



COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 7, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 22, 2022.

PROCLAMATIONS

Jackie Neustaeter, Rachel Argue, Morgan Harll and Palma Miller of the SCCHS Students Against Drinking and Driving, will attend to proclaim March 6 to March 12, 2022 as “Provincial Impaired Driving Awareness Week”.

Jenn Stadd and Keelan Cornelson of the Registered Social Workers of Saskatchewan, will attend to proclaim March 20 to March 26, 2022 as “Social Work Week”.

Jack and Mary Hoffart of Saskatchewan Epilepsy Inc., will attend to proclaim March 21 to March 27, 2022 as “Epilepsy Awareness Week”.

DELEGATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC NOTICE MATTERS/ORDERS

ITEMS FOR ACTION

- 1 Accounts.
- 3 Report regarding 2022 - 2023 Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program.
- 7 Report regarding Appointment to Public Library Board.
- 8 Report regarding Cancellation of Council Meeting.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

BYLAWS



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 9 Truth and Reconciliation Committee Meeting Agenda from February 15, 2022.
- 10 Swift Current Ag & Ex Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2022.
- 11 Swift Current & District Chamber of Commerce Meeting Agenda from February 16, 2022.
- 12 Prairie Pioneers Independent Housing Inc. Meeting Agenda from February 23, 2022.
- 13 Southwest Transportation Planning Council Inc. Executive Working Committee Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2022 and Meeting Agenda from February 25, 2022.
- 17 Swift Current City Detachment Community Policing Report for February, 2022.
- 18 Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Meeting Agenda and 2021 Annual General Meeting Agenda from March 1, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEMS REQUESTED TO BE DISCUSSED EN CAMERA

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS/ENQUIRIES

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, March 21, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

February 23, 2022

TO: Council

FROM: Kari Cobler, General Manager of Corporate Services

RE: Accounts

Enclosed are the General Revenue Fund Disbursements for the period
Feb 11 - 23, 2022

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Regular Accounts (2022)	183,767.46	689,117.56
Payroll Benefits	329,413.90	1,430,853.32
School Payments (Holy Trinity RCSSD #22)	-	97,795.96
School Payments (Minister of Finance)	-	454,413.11
Sask Power - (Energy Purchase)	1,149,683.37	2,207,029.72
Sask Power	24,785.42	58,906.98
SaskEnergy	78,558.74	162,412.26
SaskTel	15,375.59	30,961.44
General Contractors:		
AECom Canada Ltd	10,846.88	12,999.38
Anthratch Western Inc	-	15,661.79
ATS Traffic	-	23,378.82
B & A Petroleum	-	79,998.51
Blenders	-	22,750.00
Blue Hill Excavating	-	33,622.05
Canadian Pacific Railway	-	11,299.84
Chemtrade West	-	28,709.44
Chinook Regional Library	-	226,606.50
Choice Electrical Supply	72,219.92	91,130.62
Clartech Industries Inc	-	22,156.09
Dave's Trucking & Skid Steer	-	12,967.50
Elevation Landscaping Inc	-	33,811.05
Emco	-	16,107.91
FP Teleset	-	36,750.00
Harbuilt Construction Ltd	-	305,194.50
Itron	-	44,755.20
Jet Construction Ltd	-	11,766.00
Klein's Electrical Inc	-	14,286.51
KMS Construction	-	199,522.38
Knudsen Excavating	-	220,012.82
Kramer Holding Inc	-	28,549.20
Martin Deerline	-	26,677.74
Mastec Canada Inc	49,952.41	499,524.03
Metercor Inc	-	30,809.83
Mid Contiental Pump Supply	-	29,054.25
MPE Engineering Ltd	-	17,168.58
Oracle Corporation Canada	-	28,291.48
PTW Facility	-	21,956.91
Rhettro's Bobcatting Service	-	25,436.25
Riverside Electric Ltd	-	71,410.19
Rock Solid Trucking	-	44,871.75

Saasycloud.com Inc	-	11,100.00
Saskatchewan Abilities Council	54,947.09	111,246.42
Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency	-	26,151.30
SGI	-	73,438.62
Sound Horticulture	-	10,882.75
Southern Star Trucking	-	38,765.40
Stevenson Industrial Refrigeration	134,976.00	139,608.60
SUMA	-	18,615.64
Teamviewer Inc	-	26,839.20
Trail Excavating	-	43,867.77
Trans Canada Contracting Ltd	-	365,725.04
Triways Disposal Services	106,521.83	211,045.90
Wastequip LLC	40,228.27	40,228.27
Western Underground Consulting	-	20,848.04
Wiebe Contracting Ltd	-	42,700.78
WSP Canada Group Ltd	-	51,336.08
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,251,276.88</u>	<u>\$ 8,651,127.28</u>

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that \$2,251,276.88 in disbursements be approved.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Lisa Hagen, Accounts Payable Supervisor

SIGNATURE:



APPROVAL:



I concur with the recommendation



Tim Marcus, CAO



City of Swift Current

C.A.O. Report

Date: March 3, 2022
To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: General Manager of Community Services
Subject: **2022-2023 Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program**

BACKGROUND

Each year, the City of Swift Current applies to Saskatchewan Lotteries for funding under the Community Grant Program. Based on our population, Swift Current receives funding in the amount of \$114,900 for programs operating between April 1st, 2022 and March 31st, 2023. This grant program allows non-profit organizations, whose purpose is the delivery of sport, culture and recreation, the opportunity to secure funding to operate or advance the scope of their program.

In January of 2021, the application for grant funding, for the 2022-2023 year was submitted to Saskatchewan Lotteries by the City of Swift Current. In January of 2022, Community Services began advertising the availability of applications to community-based organizations. After five (5) weeks of continuous and varied advertising, the 2022-2023 Community Grant applications were submitted to Community Services by the February 14th, 2022 deadline.

DISCUSSION

The Community Grant Program consists of two (2) components: a Target component, which must receive at least 30% of the total funding, and a Base component, which is eligible for the remainder of funding. "Target populations" include groups such as indigenous people, seniors, women, youth at risk, the economically disadvantaged, identifiable minorities, persons with a disability and single-parent families.

The goal of the Community Grant Program is to provide access to sport, culture, and recreation activities by enabling communities to address the needs of local residents.

To allocate the community grant, numerous factors and criteria are considered such as:

- Is the Organization from Swift Current?
- Are seventy-five per cent (75%) of the recipients from Swift Current?

- Does the application meet the guidelines set out by Saskatchewan Lotteries?
- Will there be a profit for the organization?
- Has the organization adopted Safe Places into their mandate?
- Have previous follow up reports been completed?

Once applications meet the above criteria requirements, they are reviewed to determine which component base or target is most relative and granted funding accordingly to the criteria set out. Included you will find an attachment that lists the grant applicants, program descriptions, a recommendation for their approval based on the criteria fit and the amount of funding the organization will receive from the Community Grant Program.

58 applications have been submitted from a variety of Swift Current organizations. In total, the funding requested is \$163,511. Based on the attached criteria, all 58 applications are being recommended to receive funding from the Community Grant.

The applications and funding amounts were reviewed by the Recreation, Parks and Culture Board on March 2nd, 2022 with no concerns.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the attached recommendations for funding amounts under the 2022-2023 Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program.



Jim Jones, General Manager of Community Services

CAO Recommendation:

I concur with the Director's recommendation.



