

LARCH HILLS NORDIC SOCIETY

Executive Meeting Tuesday April 7, 2020 at 7:30 PM
Via ZOOM

1. **Attendees:** Suzy Beckner, Abbi May, Don Miller, Rob van Varseveld, Pauline Waelti, Clint Smith, Karen Tanchak, Laura Hepburn, Craig McBride, Brad Calkins, Jonathan Baker. Absent Ed Bouma
2. **Adopt Agenda.** Laura motion to adopt, Craig 2nd
3. **Minutes of last meeting** – March 3, 2020 -Clint motioned to adopt. Don 2nd. All in favour.
4. **Business arising/outstanding issues:**
 - Trail report – **Brad will work on changes for next season** and Karen has moved the snowshoe report up above the backcountry.
 - **Rob will send an enote about Tekamar.**
5. **Treasurer Report** – Don -see attached.
6. **Treasurer Discussion Items** – Don – Cash Flow, Accounting and GST (please see attachment)

There is not an imminent plan for buying a second snowmobile. There will be some repairs needed on the PB and 2009 snowmobile.

There are seven eligible tracksetters for the honorarium. Don will call the tracksetters and offer them the honorarium.

There was discussion about the planned salvage logging. There will not likely be salvage logging approved within the parks. Rapattack will be able to help quite a bit with the project doing clearing of blowdown and falling. Costs will also be reduced by volunteer efforts.

George Zorn has expressed concerns about the project which were discussed. The executive has approved the project and continue to support it.

After discussion it was decided that:

- We will continue with the tree removal project as planned.
- We will reassess this year's contribution to the tracksetter fund in September depending on the current Covid crisis as our revenue may drop significantly next season.

- The scholarships will continue this year.
- Don will include the race team and loppet financial records with the club finances. The bank accounts and financial operations will otherwise remain separate.

7. **Trail Committee** – Craig

Private Land Owner- Mike Scott sent a letter to Dave Wallenstein. He is continuing to hold the land as a single large holding. He has put on some gates and signs limiting use other than xc skiers. He remains opened to the trail extension plans. He wants to limit any summer motorized use. He will continue to do yearly or multi-year use agreements with LHNS. There was discussion about gates at the top of roller coaster and Devil's Lunge to prevent vehicles in summer. Concrete barriers could be used in the short term. It is not clear if he supports mountain bikes and equestrian on the property.

Secwepemc Landmark Locations -see attached

The executive supported the project. Craig has suggested an alternate location to Sutra that might be more viewed at the lookout trail.

Craig will write a letter of approval.

8. **Lighting** -Rob is working on grant applications. He asked trail alliance for a letter of support. They are unable to offer a letter until we get section 57 approval. The application is in progress. Start dates will be pending the approvals. Archeological study is pending. Jeremy Ayotte has done the wildlife impact report.

9. **Tracksetting Update** – Suzy

George Jackson will stay on as tracksetting coordinator. Abbi is willing to be a tracksetting liason. Feedback should be provided to Abbi or George. Abbi and Suzy have been driving the Kubota and helping groom the trails. Purchasing a new ginzu has been discussed but will be deferred for now.

Rob agreed to further research backup power. He will focus on having the hookup prepared so we can rent a generator if need and will be ready to go.

10. **Club Manager Report** – Karen

Sit ski cabinet was installed.

Karen has supplies for the hot drink machine at her house. We made about \$80 profit this year. She suggested raising the cost for next season. Draft policy manual is started but need to be edited by those with specific knowledge.

A timeline document has also been started and can be edited.

The chalet is cleaned except the cubbies.

Water system emergency response is started and permit to operate will be sent.

We qualify for the community gaming grant -deadline May 31 -for the children's programs. **Suzy has the information for completing the application.**

Karen was thanked by the executive for doing an exceptional job this season.

11. **Website** - Jonathan - Web Hosting is in Duncan's name (pays on his credit card) and Domain Name is in Alan Bahen's name. **Suzy will ask Duncan if he is ok with continuing this setup.** Jonathan suggested buying the skilarchhills.com as well as skilarchhills.ca for an extra \$20/year. He would like a second person to have access. Brad will have a copy for now and then Karen can take over in the winter. She has passed the computer on to Suzy and has backed it up with copies to herself and Suzy.

12. **Carbon Neutral Committee Report** – Brad and Clint are on the committee. See attached.

Additions

1. Summer rentals. Suzy is still working on rates.
2. Email addresses on the website- Don would like to keep his address as he gets invoices. Jonathan can make a treasurer email that will be forwarded to Don for now. Other email addresses will be removed from website as we are only getting scam emails.
3. Jackrabbit video won 3rd place from CCBC with a \$700 award

Pauline will book the community center for the second Tuesday of the month general meetings starting in November at 7:30pm. Jonathan will put the dates on the website.

Tuesday May 5, 7:30pm next executive meeting
Pauline motion to adjourn 9:15pm. Don 2nd.

Committee report: March 27, 2020 Meeting

Carbon neutral committee was formed and consists of:

- Jim Beckner
- George Zorn
- Brad Calkins
- Clint Smith
- Hermann Bruns
- Pat Hutchins
- Serena Caner

Broke down club activity into three areas for investigation

- Operations
 - o Fuel use
 - o Heating
 - o Fallen Trees / Natural Decay
 - o Trail clearing / construction
 - o Electricity
- Club Functions
 - o Events
- Users
 - o Getting to/from the facilities
 - o Waste

Action: look into impact of various area of investigation

Discussed idea for reducing emissions

Next steps:

- Meet in a month
- Work on number/emissions calculations
- Setup Google Docs to share information

Memo from Don Miller

Date: March 31, 2020
To: The executive of Larch Hills Nordic Society
Cc: LHNS meeting file
RE: Agenda items

There are several items that I would like to discuss during our scheduled meeting.

1. Cash flow –

In light of the current crisis, I have concerns regarding our operations for next season. It is impossible to predict the lasting ramifications of the curtailment of social and economic activities that we are experiencing at present. I believe that it is equally impossible to guess the length of time that these restrictions remain in place.

It seems to me that it is very likely that, regardless of the course that the disease takes, there will be a significant impact on our membership and consequently our revenues for the 2020-2021 season. Quantifying the impact would be, at best, a guess and I think that it would be prudent to ensure, as best that we can, that we can provide an appropriate facility for our members.

I'm presuming here that there will be a loosening of the "Stay at Home" recommendations, allowing for our members to use the trails. This will require funding the costs of tracksetting and related costs with an unknown level of membership and trail use fees.

In order that we prepare for this eventuality, I recommend that, until such time as we are better able to predict our cash flow, that we curtail all but the critical expenditures. This would include:

- *Deferring the proposed purchase of a second snowmobile;*
- *Deferring the proposed timber cutting program that was discussed at the Annual General Meeting;*
- *Deferring the annual contribution to the Tracksetter Fund. This may be problematic as I believe that this contribution is required to be made annually as passed in a prior Annual Meeting.*
- *Carefully monitoring all expenditures for the remainder of this fiscal year.*

2. Accounting

In my view the financial statements as presented do not accurately reflect the complete activities of the Larch Hills Nordic Society as they exclude the operations of the Jr Race team and the RKS Loppet. Each of these have significant operational revenues and costs on an annual basis and have assets and funds that are, as determined earlier, a part of the society. I propose that for the current fiscal year, the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, I will contact the treasurers for each and obtain the appropriate documents to incorporate the activities in our accounting records.

3. GST

CRA has altered their position regarding the GST. Initially they had registered LHNS as of October 1, 2019 but subsequently I received notification that we must file a return for the fiscal year October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. Unfortunately, no GST was collected on the taxable items in that fiscal year and consequently we will have to consider that the amount collect are inclusive of GST. On the brighter side we are able to claim an Input Tax Credit on the value of the tangible assets that the society owned on October 1, 2018 and that includes the value of the chalet and the track setting

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equipment, I have not complete the calculation but I roughly estimate that we should receive a significant refund upon filing of the report.

Secwépemc Landmarks | Trailhead Sign Posts



Updated: 03.31.2020

The Shuswap Trail Alliance is currently partnered with Adams Lake Indian Band, Neskonlith Indian Band, Słatsín, the City of Salmon Arm, Shuswap Tourism, Columbia Shuswap Regional District and FLNRORD on the Secwepemc Landmarks Project.

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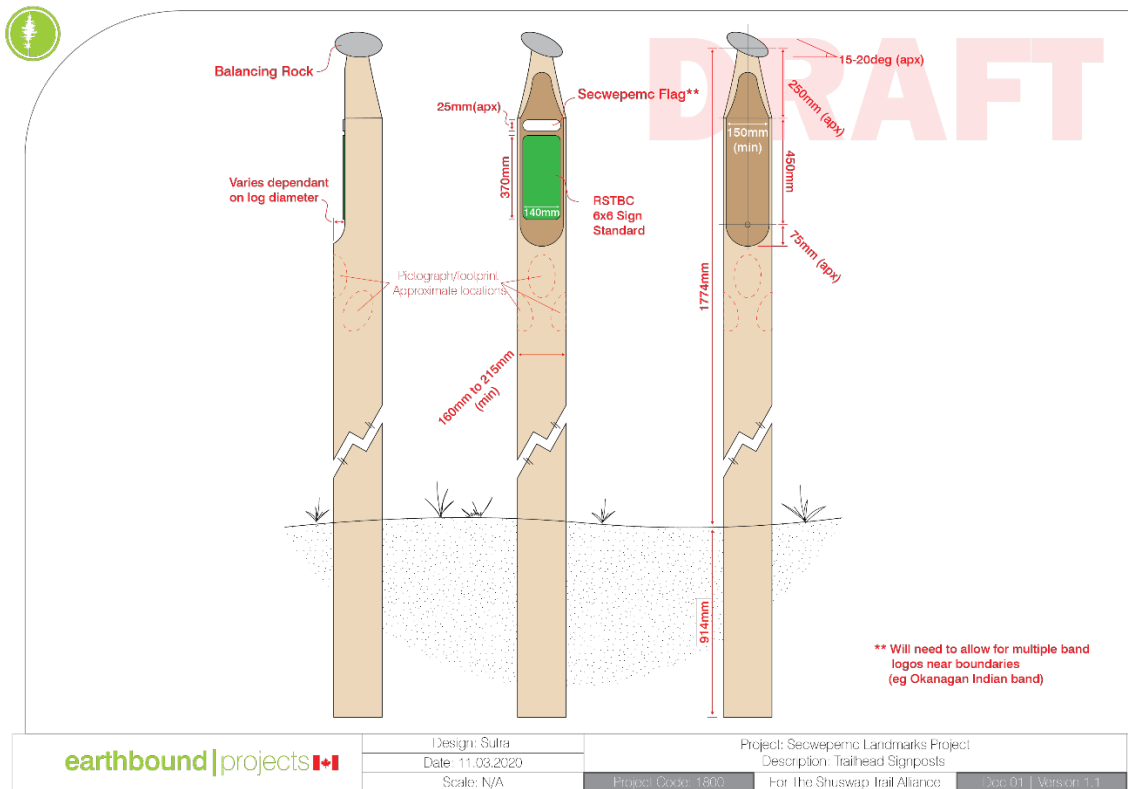
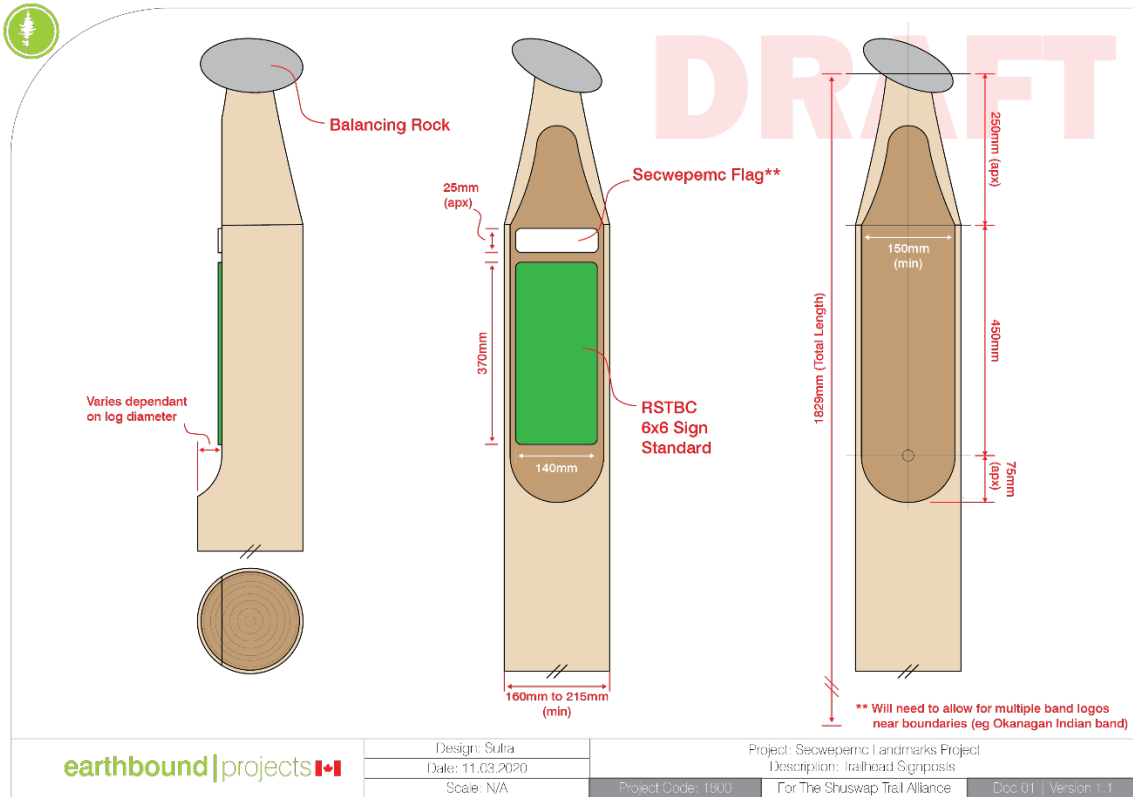
-Adams Lake Band Councillor Shelley Witzky

This project will entail Secwépemc artists leading workshops with youth from grades 6 to 12 in School District 83 (“SD 83”) to carve and paint pictographs into a series of 100 trailhead posts (See Concept Trailhead below). The pictographs will be designed by students in SD83 in a series of workshops under the guidance of a Secwépemc storyteller and carver. These trailhead posts will be stationed at trailheads leading to Secwépemc Landmarks and trails throughout the Shuswap.

Trailhead Posts

- Small semi-permanent structure
- 5.5 ft. tall (above ground, 3ft below)
- Wooden construction, Cedar - will break down over time, will need replacing, inspire hereditary replacement
- Pictograph or animal print carvings, paint inlay
- Balancing rock to honor Coyote Pillars
- Secwépemc and settler artists - reconciliation
- Secwépemc logo/badge
- Existing RSTBC sign standards for signage
- Designed to replace existing 6x6 trailhead posts

Concept Trailhead Post:





Sample post only (orange blaze represents approximate location of nation Flag)

We currently have funding through the BC Rural Dividend Funding for the creation of 100 trailhead posts to be installed around the Shuswap. Stellar Jones has committed to donating all 100 cedar posts and we are currently working with local groups/businesses to source carving tools and safety equipment.

We have tried to find locations that are a mixture of accessible trails to all user groups whilst being spread out across the Shuswap watershed and accessible to the different communities.

We are contacting you as we have selected a potential location that is within a property managed by your organization or in partnership with another, or your organization has a strong interest in. For this reason, we have also included 3 locations that act as peripheral trailhead locations, that feed into the LHNS Recreation area (*Highlighted in gray*). We are hoping that you will find this project and the locations we have selected meet the values of your organization and you find the locations, or ones in close proximity appropriate for installations. We would be seeking a letter of support from your organization if you indeed find this a good fit and welcome installation. Below are the location details and attached is a map with KML file for your review.

Additional requests for letters of support have similarly sent out to all partner's/land managers identified in the planning process and shown on the following table. If you feel there are any additional groups/organizations that need to be contacted, please email them the address provided below.

LHNS Potential Trailhead Locations - Working Inventory (Consolidated)
Updated 03.31.2020

REF NO#	Location Name	Type/User	Waypoint Ref #	Location	Land Manager	Site operator
TH035	Larchhills Nordic	XC Ski, Snowshoe, Hike, Bike, EQ, ORV, 4x4, Fat Bike	50°42'32.07"N, 119° 8'8.60"W	Salmon Arm & Area	RSTBC	LHNS
TH051	South Canoe	Universal, Hike, Bike, EQ, Snow shoe, Fat Bike, XC Ski	50°41'34.49"N, 119°12'15.42"W	Salmon Arm & Area	CSA	STA/South Canoe Trail Advisory, LHNS
TH048	Rubberhead	Hike, Bike, Snow shoe, Fat Bike	50°46'4.51"N, 119°10'58.45"W	Salmon Arm & Area	RSTBC	Shuswap Cycling Club
TH055	Larchhills Traverse/ Hyde Mountain	XC Ski, Snow shoe, Hike, Bike, EQ, Fat Bike	TBD	Salmon Arm & Area/East Shuswap	RSTBC	STA

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Secwépemc Landmarks | Sentinel Landmarks



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This project will entail collaboration between both Secwépemc and Settler artists to create a series of ‘orientation sculptures’ around the Shuswap. These sculptures will be consisting of one main Landmark located at the Salmon Arm wharf with approx. 6 Sentinel landmarks installed in prominent geographic and historic locations within the surrounding area. Each sentinel will be referenced from the main Landmark through a series of view portals drilled through the main landmark and identifying its Secwepemc place name and significance. Accompanying each landmark will be a storyboard portraying the local history and culturally appropriate stories pertaining to the location or surrounding area. An elder’s committee representing the 4 bands has been and continues to instrumental in its leadership and guidance in providing vetted and approved content and locations that while educating the users, still respects the values and significance of the different locations and preserving sacred knowledge within the bands.

Main Landmark Sculpture

- permanent Sculptures
- Approx. 8 ft. tall
- rock base sculpture with metal overlay
- viewing portals that point to geographic and historic locations
- storyboards portraying local Secwepemc stories and history

- pictograph or animal print carvings
- balancing rock to honor Coyote Pillars
- Secwépemc and settler artist's collaboration - reconciliation

