

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

technical advisory committee



February 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
- **BC Cattlemen's Association**
Lee Hesketh / Linda Allison
- **BC Fruit Growers Association**
Kevin Day / Richard McDonald
- **BC Ground Water Association**
Marta Green / Remi Alard
- **BC Ministry of Agriculture**
Andrew Petersen / Stephanie Tam
- **BC Water Supply Association**
Bob Hrasko / Patti Meger
- **BC Wildlife Federation – Region 8**
Doug Flintoft / 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
- **Environment Canada – Pacific & Yukon**
Kendall Woo / Ian Rogalski
- **Fisheries and Oceans Canada**
Doug Edwards
- **Interior Health**
Rob Birtles / Judi Ekkert
- **Irrigation Council of BC**
Ted Van der Gulik / Bruce Naka
- **Kelowna Chamber of Commerce**
Caroline Grover / Tom Dyas / Jeff Robinson
- **Ministry of FLNRO: Fish/Wildlife**
Grant Furness / Lora Niell
- **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 Newfeld
- **Okanagan Nation Alliance**
Zoe Eyjolfson / Elinor McGrath / Natasha Lukey
- **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

Council Report Highlights

- Council theme: *Exploring natural capital valuation*
The Okanagan Valley is rich with natural capital that provides us with enormous benefits to our well-being and quality of life but which are taken for granted until they are gone.
- Estimate of Okanagan greenbelt natural capital estimated at \$2.6 billion / year (Dr. Lael Parrott)
- Richard Bussanich, ONA Fisheries Department provided an excellent presentation outlining the partnered project with the OBWB developing an Economic Analysis of the Okanagan River (2015) which was presented to the United Nations for a food security discussion in Italy. The 17 km natural section of the Okanagan river analyzed is the only natural section left on the Columbia River and accounts for 90% of Columbia River sockeye spawning
- New Council committees were established [chair]:
 - Communication [Kirk]
 - Environmental Flow Needs [Edwards]
 - Okanagan Supply & Demand Study [Neilsen]
 - Irrigation Management [Naka]
 - Source Water Protection / Wetlands [Clark]
 - Drought & Flood [Boswell]
 - Policy [Birtles]
- Annual BCWWA annual spring conference being held April 6-7 at Quail Ridge, Kelowna.
- CWRA National Water Conference, June 5-7 Lethbridge.
- Interior Health releasing (May) a state of drinking water in the Southern Interior report

WSC Working Committees: 2016-18 term

Committee	Progress Status				
	None	Fair	Good	Excellent	Complete
Communication, extension and outreach	✓				
EFNs Phase III – decision making framework	✓				
Update Okanagan Supply and Demand Study	✓				
Irrigation Management	✓				
Update Okanagan Sustainable water Strategy 2.0	✓				
Source water protection	✓				
Drought and flood planning	✓				
Policy	✓				

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