Tim Marcus, CAO

Organization Name - Target	Project Description	Recommendation	Justification
Art Gallery of Swift Current	Arts Access Grant, allowing 14 spots for summer and winter art camps, for low income participants	\$ 2,450	Target Groups
Canadian Mental Health	Promoting wellness through Recreation	\$ 2,000	Target Groups
Chinook Regional Library	Sask Science Center activities for our local branch	\$ 500	Target Groups- Not Provided Otherwise
City of Swift Current - Aquatics	Recreation Access Grant, low income families funding to access to recreation	\$ 8,000	Target Groups
City of Swift Current- Families in the Park	Families in the park summer program	\$ 9,000	Target Groups
City of Swift Current- In Motion	In Motion programs	\$ 7,000	Target Groups
City of Swift Current- Parks Play Program	Parks Play program	\$ 26,420	Target Groups
City of Swift Current- Summer Zone	Summer Zone program	\$ 16,500	Target Groups
City of Swift Current-Community Rec Programs	Welcome to Sport, Youth Open Gym	\$ 5,080	Target Groups
Riverview Village Estates	Bringing in a Pro Golfer to teach golfing as a senior with their new golf simulator	\$ 250	Target Groups
SaskAbilities	Summer Fun program	\$ 3,000	Target Groups
Southwest Cultural Development Group Inc.	Lyric Theatre Programming Great Southwest Shakespeare Festival, Open Stage, Interruption festival, write out loud, youth programming, Lyric Digital Stage	\$ 3,750	Target Groups
Southwest Literacy Committee	Family Literacy Program. Families come together to do activities	\$ 500	Target Groups
Southwest Multicultural Association	Reconciliation event to create awareness	\$ 500	Target Groups
Special Olympics Swift Current	Weekly sporting opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities	\$ 2,000	Target Groups
Swift Current Community Youth Initiative (The Center)	Epoxy Art Classes- All year	\$ 2,000	Target Groups
Swift Current Museum	Winter Whys Outdoor Education Program	\$ 750	Target Groups
Swift Current Museum	Public Lecture Series- Building a Lifesize Board Game	\$ 750	Target Groups
Swift Current Outdoor Hockey	Economical hockey league for children 5-18	\$ 750	Target Groups/Minor Sport
Swift Current Rugby Club	Rugby for women in Swift Current	\$ 1,000	Minor Sport Groups
Swift Current Sledge Hockey	An inclusive activity in wish persons with and without disabilities can play together	\$ 1,500	Target Groups/Minor Sport
Swift Current Wheelchair Basketball	An inclusive activity in wish persons with and without disabilities can play together	\$ 1,000	Target Groups/Criteria

Organization Name- Base	Project Description	Recommendation	Justification
Blenders Events Inc.	Swift Current Music Camps ages 13-18	\$ 750	Festival
Blenders Events Inc.	Blenders Art and Music Concert Series hosting over 13 concerts for 9 month period	\$ 750	Festival
Docs Town Heritage Village	Docs Town weekend/summer programming	\$ 1,000	Not provided otherwise
Eliminators Car Club	Cruise Nights	\$ 200	Not provided otherwise
Gelico Gymnastics Swift Current	Artistic gymnastics, recreation and competitive options ages 2-5 and boys recreation gymnastics	\$ 500	Minor Sport Groups
Good Tyme Dance Club	Social Dancing for everyone	\$ 250	Duplication
Haunted Town Tours Sk. Inc.	Haunted tour for Halloween. Set up costs. Profits go back into community	\$ 250	Not provided otherwise
Line Dancercise Club	Line Dancing	\$ 250	Duplication
Swift Current Ladies Line Dance Club	Ladies Line Dancing club	\$ 250	Duplication
Oratorio Choir	Program of choral performances for Spring Performance	\$ 250	Criteria
Prairie Pistol Club	Promoting the safe use of firearm safety and shooting practices	\$ 500	Criteria
Renz's Rounds	Round Dance Club (Cued Ballroom)	\$ 250	Duplication

