

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Technical advisory committee



March 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 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
- **Irrigation Council of BC**
Ted Van der Gulik / Bruce Naka
- **Kelowna Chamber of Commerce**
TBA/ Tom Dyas / Jeff Robinson
- **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 Newfeld
- **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
- **Environment Canada – Pacific & Yukon (observers)**
Kendall Woo / Ian Rogalski

Council Report Highlights

Two committees met prior to the Council to develop their terms of reference: *Supply and Demand Update Committee*, and the *Irrigation Management Committee*

WSC meeting highlights:

- Connecting the dots: Presentation by **Bryn White** (SOSCP) and **Scott Boswell** (OCCP). They spoke about work they do collaboratively with their partner organizations in enhancing biodiversity and environment conservation in unique Okanagan region.
- Kelowna Integrated Water Supply (presented by **Andrew Reeder**, City of Kelowna). Looking into challenges and opportunities of delivering the most cost-effective and efficient water supply plan for the city of Kelowna.
- Committees' updates: committees' chairs shared the results of their first meetings and priority objectives set forth for implementation in term 2016-2018.
- Recent water shutdown by the District of Summerland supported key lessons learned including: support by Interior Health and water suppliers, need for public involvement and strong communication.
- RDOS is working on water audit feedback from the Province – implications and opportunities.
- FLNRO staff in the Okanagan are focusing on climate change related water issues and attaining wetland conservation goals.
- The BC Wildlife Federation is hosting their next AGM in Nelson on May 4th.
- The RD of North Okanagan reported adequate snowpack and reservoir storage levels so far this year.
- Council discussed recommended 'Options for action' by DFO on invasive mussels.
- Canada Water week events were announced for March 19-25th.

The above provides a selection of member reports. For a full report see Council meeting minutes.

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	✓				
Source water protection	✓				
Drought and flood planning	✓				
Policy	✓				

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