cabin was originally built in 1907. Several organizations have been part of this including Shuswap Backcountry Riders, the Shuswap Trail Alliance, the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, District of Sicamous, private companies, and more.

Adrian Bostock reported that Larch Hills summer use planning is underway. Currently, the trails are actively managed and maintained in the winter.

Modernized Land Use Planning

Sue Omelchuk explained that the provincial government was involved in land use planning through the 1990s and early 2000s, and that much of the province is covered by land use plans. At that time, Indigenous Peoples did not have a large role in planning. The current mandate (2017) of the provincial government is to work with First Nations to modernize land-use planning. Modernized planning will address land use; facilitate collaborative stewardship and land use planning, and provide economic, environmental, social and cultural certainty. Modernized planning is done in partnership with indigenous governments; it's driven by government-to-government relations.

Amy Tipler explained the spectrum of modernized planning: from Land Use Planning ("big P Planning" such as Land and Resource Management Planning) requiring cabinet mandate, to collaborative stewardship planning under existing mandate. Amy explained that they anticipate more modernized planning will be the former example, on a small geographic scale.

The direct link to Sue's and Amy's presentation can be found on the STA website [here](#).

First Nations Protocols and process for early engagement

Celia Nord commented on the recent provincial UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) legislation, the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action, and some recent court cases. She explained that Little Shuswap Lake Band (LSLB) Referrals department aims to enable meaningful consultation and accommodation of LSLB interests by the BC Crown and third parties in relation to the use of land and/or resources in, practices impacting LSLBs area of responsibility. She further explained that LSLB uses the [Consultative Areas Database²](#), a mapping tool for the Crown and third parties to access names of First Nations in a project area. LSLB also uses the SWAP-Portal for the Qwelminte-te-Secwepemc government-to-government agreement. She explained that the best process is to establish a relationship before submitting a referral through the SWAP-Portal. She

² Regardless of which First Nations stakeholders have worked with in the past, all First Nations that show up in the CAD for a project area must now be given an opportunity to contribute or participate in all projects. (Celia Nord)

also explained that LSLB's interests are in the area of archaeology, cultural heritage and environment. She emphasized that a relationship with a First Nation be considered a partnership and an opportunity. LSLB is interested in starting a Guardian Program so that they can respond to violations on cultural, heritage, and environmental values. It was acknowledged a similar referrals process is used by the other Secwepemc Bands within the Shuswap Lakes region (Adams Lake, Neskonlith, and Splotsin), and that many areas fall within overlapping areas of interest. In most cases, sharing a project with all four bands within the Shuswap watershed is the best approach. The Roundtable and Working Group provides a point of contact.

The direct link to Celia's presentation can be found on the STA website [here](#).

Other provincial government updates

Kevin Eskelin, Recreation Sites and Trails, expressed his gratitude for the Roundtable and the value of the collaborative stewardship. The Shuswap Trails Roundtable is a great example of a "bottom up" planning process with First Nations values and relationships at the core. He remarked that the Roundtable is well-known around the province.

Richard Toperczer commented on the Rural Dividend Fund and its flexibility to support communities; he explained that RDF has been re-purposed to helping out communities impacted by the down-turn of the forest industry.

Wes DeArmond commented on a project underway at Tsutswecw Park to recognize the historical occupation of the area by Secwepemc People. BC Parks is a partner with LSLB, ALIB, and Neskonlith leadership in planning and developing an operational winter house on-site at Tsutswecw. The winter house will open up opportunities for tours and school groups.

Small group discussions: implications, opportunities, questions arising from the previous presentations

Phil asked the participants to have a few moments of discussion at their small tables about the implications, opportunities, and questions arising from the presentations during the morning session. Participants then reported out the following:

- Some people have ongoing concerns about damage being done to sensitive areas
- Learning about the Consultative Areas Database in Celia's presentation was helpful and will be able to guide the formation of new relationships
- The importance of 'keeping everyone together' in modernized land use planning (this was in response to the planning model that was presented by MFLNRORD staff illustrating Crown and indigenous governments in the centre, and several stakeholders connected to the centre)
- Need to seek funding for cumulative effects modeling and to enable implementation of Y'icwetsutce
- Importance of considering First Nations capacity and not overwhelming communities with requests

Participants also wrote their reflections on a worksheet; these worksheets are summarized in Appendix 3.