Organization Name- Base	Project Description	Recommendation	Justification
SC Basketball League	Senior Men's Basketball League	\$ 250	Criteria
SC Mixed Volleyball League	Mixed volleyball league 14-20 teams	\$ 250	Criteria
Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre	Multicultural Family Fun Day	\$ 750	Festival
Southwest Riderz Snowboard/skateboard Club	Introduction to Snowboarding and Skateboarding	\$ 500	Criteria
Southwest Square and Round Dance Zone 6	Square and round dancing, bringing callers and a teacher, for special events	\$ 250	Duplication
Swift Current ACT/UCT Stingrays Summer Swim Club	Competitive Swim club	\$ 1,000	Minor Sport Groups
Swift Current AG & Ex	Discover the farm facts and progressive ag safety day (annual field trip for k - 6 kids)	\$ 500	Not provided otherwise
Swift Current Arts Council	Stars for Saskatchewan Concert Series 8-10 concerts in the fall	\$ 750	Festival
Swift Current Barracudas Swim Club	Competitive Swim club	\$ 1,000	Minor Sport Groups
Swift Current Curling Club	Welcome to Sport- Curling Program offering clinics for curlers	\$ 1,000	Minor Sport Groups
Swift Current Fencing Club	Provide coaching and instruction in the discipline of fencing	\$ 750	Minor Sports Groups
Swift Current Genealogical Society	Genealogy for generations, finding generations of loved ones	\$ 250	Not Provided otherwise
Swift Current Girl Guides	Purchasing media equipment and camping equipment	\$ 750	Youth Organization
Swift Current Lacrosse Inc.	Swift Current Lacrosse club ages 4-21	\$ 1,000	Minor Sport Groups
Swift Current Menomite Heritage Village Museum	Museum tours, cultural education, events-led by summer student	\$ 1,000	Not provided otherwise
Swift Current Minor Baseball	Minor Baseball	\$ 750	Minor Sport Groups
Swift Current Minor Girls Softball Association	Girls Softball. Committed to providing plays opportunities for positive self esteem, team spirit etc.	\$ 750	Minor Sport Groups
Swift Current Motocross Association	Swift Current Motocross Association	\$ 500	Criteria
Swift Current Music Festival Association	Music professionals and teachers come to adjudicate and give clinics	\$ 250	Not provided otherwise
Swift Current Pickleball Club	Year round indoor-outdoor pickleball	\$ 500	Criteria
Swift Current Soapbox Racing Club	Annual Fathers Day soap box race	\$ 500	Criteria
Swift Current Square Dance Club	Square Dancing	\$ 250	Duplication
Swift Current Titans Wrestling Club	Annual Tournament which promotes amateur wrestling	\$ 750	Minor Sport Groups
Windscape Kite Club Inc.	Saskpower Windscape Kite Festival	\$ 750	Festival

TOTAL TARGET FUNDING GRANTED	\$ 94,700
TOTAL BASE FUNDING GRANTED	\$ 20,200
TOTAL FUNDING GRANTED	\$ 114,900



City of Swift Current

C.A.O. Report

Date: March 2, 2022
To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: City Clerk
Subject: **Appointment to Public Library Board**

BACKGROUND

The City has received notification that one (1) of our local Library Board Members, Katherine Bristow, has resigned.

DISCUSSION

In late 2021, the City placed advertisements in the local newspaper, on the City's website, and various social media platforms seeking out applicants to fill the vacancies within the various Boards and Committees. Given that a very good collection of quality candidates was received a list was retained for future vacancies. With the above resignation, this list was used to seek out a replacement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Loretta Thompson be appointed to the Public Library Board effective immediately to December 31, 2022.

Jackie Schlamp, City Clerk

CAO Recommendation:

I concur with the recommendation.

Tim Marcus, CAO



City of Swift Current

C.A.O. Report

Date: March 3, 2022
To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: City Clerk
Subject: **Cancellation of Council Meeting**

BACKGROUND

In 1906, the Union of Saskatchewan Municipalities (now known as SUMA) held their first convention. This Association has been in continuous operation since that time, serving the needs of members of Councils in providing leadership in advocacy, education and service excellence, while representing the collective strength and recognition as the voice of Saskatchewan's communities.

This year the annual SUMA convention is being held in Regina on April 4th – 6th for members of Council and Administration to attend.

DISCUSSION

Given the dates stated above it is noted that a regular meeting of Council is scheduled for April 4th, 2022 and therefore should be cancelled. If necessary, a special Council meeting can be called to deal with time sensitive matters.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council meeting of Monday April 4th, 2022 be cancelled.

Jackie Schlamp, City Clerk

CAO Recommendation:

I concur with the recommendation.

Tim Marcus, CAO

Truth and Reconciliation Committee

Zoom Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 8:00pm

Land Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here on Treaty 4 territory, the unceded ancestral lands of the Cree, Anishinabek, Dakota, Nakota, and Lakota Nations and the homelands of the Metis people.

1. Call to order
2. Member updates
3. Theme for May, 2022 event
Date: May 10/11 or May 11/12, 2022
Theme: Reconciliation??
Speakers:
Virtual
4. Elder consultation March 2, 2022 at 11:45 at Great Plains College
5. Partnership with SWDCRS
6. June 21, 2022 event with City of Swift Current
7. Signage for Swift Current – update Lisa and Bula
8. Funding application – Innovation/Sask Culture / SWDCRS/CIF
9. Other business
10. Next meeting

“The truth is hard. Reconciliation is harder.”

Murray Sinclair, Oct 6, 2021

Swift Current Ag & Ex's Mission Statement:

“To provide service to and enhance the life of residents of the community and the region in the areas of agriculture, entertainment, sport and culture.”

Minutes – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – February 16, 2022

- CALL MEETING TO ORDER (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 19, 2022

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting - Thursday March 3, 2022, 7:00PM

Nominating Committee

Reports- Frontier Days, Discover the Farm, Doc's Town, Ranchman's

NEW BUSINESS

- Committee Reports
 - Financial Report – January 2022 financials
 - Office Report
 - Grounds Report
 - City Council Report
 - Doc's Town
 - Communications
 - Trade Show – March 11, 12 & 13th, 2022
 - Discover the Farm - April 28, 29 & 30th, 2022
 - Frontier Days- June 29 – July 2nd, 2022
 - Gates & Parking
 - Entertainment
 - Concessions
 - Saloon
 - Security
 - Parade/Kiddies Day Parade
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Janitorial Clean Up Crew
 - Commercial Exhibits
 - Livestock
 - Equine
 - Rodeo
 - Youth Initiative
 - Ranchman's / Junior Stockman's
 - CCA Rodeo Finals

▪ **OTHER BUSINESS**

Budgets

- **DATE & TIME NEXT MEETING:**
 - **March 3, 2022 (Annual Meeting) at 7:00PM, Palliser Pavilion Auditorium**
 - **March 16, 2022, at 7:00PM, Palliser Pavilion, Kinetic Room or by Zoom**

MEETING AJOURNED



SWIFT CURRENT & DISTRICT
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SWIFT CURRENT & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday February 16, 2022 | 5:00pm
Chamber Boardroom and Virtual Conference Call via TEAMS- Swift Current, SK.

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from the January 19, 2022 meeting
3. CEO Report and General Update
 - a. CEO Report (Karla)
 - b. Executive Assistant Report (Heidi)
4. Group Reports
 - a. City of SC update (Pat Friesen)
 - b. RM #137 update (Butch Gering)
 - c. Financial (Mark, Chance)
 - i. Review of January financials and motion to approve
 - d. Administration (Vim, Brent, Chelsey)
 - i. General update
 - e. Membership/Advocacy (Brock, Warren, Shaun, Vim)
 - i. General update
 - ii. Motion to accept new members:
 - f. Communications (Kelsey, Ken, Brock, Garry)
 - i. General update
 - g. Events (Shaun, Ken, Nathan, Lindsay)
 - i. General update
 - ii. Electronic MOTION made January 27, 2022 re: AGM and VIP Member Appreciation Budget line item for March 30
 - iii. Farmer Appreciation Night update
5. New Business
 - a. Strategic Planning 2022 update
 - b. Shop Southwest E-Commerce website update
 - c. Summer Student Marketing Assistant -
 - d. AGM update – Nominations committee update – March 30, 2022
 - e. Supplier Link Program
 - f. Local Gift Card program
6. In Camera
7. Adjournment

Next Chamber Board meeting March 16, 2022.



Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022

1:00 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
 - a) January 19th, 2022 Regular Meeting
- IV. Business Arising from Minutes
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Management Report
 - a) Budget 2022
 - b)
- VII. New Business
 - a) 2021 Draft Audited Financial Statements
 - b) Payroll Direct Deposit
- VIII. Other
 - a)
- IX. Adjournment

Southwest Transportation Planning Council Inc. (SWTPC)
Executive Working Committee Meeting
January 28, 2022 – Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Via Zoom - Present: Duane Filson, Louis Stringer, John Slabik, Cara Teichroeb, Bob Francis, Kevin Hames, Ervin Carlier, Fred Wall, Larry Grant (SARM), Alan Lindsay (MoH), Peter Dudragne (RM 46), Ron Mathies, Michele McKenzie (SUMA, Maple Creek), Gillian Moch (EDO – Maple Creek), Craig Busch (RM 105), Audrey Rotheisler (RM 105) and Sandra Krushelniski (Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair D. Filson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with introductions.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion: B Francis/L Stringer: That we adopt the agenda with the additions of Road Maintenance fees for SW under New Business; Segment Improvement Strategy under Transportation Plan and Chairs meeting report under Reports. CARRIED

Motion: E Carlier/J Slabik: That we adopt the November 12, 2021 minutes with the correction in attendance – Lincoln Harding was in attendance from Town of Lafleche. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (OLD BUSINESS)

Motion: F Wall/L Stringer: That we sign the Support Service Agreement with Sandra Krushelniski, as attached to and forming part of these minutes. CARRIED

Motion: K Hames/J Slabik: That we notify the Innovation Credit Union on the change in Administration. Furthermore, the signing authorities for the Southwest Transportation Planning Council Inc. be as follows:

Administrator – Sandra Krushelniski and either Chairperson, Duane Filson OR Vice Chairperson, Louis Stringer. CARRIED

- News Release was sent by Chairperson, Filson in December.
- Newsletter is in progress
- Joint meeting in February with South Central – discussion. Suggestion to wait until the Fall.

Motion: B Francis/L Stringer: That we hold the Road Tour on March 28, 29 and 30, 2022 with the same route as 2021.

CARRIED

Southwest Transportation Planning Council Inc. (SWTPC)

Executive Working Committee Meeting

January 28, 2022 – Virtual Meeting

FINANCIALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: K Hames/L Stringer: That we approve the Financial Statements and Accounts as presented for December 31, 2021. CARRIED

Motion: J Slabik/E Carlier: That we pay each EWC ½ day honorarium for the meeting today. CARRIED

- Ministry of Highways needs an estimate from the SWTPC of eligible costs that will be incurred by March 31, 2022.
- Ports to Plains newsletter

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: B Francis/F Wall: That we implement a minimum charge to the Annual Levy of \$25.00 effective for 2022. Furthermore, the Administrator be advised to send out the 2022 Annual Levy Notices to all the Municipalities. CARRIED

Motion: L Stringer/K Hames: That we pay the 2022 SWMG Membership of \$50.00. CARRIED

- AGM – postponed until June.
- Workshop – discussion on July 28 date, discussion on topics: bridge repair, reconditioning of bridges, grading techniques, paving
- Road Maintenance fees – they are considerably lower in the southwest

Motion: J Slabik/K Hames: That we send a letter to the Road Maintenance Agreement Committee via email: info@smb.gov.sk.ca requesting information as to why the southwest road maintenance fees is significantly lower than the rest of the province. CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- ATPC Call for Projects – in progress
- Segment Improvement Strategy – 100 meters to 5000-meter sections that would seriously change the driving experience are what the projects are to be centered around. The projects should be small isolated areas.

