

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Technical advisory committee to the OBWB



May 2017

Council Members

(Term 7: November 2016 – April 2018)

Appointed representatives / alternates

• AAFC, Research Branch Denise Neilsen / Scott Smith
• APEGBC Don Dobson / Sue Lapp / Shawn Badasha
• BC Agriculture Council Hans Buchler / Christine Dendee
• BC Cattlemen's Association Lee Hesketh / Linda Allison
• BC Fruit Growers Association Kevin Day / Richard McDonald
• BC Ground Water Association Marta Green / Remi Allard
• BC Ministry of Agriculture Andrew Petersen / Stephanie Tam
• BC Water Supply Association Bob Hrasko / Patti Meger
• BC Wildlife Federation – Region 8 Doug Flintoff / Lorne Davies
• Canadian Water Resources Association Brian Guy/ Rod MacLean/ Dwayne Meredith
• City of Kelowna Andrew Reeder/Jason Angus
• City of Vernon Ed Stranks / Rob Miles
• Fisheries and Oceans Canada Doug Edwards
• Interior Health Rob Birtles / Judi Ekkert
• Kelowna Chamber of Commerce Tom Dyas / Jeff Robinson
• IIBC Ted van der Gulik / Bruce Naka
• Ministry of FLNRO: Fish/Wildlife Grant Furness / Lora Nield
• Ministry of FLNRO: Resource Mgmt Robert Warner / Ray Crampton
• Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Scott Boswell / Tanis Gieselman
• Okanagan College Allison MacMillan / Rob St Onge
• Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board David O'Keefe / Howard Neufeld
• RD of Central Okanagan Margaret Bakelaar / Chris Radford
• RD of North Okanagan Renee Clark / Jennifer Miles
• RD of Okanagan –Similkameen Zoe Kirk / Evelyn Riechert
• Shuswap Okanagan Forestry Association Murray Wilson / Michael Bragg
• UBC Okanagan Bernard Bauer / Carolina Restrepo-Tamayo
• Okanagan Nation Alliance (observers) Zoe Eyjolfson /Elinor McGrath /Natasha Lukey
• ECCC Canada– Pacific&Yukon (observers) Kendall Woo / Ian Rogalski

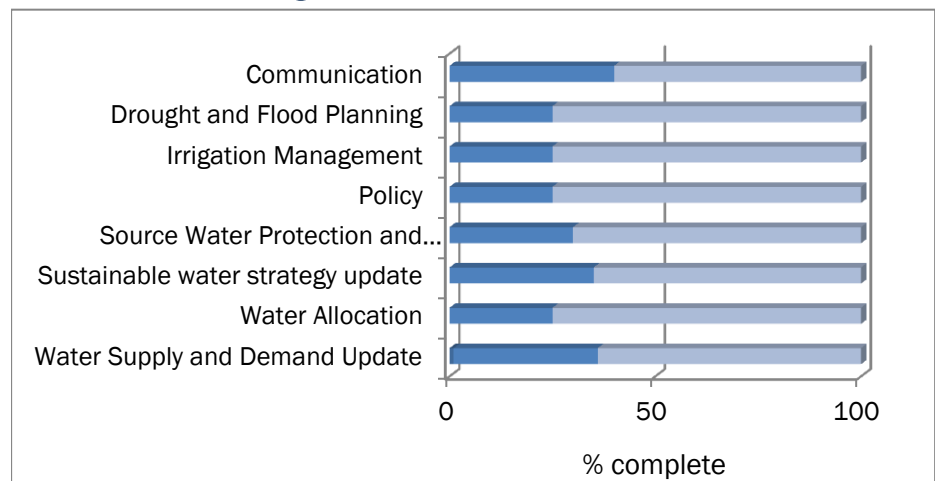
Council Meeting Highlights*

Policy Committee meeting took place prior to the Council to itemize and prioritize their action plan

- Okanagan Large Lake Boating Environmental Impacts: Presentation by **Scott Boswell** (OCCP), **Jason Schleppe** (Ecoscape Environmental) and **Heather Larratt** (Larratt Aquatic). They investigated the long-term potential threats of boating activity on lake water source protection for the municipal and domestic intakes on Wood Lake and Kalamalka Lake.
- Committee chairs updated on the progress. Most of committees move from identifying priorities to working on specific actions. WSC members provided a feedback to refining guiding principles for the *Sustainable Water Strategy*.
- Following the discussion during April 13th meeting, we put together a policy brief on Bio-solids application and the barriers and opportunities that described a recommended action to support a 3rd party agriculture organization to develop a communication strategy suggesting changes to the Canada GAP Food Safety Manual.
- B.C. Government agencies are heavy into emergency management for flooding. IHA has issued 48 water quality advisories/boil water notifications in the last two weeks preceding the meeting.
- OCCP project on foreshore inventory and mapping finalized; the State of the Basin report on indicators project to follow shortly.
- UBCO is putting forward a request to launch a Bachelor of Sustainability program to the Provincial government.
- Four OBWB Directors will be attending the FCM and meeting with the DFO Canada to put forth recommendations aimed and preventing the spread of invasive mussels.
- AAFG started two new projects looking at the environmental services provided in agricultural ecosystems

* Council meeting minutes are posted at www.obwb.ca/wsc

Active council working committees



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