Shuswap Trails Roundtable business

Phil and Mike covered some Roundtable business, and Mike noted that the Roundtable registration met quorum but actual participation in the meeting did not³:

1. The meeting summary from February 2019 was approved by consensus
2. 2019 Report: Phil relayed that the Working Group has continued to meet four times per year and is an informal table for information sharing.
3. Strategy update: Phil reported that the Trail Alliance has some new capacity which has enabled the regional trail strategy to be updated. Meeting notes and updates from the past three years have been incorporated into the strategy. It continues to be a 'living document'. The updated strategy can be accessed on the Shuswap Trail Alliance website [here](#).

Poster boards

Mike gave Roundtable participants with displays an opportunity to introduce themselves and provide a brief explanation of their displays.

Next, participants took a lunch break with lunch provided by the Sunnybrae camp kitchen.

Snapshot Progress Reports

Phil and Louis Thomas reported that Salmon Arm, ALIB, and Neskonlith have a Memorandum of Understanding to create a West Bay connector trail from Salmon Arm to Switsemalph and North Bay reserves. It is also supported by Little Shuswap Lake Band.

Sutra Brett ("Man of Action") reported that the Shuswap Trail Alliance and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District are working with user groups to develop a Masters Trail Plan for the South Shuswap region that is recreation- and tourism-based. Next steps will be to review with Secwepemc leadership, then the wider community, before solidifying the plan to incorporate and protect all land use values.

Phil reported that the Joss/Tsuius/Mabel Alpine Access management planning group toured the area with Monashee Powder last Spring. It was a great relationship-building opportunity.

Although there was nobody present from the District of Sicamous, Phil highlighted that several user groups are working on developing a destination Sicamous Mountain Park for off-road vehicles and mountain bikes.

Linda Buchanan reported there is a partnership w/ Back Country Horsemen and BC Recreation Sites & Trails Branch to update and improve signage, maps, and trails in the Skimikin Lake area. Every existing trail and road in the area has been GPS'ed, and next steps will be to have another stakeholder trail to discuss the future use and designation of the trails.

³ Mike noted that one municipality and one First Nation were not present at the meeting, thereby not meeting quorum

Ryan Nitchie reported that the Sicamous-Armstrong Rail Trail is progressing. The governance and technical operating committees have been struck and STA is providing operational management. Technical consultants have been hired; Splatsin is working on archaeological and cultural assessments. CSRD is awaiting word on a grant they have applied for.

Shelley Witzky and Libby Chisholm reported the Secwepemc Landmarks Project has secured funding for another year and half of work. A committee of elders is providing guidance to the landmarks project. They are also working with the school district to design trail markers. Shelley put out an offer for more partners to become involved, to look at the land together and consider what indigenous stories could be told of that land.

Craig McBride reported the Larch Hills Ski Club is working on developing more lighting for night-skiing.

David Lepsoe reported that the new Scatchard Mountain trail is built. It's over top of an old original rock road up the mountain. The Rural Dividend Fund enabled the building of the trail, as well as a trail-building workshop held on-site. He commented that there are many "Adrian-isms" incorporated into the trail thanks to Adrian Bostock's trail design skills.



Sub-regional small table discussions

Participants convened in sub-regional discussions for approximately 45 minutes. They were asked to consider several questions (see Agenda, Appendix 1). They reported out on their top three sub-regional priorities for 2020 and key next steps:



West Shuswap: This sub-region includes Skmana, Scatchard Mountain, Skimikin, and Fly Hills. The group reported the priorities: continue with kids' programs at Skmana; completion of Odin's Lookout Trail (which will complete a circle route); and prioritizing existing trails at Skimikin trail network.

Inner Shuswap: The priorities include planning for the Inner Shuswap sub-region; developing bridge at Cedar Creek; and continuation of the Secwepemc Landmarks

Project.

Shuswap River: The priorities include the rail-trail from Sicamous to Armstrong (partnerships and committees are now in place); a connector from Armstrong to Vernon; and creating partnerships for trail enhancement at the Rose Swanson trails.

East Shuswap: Priorities include next steps for trails at Mount MacPherson (partnership with user groups and Recreation Site & Trails Branch); North Queest working with partners and tour operators; and Eagle Pass maintenance and improvements.

