

Shuswap Trails Brief to Shuswap Tourism Advisory: May 09th, 2019

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The following drop-box and web links access update reports and plans related to some of the current priorities under the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and Roundtable, and the Shuswap Trail Alliance. Broad summary reviews can be found in the Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable and Working Group meeting summaries, and the Shuswap Trail Alliance Progress Report Slide Set. (Note: Dropbox links require sign-in to the free Dropbox online application)

[BC Rural Dividend Program Grant Announcement](#) (Update as of April 29, 2019) – regionally significant grant announcements included funding support for Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail Environmental, Archeological, Engineering Design, Project Management, and Community engagement; the Secwepemc Landmarks and Trail Sign Project; and the 2019 Shuswap Trails Infrastructure Projects. (See below)

[Shuswap Trails Infrastructure Projects 2019](#) (BCRDP) – regional trail projects targeted for 2019 submitted to the BC Rural Development Program for funding through the Shuswap Trail Alliance, include new trail projects at Scatchard Mountain, Chase; Cedar Creek, White Lake; South Canoe, Salmon Arm; Larch Hills Traverse, East Shuswap; and North Fork Wild, East Shuswap. Funding successfully approved.

[Secwepemc Landmarks Project](#) (BCRDP) – successful funding secured through BCRDP leverages pilot funding through Secwepemc Lakes Division Bands bringing Secwepemc artists, elders, and youth together to design and install sculptures, viewing portals and trailhead signs to showcase Secwepemc values and culture throughout the Shuswap.

[Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail Design Concept Report](#) (update as of Jan 17, 2019) – design concept report developed to support Splatins/CSRD/RDNO Inter-Jurisdictional Government leadership meetings with Provincial and Federal Ministries and applications for major grant funding for planning (BC Rural Dividend Program) and development (Canada-BC Investing in Canada Infrastructure Funding). Governance Advisory and Technical Operational Committee – now underway.

[South Shuswap Destination Trail Plan Progress Report](#) – update on the CSRD Area C destination trails master planning process currently underway. Field inventory complete. Leadership interviews and Secwepemc consultation in progress. Community consultation and field planning to come.

[East Shuswap Alpine Recreational Access Planning Report](#) – update on Recreational Access Management planning discussions in the East Shuswap Alpine sub-region, including the Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Mountain Alpine, Owlhead/Cummings/Blue Lake, Eagle Pass Mountain, and McPherson Mountain North Access. Includes recommendation for comprehensive recreation access planning. See Caribou Management Planning

[Caribou Management Planning](#) - The provincial government is [asking for feedback](#) on two draft caribou recovery agreements. You can provide feedback on both agreements until May 31, 2019. Learn more about caribou [here](#).

[**West Bay Trail Corridor Update Report**](#) – background brief and design scoping report developed to support Neskonlith, Adams Lake, Little Shuswap, and Salmon Arm government collaboration to address active transportation connectivity between the communities around the Switzmalph/Salmon Arm Bay

[**Glenemma Recreation Site and Trail Plan**](#) – draft concept plan (as of Jan 28, 2019) developed through a collaborative leadership advisory led by CSRD Area D Parks and facilitated by the Shuswap Trail Alliance, including participation by motorized, equestrian, non-motorized recreation leadership, range licensees, local residents, and Provincial Recreation Sites and Trails BC. Also includes consultation/direction with Secwepemc and Okanagan First Nations leadership (Field Reconnaissance requested) and Forestry.

[**Lee Creek Bluffs Trail Concept Plan – North Shuswap Update**](#) – update on North Shuswap trail planning including concept plan for Lee Creek Bluffs trail currently under review by Secwepemc and community leadership prior to submission to Recreation Sites and Trails BC.

[**Shuswap Tourism Mountain Bike Mini-Guide**](#) – final proofs being edited ready for printing for 2019 summer trail season. Feature key destination mountain bike trails throughout the Shuswap. Funded through the 2018 Salmon Arm MRDT (Hotel Tax) program. (See below for 2019 targets.)

[**Silver Creek Parallel Pathway**](#) – active transportation parallel pathway project underway by CSRD Area D Parks along the Salmon River Road between the Silver Creek Community and Park with Provincial funding support through BikeBC. (See Roundtable Working Group Meeting Summary and Roundtable Presentation slides for background notes.)

[**Chase Active Transportation Master Plan**](#) – active transportation plan just completed by the Village of Chase. (See Roundtable Working Group Meeting Summary and Roundtable Presentation slides for background notes.)

[**Sicamous 4-Season Mountain Park**](#) – new 4-season recreational trails concept being assessed through a collaborative planning process led by the District of Sicamous for purpose built and managed motorized and potential mountain bike recreation. (See Roundtable Working Group Meeting Summary.)

[**BC Parks – Margaret Falls**](#): Margaret Falls trail restoration will continue in 2019 following spring freshette, but is not anticipated to be open before 2020.

[**Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable – Working Group – April 12/2019 Meeting Summary DRAFT**](#) – update on quarterly working group, including project updates from regional partners.

[**Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable – 2019 Gathering Summary**](#) – from the Feb 13, 2019 annual gathering in Sicamous. (Note: this is the draft version to be reviewed by the working group.)

[**Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable – 2019 Gathering Presentation Slides**](#) – include presentation materials from the Feb 13, 2019 gathering.

[**Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable – 2018 Annual Report Brief**](#) – includes summary on 2018 activities, projections for 2019, and status update on partnership funding support for the Roundtable.

[**Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable – Annual Funding Proposal**](#) – developed by working group in 2018.

[**Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable – Working Group – Jan. 18/2019 Meeting Summary**](#) – provides most recent update of the quarterly working group, including project updates from regional partners.

[Shuswap Trail Alliance 2019 Progress Report Slides](#) (as of Feb 05, 2019) – a snapshot of the Shuswap Trail Alliance’s 2018 project season working with regional partners, including project funding snapshot, 2019 season project priorities, and lots of in-field photographs from 2018 projects.

[MRDT Trail Priorities 2019](#) – destination trail planning, marketing, and signage priorities targeted for 2019 through the Salmon Arm MRDT (Hotel Tax) funding for 2019. Funding approved.

And for further background, visit the following website pages:

[Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy & Roundtable](#)

[Shuswap Trail Standards & Resources](#) – includes the regionally developed Shuswap Trail Design, Signage, Environmental Trail Screening, Volunteer Trail Stewardship, and Guided Trail Program standards, guidelines, resources, and forms. (Note: all design and sign standards are based on Provincial standards and best-practices guidelines.)

[Shuswap Trail Alliance](#) – Note: [STA AGM, May 21, 2019, 7 pm](#) at South Canoe Elementary Outdoor Learning School Library (5970 – 10 Ave SE, Salmon Arm). All welcome!