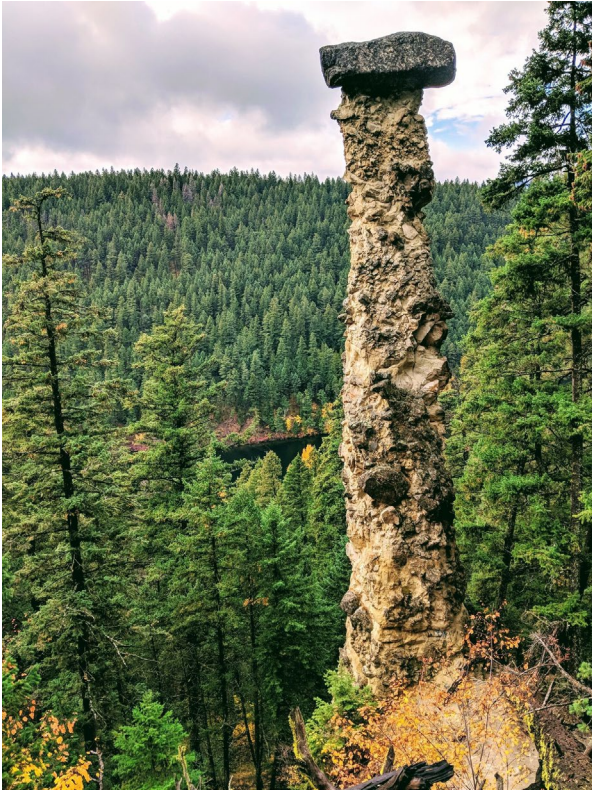
Sentinel Landmark sculptures

- permanent Sculptures
- 4-5 ft. tall
- rock base sculpture with metal overlay
- viewing portals that point to geographic and historic locations
- storyboards portraying local Secwepemc stories and history
- pictograph or animal print carvings
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Existing sculptures and monuments:



example of existing orientation signposts in Switzerland



Pillar Rock (Coyote Pillar) near Pillar Lake, Falkland



Existing Stsxum monument near miner's bluff.

We currently have funding through the BC Rural Dividend Funding for the creation of 2 main Landmarks Sculptures, of which will be located at Salmon Arm wharf and Chase Wharf, and 6 Sentinels with accompanying storyboards to be placed at locations around Salmon Arm Bay.

We have tried to find locations that are accessible through trails/roads to a mixture of user groups, and being spread out around the Salmon Arm Bay.

We are contacting you as we have identified possible locations that are either within a properties managed by your organization or in partnership with others, or your organization has a strong vested interest in. We are hoping that you will find this project and the locations we have selected meet the values of your organization and you find the locations, or ones in close proximity appropriate for possible installations. We would be seeking a letter of support and/or permission from your organization should you indeed find these a good fit and welcome additions. Below are the location details and KML file of the

site we are interested in, in relation to your organization. Also included is a map of all the sites we are currently considering around the Salmon Arm Bay for reference, the first of which will be installed at the Salmon Arm wharf with the full support of the City of Salmon Arm.

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As this project is still in the planning stages and we are still working closely with elders from the local First nations bands to properly identify cultural information and significance, we ask that you keep the information provided confidential at this time.

Larchhills/Rubberhead & South Canoe Sentinel Location - Working Inventory (Consolidated) - Updated 03.31.2020

NO#	Settler Name	Proposed Monument Type	Waypoint Ref #	Location	Current User Volumes	Band/s Area	Land managers/ Stakeholders	Location Notes
LM005	South Canoe Bluffs	Sentinel & Story board	50°40'55.67"N, 119°10'38.09"W	South canoe	High	SFN, ALIB, NIB, LSIB, QS	CSA, Rec Sites & Trails, South Canoe Trail Advisory, Larch Hills Nordic, Curt Olson	This is a high use mountain bike area, location is only access able via trail of small bush bash from an FSR, is a None motorised location only
LM004	Larch Hills/ Rubberhead	Sentinel & Story board	50°45'30.60"N, 119° 8'37.32"W	Larch hills	Low	OIB, SFN, ALIB, NIB, LSIB, QS	Rec Sites & Trails, Larch hills Nordic, Shuswap Cycling club (Rubberhead)	This location lies in the NW limits of the LHNS ski area and the E limits of the Rubberhead mountain bike area, it is on one of the highest points. FSR Access is Via the 109 FSR through Rubberhead.

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