

**COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT
MILFOIL CONTROL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday, November 5, 2015
In the Board Room of the Regional District Office, Salmon Arm

Note: The following minutes are subject to correction when endorsed
by the Milfoil Control Planning Committee at the next Regular meeting

PRESENT

Chair:	R. Martin	Electoral Area E
Directors:	P. Demenok	Electoral Area C
	R. Talbot	Electoral Area D
	L. Morgan	Electoral Area F
	N. Cooper	City of Salmon Arm
	C. Eliason	City of Salmon Arm
Staff:	H. Kassa, Environmental Services Coordinator B. Van Nostrand, Team Leader, Environment Health Services G. Norman, Clerical Assistant, Operations Management	
Absent:	T. Rysz	District of Sicamous
	Phil Belliveau	Ministry of Environment
	Representative	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
	Representative	Adams Lake Indian Band
	Representative	Neskonlith Indian Band
	Representative	Little Shuswap Indian Band
Public:	J. Simpson	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES /
AGENDA**

M/S Directors Morgan/Demenok THAT:
The agenda for the November 5, 2015 Milfoil Control Planning Committee be approved.

CARRIED

M/S Directors Demenok/Morgan THAT:
The minutes of the October 8, 2014 Milfoil Control Planning Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

**MILFOIL CONTROL
PROGRAM
OVERVIEW AND
UPDATE**

The Environmental Services Coordinator (the 'ESC') presented Committee a verbal update on the 2015 Milfoil Control Program. The ESC reported that milfoil control work is ongoing (Shuswap and Mara Lake), utilizing two aquatic plant rototillers and harvesters in an effort to reduce the impact of milfoil. Milfoil growth in the Shuswap increased in 2015 due to a mild winter, low snowpack, reduced freshet, increased water clarity, warm sunny weather and low lake levels, which provided an enhanced growing environment.

The ESC presented a slide presentation outlining the 2014 program and results. Milfoil control survey of White Lake identified a suspicious plant which was sent to UBC for DNA analysis. White Lake is a marl lake (meaning a high level of calcium carbonate present) which limits milfoil growth.

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In 2014, the harvester operated 22 days treating approx. 29 hectares and harvested 33 tons of milfoil while the rototiller operated 54 days treating a total area of approx. 28 hectares. Maneuvering around private docks and buoys present many challenges to the operations of the milfoil program.

In 2014 aquatic plant surveys were performed by CSRD staff in non-infested local lakes and consistent with previous surveys, no Eurasian water milfoil was found.

A public information and outreach signage display was installed at the Harbour Road Boat Launch with the project being partnered with Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS) and the CSRD Parks Department. Electoral Area F Director suggested a possible location for a signage display would be at the Magna Bay Boat Launch in Area F.

An overview by the ESC of the 2014 program year end budget of \$281,179 identified a surplus of \$1,947.

**PROPOSED 2016
MILFOIL CONTROL
PROGRAM AND
BUDGET**

The proposed 2016 budget was presented to the Committee Members and discussed. The proposed 2016 program includes the provision to operate two harvesters full time in the summer and two rototillers full time in the rototilling season.

The capital budget allocation of \$40K is proposed for the purchase of a pickup truck for the second machine operator's use. Concerns from the Committee were expressed regarding this purchase and discussed further. Further clarification regarding the budget process was provided by The Team Leader, Environmental Health Services.

The current capital reserve account balance is \$85,362. The proposed budget for 2016 is \$326,419 which included the capital acquisition of \$40K.

C. Eliason left the meeting at this time.

M/S Directors Demenok/Morgan THAT:
The 2016 Milfoil Control Budget be endorsed for CSRD Board consideration as presented.

CARRIED

C. Eliason returned to the meeting at this time.

Round table discussion regarding the environmental impact of the zebra/quagga mussels being introduced to British Columbia waters.

Motion

A motion was set forth by the Committee requesting the Board to write a letter to the Federal Minister of Environment regarding the new Federal Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations. If the new regulations are effective, sufficient funding must be in place to ensure this threat does not happen in the waters of British Columbia.

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NEXT MEETING To be confirmed at the December 2015 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT M/S Directors Morgan/Cooper THAT:
10:20 AM the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR