



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

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OFFICE OF: CORPORATE SERVICES

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June 12, 2017

To: Shuswap River Motorized Vessel Management Advisory Committee

## Re: Timeline and Next Steps

Foremost, the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) would like to thank everyone who has participated in the Vessel Operating Restriction Regulations (VORR) discussions. The time commitment demonstrated by all members of the Task Force is greatly appreciated and goes a long way in ensuring the success of this consultative process and a sustainable outcome.

To date, it appears there has been many significant and positive conversations leading to consensus being reached on a number of elements. The ability to have constructive negotiations based upon the recognition of the valid interests of both the pro-river and pro-boat sides is central to the agreed upon process.

The RDNO would like to reiterate its support for the process as outlined in the March 23, 2017 letter from Chair Fleming (attached). Specifically, the RDNO reaffirms its commitment to:

- Make decisions / recommendations to reduce conflict on the river and reduce risks to public safety and the environment by the end of June;
- Respect the consensus recommendations of the advisory committee subject to feasibility of cost and adequate consultation with the public and First Nations and;
- Commit to the consensus being stable and long-lasting.

As discussed at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Lower Shuswap River Advisory Committee meeting, the Board will be moving towards final closure of this process in recognition of the significant resources demands of this exercise and the need of the RDNO to balance other political priorities. Consequently, with the end of the process approaching, the RDNO looks forward to the development of a final consensus and submission to the Board of Directors.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Sewell", written over a circular stamp.

David Sewell  
Chief Administrative Officer



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March 23, 2017

Stakeholder Committee - *via email*

Dear Stakeholder Committee:

**RE: Shuswap River Motorized Vessel Management Mediation Process**

Thank you for your continued interest in the Shuswap River and participation as a Stakeholder in the Shuswap River Motorized Vessel Management Mediation Process (SRMVMMP). The purpose of the SRMVMMP is to develop recommendations to the RDNO regarding the management of motorized vessels on the lower Shuswap river between Mara lake and Mabel lake; and the upper Shuswap River between Mabel Lake and the headwaters. The Regional District sees this process as supplementing the information in the Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan, not replacing it; although it could result in changes to the Plan.

Please be advised that at the March 22, 2017 regular meeting of the RDNO Board of Directors, the Board passed the following resolution:

*That the following Policy Statement regarding the Shuswap River Motorized Vessel Management Mediation Process be adopted:*

*The Board of the Regional District of North Okanagan is:*

1. *Desirous to reduce risk to public safety and the environment through increased management of motorized vessels on the river. This may or may not include making recommendations to Transport Canada.*
2. *Open to a range of options including, but not limited to those identified in the Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan.*
3. *Committed to follow the consensus advice from a public advisory group that represents the range of stakeholders and perspectives subject to:*
  - a. *Reasonable cost implications of the recommendations;*
  - b. *Effective representation of the full spectrum of public interests;*
  - c. *Opportunities for broad public input have been provided;*
  - d. *First Nations have been consulted or directly involved.*

This Policy replaces Policy 1.2 in the first draft of the Terms of Reference dated March 16, 2017 as per discussions held at the Stakeholder Committee meetings on March 16 and 17, 2017.

Sincerely,

Bob Fleming  
Chair, Regional District of North Okanagan

cc: Board of Directors, Regional District of North Okanagan  
Alex Grzybowski