



SHUSWAP EMERGENCY PROGRAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chair and Committee Members

SUBJECT: Grant Funding and Other Projects

DESCRIPTION: Report from Cathy Semchuk, Emergency Program Coordinator/ESS Director, March 23, 2026. Report providing an update on the following projects: City of Salmon Arm Evacuation Route Planning, Indigenous Engagement Requirements Project, Year 2 and EOC After-Action Review

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: the SEP Executive Committee receive this update.

REPORT:

CITY OF SALMON ARM EVACUATION ROUTE PLANNING:

Red Dragon Consulting is working closely with City of Salmon Arm staff compiling and developing evacuation route planning for the city. The Project consists of 7 key stages:

1	Data Collection and Review	Collection of all background supporting documents. Review and research identifying initial hazard information, route transportation, management issues and critical infrastructure.	Completed
2	Initial Field Assessment and Zone Development	On-site field assessment identifying pinch points, thoroughfares, known hazards, critical infrastructure and community demographics. Includes initial evacuation zone discussion and mapping.	Completed
3	First Nations Engagement	Engagement of First Nations to collaborate on zone identification and discussion on evacuation issues.	Completed
4	Planning Documentation and Mapping	Drafting of operational and strategic documentation, mapping and tools to assist the EOC in planning for an evacuation within the city.	In Process
5	Field Assessment	Additional assessment and testing of documentation.	Upcoming
6	Documentation and Mapping Completion	Final review, work through and amendment if required.	Upcoming
7	Tabletop Discussion/Exercise	City evacuation scenario exercise testing evacuation route planning documentation and mapping.	June

NEXT STEPS:

Evacuation route planning has been completed for 20 high-risk areas throughout the CSR D along with the completion of City of Salmon Arm’s evacuation route planning. SEP’s future plans include the submission of a UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund application to complete evacuation route planning for the District of Sicamous.

INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT PROJECT, YEAR 2:

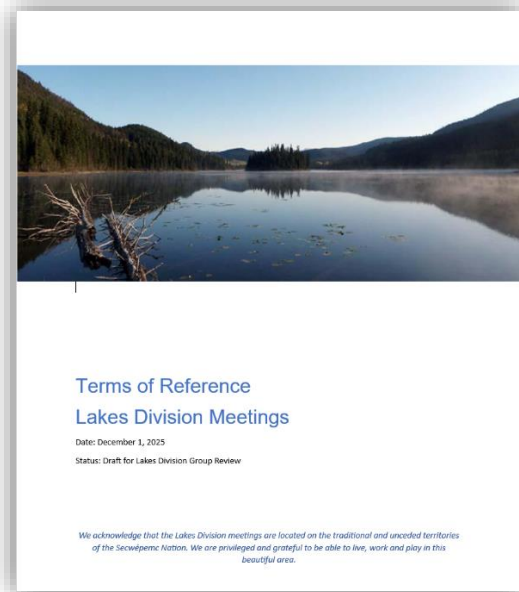
In June of 2024, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, along with member municipalities – City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, City of Revelstoke and Town of Golden - entered a joint project in response to the Province of BC's Indigenous Engagement Requirement Funding Program. The "Resilient Together" project focused on addressing capacity needs, help to strengthen relationships, promote collaboration and incorporate Indigenous knowledge in emergency management practices across the Columbia Shuswap region.

Colliers Project Leaders was hired to steward the Resilient Together project with the understanding that the project was to honour the autonomy of each participating community while seeking opportunities to work on emergency management priorities.

The work complete in year one highlighted opportunities and laid the foundation for this two-year project.

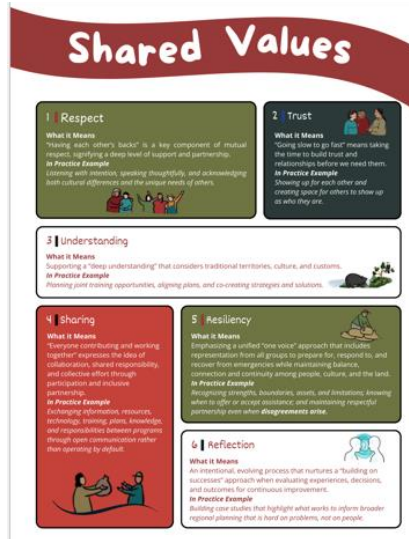
In year two, Colliers took the identified opportunities and developed tangible deliverables based on shared values.

Deliverables included the creation of a Terms of Reference document used to guide Lakes Division meetings. This Lakes Division group brings First Nations and local authorities in the Shuswap area together monthly to talk about emergency management, share experiences, learn from one another and talk about upcoming projects, training, funding and emergency events.



Two additional documents were developed. The Emergency Management and Indigenous Engagement Plan and the CSRD Emergency Management and HRVA Indigenous Engagement Recommendations provide guidelines and recommendations for communication before, during and after an emergency event, ensuring that contact with Indigenous partners is timely, consistent and culturally safe.

NEXT STEPS:



Above all, this Project identified that true engagement is based on relationship building and shared values. From our engagement sessions, six values were identified.

They reflect the ongoing relationship efforts the Columbia Shuswap has committed to. By identifying and understanding the meaning of these shared values it will ensure that these values are put into practice respectfully when dealing with future emergency events.

EOC AFTER-ACTION REVIEW:

Staff are nearing completion of recommended projects identified in the after-action reports from 2023 and 2024 activations.

Communications and Information Sharing – CSRD’s Communications Coordinator continues to host monthly communications roundtable meetings with surrounding emergency program’s information officers.

Staffing Capacity – SEP’s focus on EOC staff training and exercising over the past 2 years has strengthened capacity. Attendance to training from member municipalities has significantly bridged the staffing gap experienced in 2023. Currently EOC trained staff can effectively and efficiently operate an EOC for the majority of emergency events that occur in SEP’s coverage area. To build stronger capacity, SEP will work to strengthen relationships with neighbouring First Nations and local authorities, discussing the possibility of developing Multi-jurisdictional Emergency Management Organization (MJEMO). A MJEMO is a collaborative framework that allows local, provincial and indigenous governments to pool resources including trained personnel.

Process Efficiency – EOC Checklists and flowcharts have been developed and put to the test during Exercise Liquid Earth.

EOC Homepage or “Hub” – The CSRD’s GIS Department have developed an EOC Hub that provides a single site available to EOC staff before and during an activation. It provides links to existing training libraries, external resources, checklists, flowcharts, and much more. In addition to a being a resource hub, this site will also be utilized during activation for documentation and records management.

Donations Management and Debris Management Plans – Work continues on these plans.

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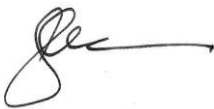
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