North Shuswap: The priorities include improving Hunakwa Lake trails to connect Seymour Arm to Anstey Arm (significant cultural and ecological values there); development of an indigenous winter house at Tsutswecw Park; and the opportunity to include active transportation in the CSRD Master Parks Plan in North Shuswap communities, including specifically an opportunity for a parallel trail from Skwlax to Scotch Creek.

Salmon Arm Bay: The priorities include setting up a summer use advisory group for Larch Hills; cleaning up old ties and invasive species management along the lakeshore trail in Salmon Arm Bay; and an opportunity to develop partnership between First Nations and BC Parks in Violet Creek Provincial Park.

Falkland: The priorities include completing preliminary field reconnaissance reports by Splitsin and Okanagan band referral staff for the Glenemma Rec Site and Trails Management Plan, then submitting the plan for review with Recreation Sites and Trails BC prior to submission to FrontCounter for formal review.

Shuswap Trails Roundtable Business

Phil covered some more Roundtable business, including priorities for 2020 and indicated that they, along with priorities discussed today, will go to the Working Group for further discussion and refinement:

- Maintain quarterly Working Group meetings and information sharing
- Continue to use the Secwepemc First Nations referral process for local pre-authorization planning
- Continue implementation of the Secwepemc Landmarks and signage project
- Continue to support partner-led legacy initiatives including recreational access planning
- Secure funding to develop structured decision-making, including capacity for cumulative effects modeling
- Continued 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.

Phil also provided an overview of the 2019 expenses incurred by the Shuswap Trail Strategy including project coordination, working group meetings, and Roundtable meetings. The expenses for 2019 total \$25,825,19 (subject to slight change). These expenses included the February Roundtable postponed from 2018.

Phil gave an overview of the 2020 proposed budget which totals \$16,000 for project coordination, working group meetings, and the 2020 Roundtable meeting. Confirmed revenue is slightly short at this time, and the Roundtable is looking to additional partners for support. For more details, see Phil's Annual Summary Report available on the STA website [here](#).

Phil and Mike commented on the great commitment from many orders of government, organizations, and trail stewardship groups at the Working Group. The Working Group abides by a Terms of Reference (see the Shuswap Regional Trail Strategy, Appendix 10, available on the [Shuswap Trail Alliance website](#)). Notices of working group meetings can be sent out to the whole Roundtable membership for information. Working Group meetings are held in different locations, strive to have a tour or outdoor component, and usually have a potluck-style lunch. Working Group meeting dates for 2020 are planned as follows but are still tentative:

- Friday January 31st 2020
- Friday April 17th
- Friday June 19th
- Friday October 16th

Phil remarked that there is a small amount of funding to facilitate another discussion for Joss/Tsuius/Mabel access planning.

Events coming up

Participants were given the opportunity to announce upcoming events of interest to the Roundtable:

Cumulative Effects Conference being held May 4th – 6th in Kamloops at the Coast Hotel. Visit www.cfxconference.com for more information.

Larch Hills Nordic Club is hosting a new members' potluck at the ski chalet this weekend (Nov 16th)

There will be a special ski and ribbon cutting ceremony on December 28th at Larch Hills

February 7th Annual Shuswap Trail Alliance party and fundraiser. Tickets go on sale in December.

Closing Comments and Evaluation

Mike and Phil thanked everyone for their participation in the Roundtable meeting. The audience briefly provided their feedback on the day, commenting positively on the 'short and snappy' progress reports, and the sufficient time that is scheduled for small table discussions and networking.

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

Shuswap Trails Roundtable Annual Meeting

Wednesday November 20th, 2019 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunnybrae Bible Camp | 3915 Sunnybrae-Canoe Pt. Road, Tappen, BC (click [here](#) for map link)

Agenda as at November 14th 2019

Objectives

- Provide update on progress of the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy this year
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Time	Topic	Who and/or format
9:00	Doors open, coffee and networking, set up displays	
9:30	Welcome, prayer, acknowledge territory Welcome Welcome Welcome Introductions around room, review agenda	Chief Oliver Arnouse, Skwlax (LSLIB) Paul Demenok or Chair, CSRD Tim Paquette, Sunnybrae Bible Camp Phil McIntyre-Paul, Shuswap Trail Alliance Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council
9:50	Shuswap Trails Protocol Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion – how have you experienced the protocol in action this year? 	Phil McIntyre-Paul, then discussion
10:00	Snapshot progress reports	Various
10:10	Modernized Land Use Planning	Amy Tipler, Sue Omelchuk, MFLNRORD
10:30	First Nations Protocols and process for early engagement	Celia Nord, Tess Tomma, Skwlax
10:50	Other provincial government updates	Various (TBD)
11:00	What are the implications, opportunities, questions these presentations raise for the projects and programs you are working on?	Small group discussion at your table; some reporting out
11:30	Shuswap Trails Roundtable business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting summary from February 2019 • 2019 report • Strategy update 	Phil McIntyre-Paul, Jen Bellhouse, Shuswap Trail Alliance
11:40	Poster boards and table displays highlights	Various
11:45	Lunch break and networking	
1:00	Snapshot progress reports	Various
1:10	Sub-regional discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one opportunity to rotate • 2min reporting out per sub-region <i>See back page</i>	Small group discussions by area of choice, then reporting out <i>See questions on back page</i>
2:45	Coffee break and networking	
3:15	Shuswap Trails Roundtable business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Annual work plan and budget • Working Group representatives 	Phil McIntyre-Paul, Mike Simpson
3:45	Next steps, closing comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you, acknowledgements 	Everyone
4:00	Adjourn & safe travels	

Thank you to Sunnybrae Bible Camp for hosting us this year

Appendix 1

Sub-regional discussions:

Inner Shuswap, East Shuswap, Shuswap River, Falkland, Salmon Arm Bay, North Shuswap, West Shuswap

Sub-regional discussion questions:

- What priorities were worked on this past year and by who?
- Which were completed, and which continue?
- What new priorities have emerged?
- What new opportunities to partner do these new priorities present?
- What are the top 3 sub-regional priorities going into 2020, and for each, the key next steps, by who?

Please be prepared to report out to the Roundtable briefly

Appendix 2: Shuswap Trails Roundtable participants

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Appendix 3: Summary of Roundtable Reflections

1. How have you experienced the Shuswap Trails Protocol in action this year?

- Collaboration on the Rail Trail (4)
- City of Salmon Arm and Neskonlith Memorandum of Understanding, long-term planning for West Bay parallel trail (4)
- Cooperation and respect between diverse groups using trails (3)
- New trail at Scatchard Mountain (3); it's awaiting a Secwepemctsin name from Chief Atahm school
- Collaboration on the Secwepemc Landmarks Project (3)
- Collaboration on projects, and seeing projects move forward and get completed (2)
- Participation on a number of boards and advisory committees (2)
- Creation of winter house (2) and story trail (2) at Tsutswecw Park
- Completion of Silver Creek Parallel Trail (2)
- Collaborative work toward South Shuswap Destination Trail
- Skmana and Adams Lake Indian Band working together
- Stewardship with First Nations
- Collaboration – successful first meeting for Skimikin Trails Advisory Committee
- Successful completion of new ski trail at Larch Hills
- Interpretive signs at Switzmalph
- Use of land for planting and for the Salmon River at Switzmalph
- Re-invigoration of the Larch Hills Summer Use Advisory Committee (since 2008)
- Motorized recreation user groups advocating for cleaner backcountry use
- South Canoe Advisory Committee is working together toward all aspects of the protocol; all user groups are represented on this advisory committee
- Trail crew created out of the Protocol, and trail network built upon previous work
- As a student at UVic and observing indigenous law revitalization, I view the protocol as a way of learning how to live according to Secwepemc protocol and land-based protocol – a process of learning and understanding how Secwepemc'lecw is governed.
- Salmon returning to the Shuswap (especially to Adams River at Tsutswecw Park); watching eagles follow the salmon

The following questions are related to the presentations on Modernized Land Use Planning (MLUP) and First Nations Protocols and Process for Early Engagement, and other provincial government updates.

