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Shuswap Watershed Council revises their membership, seeks a youth representative

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) is inviting youth in the Shuswap region to join their mission in protecting and enhancing water quality by applying to become a youth representative on the Council. One seat is available for a youth, for a two-year term, beginning in April.

Other changes are also afoot for the Council. As of January 1st, directors from the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) are no longer appointed to the Council nor is the CSRD contributing funding to the SWC. This is due to the referendum that the CSRD held in February last year. Currently, the SWC membership consists of representatives from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Adams Lake Band, Splatstine Secwepemc, City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, Regional District of North Okanagan, three Provincial government agencies, and community representatives. The diverse membership of the SWC enables collaboration by various organizations with a role or responsibility for water across the Shuswap watershed.

The role of SWC members is to provide direction and oversight for the SWC's work on water quality, aquatic invasive species prevention, public engagement and education, communications, and advocacy. The Fraser Basin Council, a provincial non-government organization, provide the staff services and program delivery for the SWC.

"We are very grateful to the CSRD for their years of participation and contributing funding to the SWC's work," says Erin Vieira, program manager for the SWC.

"As we shift our Council membership, we are seeking a youth between the ages of 19 – 30 who lives in the Shuswap to join the Council and provide input, insight and perspective from the broader youth community. Previous committee experience isn't necessary, but candidates should have a keen interest in the watershed."

The position is volunteer, but expenses associated with attending meetings or events would be compensated. A full description of the Youth Representative position, and the application form, are available on the SWC's website, www.shuswapwater.ca. The deadline for submitting an application is February 21st 2025.



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About: The Shuswap Watershed Council is a watershed-based partnership that works on water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap.

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