



January 2018

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Technical advisory committee to the OBWB

Council Members

(Term 7: November 2016 – April 2018)

Appointed representatives / alternates

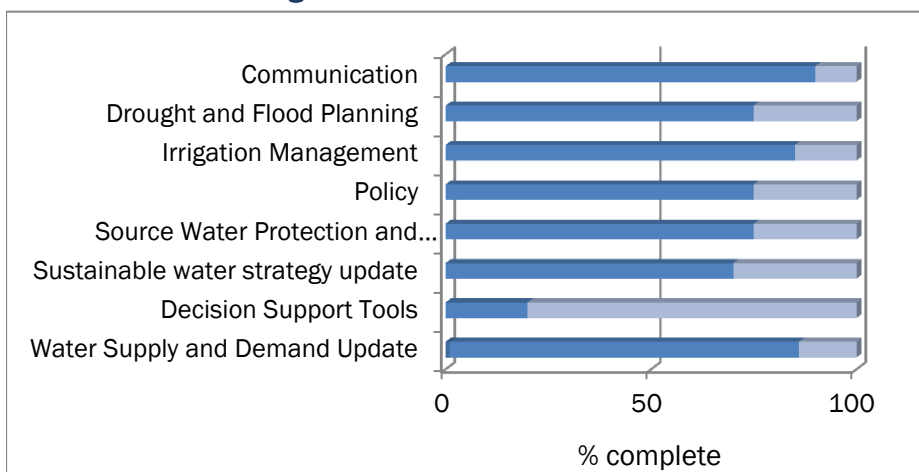
• AAFC, Research Branch Denise Neilsen / Tom Forge
• APEGBC Don Dobson / Susan Lapp / Shawn Badasha
• BC Agriculture Council Hans Buchler / Christine Dendee
• BC Cattlemen's Association Lee Hesketh / Linda Allison
• BC Fruit Growers Association Glen Lucas / Kevin Day / Richard McDonald
• BC Ground Water 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 Flintoft / Lorne Davies
• Canadian Water Resources Association Brian Guy/ Dwayne Meredith
• City of Kelowna Rod MacLean
• 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
• IIABC Ted van der Gulik / Bruce Naka
• Ministry of FLNRO: Fish/Wildlife 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 Danika Dudzik
• 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 *

- Presentation by **Neil Fletcher, BCWF** “**BC Wetland Policy – recommendations and opportunities**” –who talked about the need for developing a province-wide wetland policy to facilitate the adoption by municipal government of a consistent approach to wetland conservation and protection. Draft memorandum with the proposed recommendations to advocate for a wetland policy was brought to members' attention whose feedback was also requested.
- **Brian Guy, CWRA**, spoke about **AE Environmental** efforts to incorporate climate change response into corporate affairs and practices. Company's leadership has stepped in to work with the staff and clients on increasing the awareness and inducing the acceptance and change.
- **Kellie Garcia, OBWB**, updated on her team's work with the Okanagan Water Sustainability Strategy and provided the timeline for completion. Draft guiding principles were reviewed and revised. WSC members were encouraged to respond to any future calls for feedback.
- The Growing Forward 2 program is ending, another program on the way.
- The Agricultural waste control regulation is under review and open to public comment.
- RDNO works on flood mapping and fuel reduction in community watersheds.
- Dam safety review contract has been awarded – a first one since 2008.
- Annual FLNRORD Qualified Professionals workshop will take place on Feb 7th in Penticton. Two new positions in Ecosystems department have been recently posted.
- OBWB continues to work with the province on LiDAR flood mapping.
- The Assembly of First Nations Vancouver is hosting a national water symposium and tradeshow on Feb 6-8.
- OBWB and CWRA-BC hosting EFN conference in Kelwona on Oct 17-18 2018. Call for posters on the way.
- IH and partners will be testing an online interactive water map for the IH region. Focus group will be held in Kelwona on Feb 20th (contact R.Birtles for details).
- CWRA annual conference takes place in Victoria BC end of May with full day session focused specifically on the Okanagan EFN work.
- Next Council meeting scheduled for February 8th, 2018 with the primary focus on Okanagan-specific mapping activities.

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

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