2. What are the implications arising?

- Importance of building relationships (2)
- Is there an opportunity for cumulative effects assessment work through this? (2)
- MLUP could lead to top-down planning (negative) (2)
- Provincial government MLUP has more focus on relationships with First Nations (G2G)
- Having First Nations engaged early in the process
- Create relationships up front to provide comfort and security to all parties, as they advance their own agendas
- Under MLUP, small-scale collaboration (not requiring cabinet mandate) should result in appropriate rapid response
- Users should be involved
- Important for the Crown-Indigenous G2G relationship to provide updates to other groups such as local government, user groups etc

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- Capacity issues with local government and other governments engaging with Secwepemc governments – wondering how the bands feel in response to being on a government-to-government and the capacity and resources required – are there preferred contractors they trust and work with so they are not inundated with referrals?
- Streamlining process which should allow us to be more proactive
- Continuing to see damage done to sensitive areas, despite awareness of it
- Does this change our role?
- Roundtable participants are mostly thinking about how they as individual organizations fit into the new MLUP structure, and how does the Roundtable group fit into it?
- Impatience is an issue
- Uncertainty of proactive engagement of Provincial leadership vs. advocacy-led community engagement
- Support for our land/place-based efforts

3. What are the opportunities arising?

- Partnerships, relationship-based (5)
- Information/knowledge sharing (3)
- Secwepemc Cumulative Effects model to control access (i.e., case study) (2)
- First Nations Protocols and Process – link to shared area will be very helpful
- MLUP is a good opportunity for transparency between groups
- Get user groups involved in MLUP for more buy-in
- G2G relationship is a good opportunity to work together
- Could result in more funding
- MLUP not requiring cabinet mandate – should be more expedient
- Land use planning for specific (small scale) areas
- Collaborative and more efficient process with larger applications jointly where everyone is informed
- The Roundtable is great opportunity for providing key messages to First Nations, Crown governments, and stakeholders. Face-to-face conversations provide the ‘body language’ and ‘comfort’ to pursue project proposals.
- Better consultation among all user groups
- Use MLUP for proactive land management, rather than for reacting to issues
- I see that the Province is establishing a G2G relationship with indigenous governments, while other governments and stakeholders are brought in when the Crown-Indigenous partnership wants to engage them. The Roundtable has an opportunity to ask the First Nations to ensure the structure is not the ‘same old same old’.
- Qwelminte te Secwepemc as a source of action – this will need to go through Chiefs
- First Nations Guardianship program
- All stakeholders in areas affected should be included in communications – create a database from Roundtable attendees

4. What questions remain?

- With regards to MLUP:
 - How do we include all stakeholders so that it isn’t just a top-down process? (3)
 - Do the two-way arrows between users groups with the G2G relationship stand for input and reporting? How much true collaboration will occur and will it be transparent? (2)

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- How much of a say will other orders of governments have in MLUP, when will they be engaged i.e. at what point in the process?
- Who decides who the stakeholders are?
- Are LRMPs still being honoured?
- How will information from the G2G filter down to people on the ground? (2)
- What about enforcement and action against violators, e.g. archaeological disturbances (2)
- Are we – the Roundtable – wasting our time? i.e. is this redundant? (2)
- How can non-indigenous governments increase their capacity to support dialogue, relationship building and working within indigenous frameworks?
- Can the Roundtable provide all attendees with a contact list including “bailiwick” info?
- Is there a Secwepemc liaison working with the Shuswap Trail Alliance?
- How do we articulate priorities?
- How can the Roundtable support Secwepemc leadership?
- How do we do early engagement? The Working Group is phase 1 but it seems something is missing. To engage volunteers, it would be good to have a simplified list (not tied to names, as volunteers move on). Perhaps establishing a ‘central intake’ on the STA website so that a staff person can help us figure out who to contact.
- For First Nations referrals, how can we lessen the capacity burden? How best to coordinate between the four Secwepemc bands?

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Appendix 4: Commonly used acronyms

ALIB – Adams Lake Indian Band
(BC) MFLNRORD – (British Columbia) Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
CE(A) – Cumulative Effects (Assessment)
CSISS – Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society
CSRD – Columbia Shuswap Regional District
EVSC – Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club
FBC – Fraser Basin Council
G2G – Government-to-Government (referring to Crown-Indigenous government relations)
LOU – Letter of Understanding
LRMP – Land and Resource Management Plan
LSLB – Little Shuswap Lake Band
MLUP – Modern Land Use Planning
RSTBC – Recreation Sites and Trails BC
SABNES – Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society
STA – Shuswap Trail Alliance
STR – Shuswap Trails Roundtable
VOC – Vernon Outdoor Club
WG – Working Group