

Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy Working Group

Draft Meeting Summary as at October 23, 2018

Meeting date: October 19, 2018 9:45AM to 1:30PM

Location: Columbia Shuswap Regional District boardroom, Salmon Arm, BC

Present:

Linda Buchanan, Backcountry Horsemen of BC - Shuswap Chapter

Gord Bushell, Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club and District of Sicamous

Libby Jay Chisolm, University of Victoria graduate student

Avis Denault, Adams Lake Indian Band

Anita Ely, Interior Health Authority

Sue Davies, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS)

Rennie Heare, Sicamous Quadders

Joni Heinrich, Village of Chase (to 12:00PM)

Marshall Kronewitt, Carl Kuster Mountain Park (from 9:50AM)

Chris Larson, City of Salmon Arm (from 9:50AM)

David Lepsoe, Village of Chase (to 12:00PM)

Joe McCulloch, District of Sicamous

Phil McIntyre-Paul, Shuswap Trail Alliance

Ryan Nitche, Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Carly Procyshyn, Carl Kuster Mountain Park (from 9:50AM)

Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council (facilitator, recorder)

Brad Vickerson, motorized recreation representative

Shelley Witzky, Adams Lake Indian Band (from 12:00PM)

**Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development*

1. Welcome, Introductions, Review Agenda and Objectives

Mike Simpson welcomed everyone, Louis acknowledged Secwepemc territory and gave a prayer, and introductions were made around the room. Columbia Shuswap Regional District was acknowledged for hosting the meeting, and Brad Vickerson for providing lunch. The agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented, with the exception of moving discussion about the annual roundtable meeting up. Quorum was not met as the provincial government was not present; but it was agreed to proceed and follow up with them after on key decisions made.

2. Secwepemc Learning Opportunity

Louis introduced Libby Jay Chisolm, a graduate student at University of Victoria working with Neskonlith on eco-cultural restoration and traditional plants in the Salmon River delta. Libby gave a short presentation, see *Knucwentwécw Project - STA Roundtable.pdf* and it was suggested that anyone who identifies the plants below to email her and trailreport@shuswaptrails.com Libby's contact info is phone 519-803-2831 and email is libbyjayc@gmail.com.

Plants of interest: *Scwicw* (Yellow Avalanche Lily); *Skwenkwínem* (Spring Beauty/Indian Potatoes) *Qá7p'ucw* (Hazelnut, *Corylus cornuta*); *Speqpéq* (Saskatoon berry, *Amelanchier* sp.); *T'anís* (Highbush Cranberry, *Viburnum edule*); *Sxúsem* (soopalalie, *Shepherdia canadensis*).

Joe has botanical expertise and offered information to help cultivate certain plants, Sue offered to share how they communicate information with educational resources, and Anita suggested she pursue Plan H funding for Indigenous food initiatives.

3. June 15, 2018 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary from June 15, 2018 was approved. An updated version of the meeting summary will be circulated. Action items not on today's agenda were reviewed; see table of action items at end of this summary for an updated version.

The following outstanding action items, not on today's agenda, were discussed briefly:

- Funding update - funding requests were not all sent, need follow up; to be discussed at annual meeting as well
- Splatsin hasn't signed the LOU - Mike to follow up and remind them

3. Shuswap Trails Roundtable Annual Meeting

The annual Shuswap Trails Roundtable meeting has been confirmed as Wednesday November 21, 2018 (approximately 9AM to 4PM) at the Sicamous Recreation Centre. A save the date email was sent to approximately 200 people in the database in mid-September.

The content for the agenda was brainstormed; see *Shuswap Trails Roundtable - draft agenda 21nov18.docx* circulated with this meeting summary for a very initial draft. Spl

Joe confirmed that the District of Sicamous would sponsor lunch at the annual meeting. Mike will arrange catering with Askews or a local caterer.

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

The following list of trail authorization requests, trail planning and sub-regional planning initiatives was generated by the participants, and discussed in detail.

Chase Active Transportation Plan - Joni and Anita reported that it is moving forward; stakeholder advisory committee to meet next on Nov 14; the consultant preparing the plans; then another public meeting in late November; done and submitted by December. MOTI input on having separated trails; Chase council passed a resolution supporting a separated trail; MOTI said they can't do it. Will ask new council to consider. Suggested that Chase and ALIB councils meet to identify shared interests in infrastructure, such as the new bridge over Chase Creek to connect to trails on other side.

Skimikin Recreation Site - current development underway, as RSTBC mentioned in June. It was suggested to seek an update on Skimikin as no provincial government representatives are here today. Rennie talked to the contractor there last week; plan is for 50 new sites. Sue asked to be informed if invasive plant management measures were taken into account, they normally do pre and post survey when ground is disturbed.

Salmon River parallel trail - Ryan reported that the tender for the construction and supply of the pedestrian bridge will be released in the next week or two. He will meet with MOTI for final design next week. If no major issues, the work will go to tender before Christmas and construction will begin in spring.

Glenemma - final stakeholder meeting coming up on October 29; final concept plan to be presented; multi-use site for motorized and non-motorized; general consensus sought around usage. The final plan will be submitted to FCBC and the formal process of referrals gets underway. Ryan recently met with Ian McLellan and made changes and presented final plan; hopefully good to go.

Haines Creek - snag with MOTI and access in Silver Creek Park area; working with Ian McLellan there are options for them to deal with that; connect park to waterfalls up to crags. Concept plan to be created; then reconvene the stakeholder group.

South Shuswap Destination Trails Plan - Ryan noted that this is underway with Shuswap Trail Alliance, a reconnaissance is underway, looking at new trails and options. In the pre-planning stages; no consultation yet. Inventory report to Parks Commission for CSRD Area C, then out for consultation; motorized and non-motorized being proposed. Opportunity to do things in a condensed area. There is a great opportunity to create a comprehensive plan. Secwepemc consultation needed; how to do comprehensive planning at this level; traditional values; CEA approach; perhaps a template for other areas.

Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail - acquired the land in December; meetings held at political level; moving towards plan to create interjurisdictional governance committee and technical operating committee; resolutions passed at CSRD and RDNO on direction. Terms of reference for governance committee, and establishing a technical operating committee with RDNO, CSRD and Splantsin staff to oversee management. Grant application went forward, CSRD Area E and Sicamous for engineering and design work. Lots of people using trail, signs were put up noting its closed and non-motorized. Future equestrian use of the trail is undetermined.

West Bay - Louis reported that after this was re-initiated following the accident in the summer, this is on hold; MP Mel Arnold and MLA Greg Kylo have become interested and engaged; Louis got the three bands together; a real g-g-g meeting; connecting the dots. Getting closer; waiting for band council resolution from ALIB on who will take the lead. City of Salmon Arm also involved. Literally at same place as Rail Trail says Phil; scoping document with a design in place; ready for application. Bands need to create the agreement to work together; kind of separate from Hwy expansion. Phil - report in place, scoping work, document available - send link out to people. From CSRD building to Sunnybrae/Switzmalph, maybe eventually to Tappen. LSLIB involved. Chris noted that West Bay connector is in City Greenway strategy and official community plan, and a fund established to collect money. CP Rail came to last meeting.

Owlhead - Gord noted that from Yard Creek to Owlhead, the area has grown and Sicamous is involved. Did a field tour with Danielle this spring to look at Cummins Lake, new trail; trying to close off old snowmobile trail, it was approved as snowmobile trail, and ATV users were using it and causing damage; logging going on, they installed the gate. It was then pulled out illegally; yesterday went out and installed it again with concrete and rock. Can still be opened to groom for snowmobiling. Skyline Road will be decommissioned; bridge pulled out; looking at application to put bridge back in. Can't get Southern Portion on side for getting them onside. Phil suggests to invite Clint from ATV club; RSTBC looking for a group to look after the Mara Lookout route.

Sicamous Motorized Park - Joe reported that the District of Sicamous taken on their own economic development role, talked with Marshall and CKMP about what Sicamous can do; how to draw in more traffic; Silvatech hired to write fire protection plan (extreme hazard area); areas up around 3-4km as extreme fuel hazard; no natural gas in Sicamous, can use fibre for firewood and or biomass heaters;

first stakeholder engagement coming up in next few weeks. Trying to build a track with safe area to park, area to regulate; area to educate motorized recreationists on appropriate behaviour.

