



BOARD REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors

File No: 0580 01

SUBJECT: Shuswap Draft Communications Protocol

DESCRIPTION: Report from Robyn Cyr, Economic Development Officer, dated April 10, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION #1: THAT: the CSRD Board approve the Shuswap Local and Secwepemc Governments Draft Communications Protocol this 19th day of April, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION #2: THAT: the CSRD Board consider funding support for a protocol signing ceremony event.

SHORT SUMMARY:

Local Secwepemc government representatives including the Adams Lake Indian Band, Neskonlith Indian Band, Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band, Splotsin Indian Band, and Shuswap local governments, including the City of Salmon Arm, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, the Regional District of North Okanagan, the Village of Chase, and the City of Enderby have now attended community to community forums on February 17, 2017 and November 23, 2017 to provide input into the Shuswap Local and Secwepemc Governments Draft Communications Protocol. The purpose of these meetings was to create a protocol agreement that will establish and maintain a long-term, cooperative government-to-government relationship and open communication across the Shuswap watershed portion of Secwepemculecw, complement existing local protocols, and support the development of local protocols where none exist. A third meeting on March 15, 2018 culminated in the final draft Communications Protocol which is presented to the Board with a recommendation to endorse.

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BACKGROUND:

Local Secwepemc government representatives including the Adams Lake Indian Band, Neskonlith Indian Band, Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band, Splotsin Indian Band, and Shuswap local governments, including the City of Salmon Arm, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, the Regional District of North Okanagan, the Village of Chase, and the City of Enderby have attended community to community forums on February 17, 2017 at the Splotsin Community Center and November 23, 2017 at Quaaout Lodge, to provide input into the Shuswap Local and Secwepemc Governments Draft Communications Protocol.

The first meeting was held on February 17, 2017, at a Together Shuswap gathering, where there was a breakout session to determine how to develop a Shuswap wide, including (Splotsin to Skatsin) communications protocol. The breakout session clarified that the Secwepemc governments and local governments were interested in developing a communications protocol across the Shuswap region. Key points from the session included:

- Build on what is working well in existing protocols.
- Take the time to make the political and emotional investment into the protocol.
- Consider the capacity of First Nations communities to meaningfully participate.
- Don't layer over existing protocols – consider a structure that is broad, general and enabling, and that references existing protocols.

The second meeting was held on November 23, 2017 at Quaaout Lodge and the objectives for the day were to:

- Confirm the relationship between local and First Nations governments in the Shuswap and approach to a communications protocol.
- Follow up discussion from the Together Shuswap in February 2017.
- Strike an advisory committee to work on the protocol with Fraser Basin Council.
- Continue to build relationships.

The third meeting was held on March 15, 2018 at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort in Salmon Arm and the objectives of the day were to:

- Review the draft communications protocol.
- Identify next steps for community input over spring/summer, and signing protocol in the fall.
- Continue to build relationships.
- Discuss giving a Secwepemc name back somewhere in the Shuswap region.

The protocol was reviewed, and generally, participants like that it was brief, non-legalistic, and simple. Feedback was captured on a few key points around the term, amendments, whether an opt-out clause is needed, and clarifying the Secwepemc spelling of the First Nations governments' names. The seven items under "the signatories will" were reviewed, deemed appropriate, and nothing further was added.

The draft communications protocol now needs to be adopted by all local governments and First Nations governments before the signing ceremony to be planned in the fall.

FINANCIAL:

There are no financial implications to this draft protocol other than each community participation to support a formal signing ceremony which the date is yet to be determined.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

The Board has identified, as one of its priorities, the development of a Communications Protocol with First Nations communities.

SUMMARY:

Evaluation of the March 15, 2018 meeting, and how the communications protocol has progressed is positive and discussion was held on the location of the signing ceremony. The Adams Lake Indian Band has indicated that they would like to hold the ceremony and the group provided consensus to this decision.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Adams Lake Indian Band will work with Mike Simpson (Fraser Basin Council), Robyn Cyr – EDO (CSR), and others from the group to organize the signing ceremony.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Invitations to the signing ceremony will be sent to and be inclusive of Shuswap community organizations and businesses, local government members and constituents, local MLA's - Greg Kylo, Eric Foster, and Todd Stone, Provincial minister – Scott Fraser (Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation), Federal minister – Carolyn Bennett (Ministry of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs), and First Nations Leaders from AFN, FNS, and UBCIC.

Local media will also be invited to the ceremony to document this event.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

The desired outcome is to have a communications protocol that provides the following goals:

1. Integrate local government and Secwepemc communities on areas of mutual interest
2. Provide a collective voice to the governments of BC and Canada on common issues
3. Raise awareness of Secwepemc and Secwepemc traditions
4. Deliver joint education opportunities for elected officials, staff and residents, members and constituents.

BOARD'S OPTIONS:

1. *Endorse the Recommendation.*
2. *Deny the Recommendation.*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

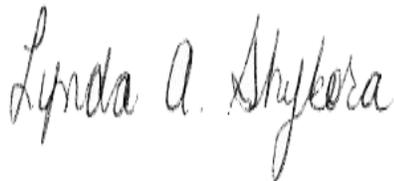
LIST NAME OF REPORT(S) / DOCUMENT(S) AVAILABLE FROM STAFF:

N/A

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Shuswap Local and Secwepemc Governments Communications Protocol.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Lynda Shykora - Apr 10, 2018 - 4:28 PM

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