Mt Ida (Kela7scen) - Louis noted there was closing ceremony on the old agreement yesterday with MFLNRORD; looking forward to negotiate a new agreement with Neskonlith and ALIB; they want to put an arbor up there with information kiosk; arbour for elders and young people to go to. Once agreement established, looking at hosting an event; want to engage with user groups; lost out on comprehensive planning for \$250K; would like to see full comprehensive plan on the mountain.

Joss-Tsuius-Mabel - Access management plan committee met Sept 27, there was tension in the room with Andrew Walker's >1700m elevation access closure; there was confusion on whether they had a voice. Marshall finds the goal or purpose of the process is lost in the "feelings" shared. Rennie - conflict that logging is allowed, but not ATV is not. Follow up meeting planned for late November or early December.

North Shuswap - Phil reported that various plans and initiatives are underway, he will send links out.

Salmon Arm Greenways - Chris reported that multiple projects are underway. City has initiated planning process for South Canoe trails trailhead; concepts for parking and other initiatives being developed, with South Canoe Advisory Process and Greenways committee.

Secwepemc Landmarks Project - Shelley noted that funding and approval from City of Salmon Arm for landmarks project was approved; decided to leverage that money and do a Rural Dividend application for sculptures, storyboards, etc. Waiting to hear back. Will identify 10-15 trails to identify Settler and Secwepemc history. Marshall is keen to connect and engage on this.

5. Roundtable of New Information

CSISS - invasive plant surveys finished on Rail Trail area. Would like to survey areas where work being done.

Anita - Nov 5-6 Kelowna, Making the Links Symposium - climate change, community health and resiliency - IHA is a co-sponsor. Anita and Splatsin will be presenting.

Lewiston Ultra - was a success on last weekend of September. Looking to last weekend September 2019 and they have an application to Front Counter BC (FCBC) for 5 years into the future, last weekend of September.

Louis - Salmon Arm art gallery initiative on traditional plants, will meet this fall to start next year's project.

6. Next Steps

Future Working Group agenda items:

- Jeremy Ayotte - environmental screening tool
- Provincial jurisdiction issues - who does what; RSTBC; Lands officers; other; benefits of partnership agreements with RSTBC
- Referrals - specifically regarding Secwepemc reviews during our trails pre-approval process
- Front Counter BC and their process

The following ACTION items were agreed to (contact Mike or Phil if any clarification is needed):

Task or activity	Responsibility	Timeframe
Joss Pass-Mtn/East Shuswap Access Management Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schedule next meeting for late Nov/early Dec ▪ Keep three areas separate, but inform each group of the “bigger picture” initiative ▪ Mike to engage access management planning tables working in conjunction with Phil, others 	Shuswap Trail Alliance and Mike to coordinate with Splatsin, Province, lead orgs and BCRDP funding	ASAP
Follow up on Four Year Funding Proposal : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mike to follow up with Salmon Arm, CSRD, RDNO with letters for \$1500/year x 4 years ▪ Mike to draft letters for Chase, Enderby for \$500/year x 4 years each ▪ Mike to prepare delegation request for RDNO board ▪ Gord to request \$500/year x 4 years, Sicamous 	Mike to assist Phil with delegation requests and/or specific requests Gord to follow up with request for Sicamous	ASAP
Chase Active Transportation - ALIB and Chase councils to meet, identify shared interests and seek infrastructure to connect trails	Joni, Shelley	ASAP
Skimikin Rec Site upgrades - Share information on plans, invasive plant management measures	Ian or Noelle, RSTBC?	Next meeting
Pass a band council resolution to sign the LOU - Splatsin; then sign the original (Phil has it)	Mike Simpson to follow up with Ray Cormier, Stuart Lee	ASAP
Other organizations to sign the LOU if they haven’t already done so - original copy if possible (Phil has it)	Any groups that haven’t signed LOU	Ongoing
Send any GPS/GIS linework on trails to Sutra Brett at Shuswap Trail Alliance, earthboundprojects@gmail.com	All Working Group members, trail stewards	Ongoing
Trails groups - send suitable berry picking sites, locations of cultural plants of interest (highbush cranberry, hazelnut, yellow avalanche lily, spring beauty/Indian potatoes, soopalalie, saskatoon) as trail reports to trailreport@shuswaptrails.com	Everyone	Ongoing
Share updated Working Group contact list with all participants	Mike	Ongoing