LOCAL PRESENTATIONS

- P Dudrange – seismic for helium in his municipality and area
- C Teichroeb – reported on airport changes with Transport Canada, this does not effect helicopters but would effect about 15 days for the Maple Creek Airport – as it is something to do with the Instrumentation and flight patterns.
- No other local comments

Southwest Transportation Planning Council Inc. (SWTPC)
Executive Working Committee Meeting
January 28, 2022 – Virtual Meeting

REPORTS

Chairperson Report – Duane Filson – attended the SWMG and advised Municipalities to bring projects in your area to the attention of the SWTPC.

SWMG – Duane and Louis attended – the SWTPC will attend the March meeting along with their Road Tour.

West Central Meeting – Louis Stringer reported on West Central Meeting – discussion on bypass by Eston and the partnerships, South West and West Central to host the 2023 ATPC Fall Conference.

Great Western Railway – No Report

Great Sandhills Railway – No Report

Economic Development – Gillian Moch – EDO for Maple Creek gave a presentation on the Economic Development and Tourism in the area. Showed the EDO for SW Saskatchewan.

MOH – Al Lindsay – Call for Projects to be in by March.

SARM – Larry Grant – SARM convention March 15, 16, 17 in Regina, will be in person, if continue to be able to. Bridges assistance needs to be looked at for the Municipalities with a significant amount of bridges and limited funds.

SUMA – No Report

NEXT MEETINGS

February 25, 2022 – Leader

March 28, 29, 30, 2022 – Road Tour – attendance at SWMG meeting; meeting during/after

April 22, 2022 –

May 27, 2022 –

ADJOURNMENT

B Francis: That we hereby adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Sandra Krushelniski – Administrator

Duane Filson – Chairman

Southwest Transportation Planning Council Inc. (SWTPC)
Executive Working Committee (EWC)
February 25, 2022 – Leader, SK
Leader Friendship Centre – located right beside the Town
Office MEETING SCHEDULED TO START AT 10:00 a.m.

Lunch to be provided around noon – all attendees welcome to stay for lunch

ZOOM LINK will be available – please email if you require a ZOOM link (pending internet connection in Leader)

Call to Order & Introductions

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda - Adoption of Agenda*
- Errors or Omissions - Adoption of minutes*

Business Arising from Minutes & Old Business

- Newsletter - pending
- Joint meeting – schedule for fall
- Road Tour – route itinerary provided, confirm all
- Workshop – July 28, 2022 in Gull Lake - topics (bridge repair/reconditioning, grading techniques, paving)
- AGM – June 24, 2022 – set up, presentations, etc.
- Provincial Conference joint host with West Central in fall of 2022 (advantage of dust suppressant, hurdles getting development, short line importance, tourism, primary vs secondary weights)
- Acknowledge 2022 Membership levy sent

Finance & Correspondence

- January 31, 2022, Financial Statement and Accounts *
- Acknowledge 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter(amendment) and 3rd Quarter submission to MOH
- Acknowledge estimated 4th Quarter funding to receive about \$3,600 (\$7,200 in expenses)
- Town of Leader letter *
- NCTPC cancelled 2022 workshop

New Business

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Transportation Plan

- ATPC Call for Projects – in progress
- Segment Improvement Strategy – in progress

Local Presentations

- Local and new attendees – report on happenings in your area and any questions for SWTPC

Reports (if unable to attend there will be no report)

- Chairperson - Duane Filson
- SWMG – Duane Filson
- Great Western Railway –
- Great Sandhills Railway –
- Economic Development Report –
- Ministry of Highways – Alan Lindsay
- SUMA report –
- SARM report – Larry Grant

Next Meetings (fourth Friday of month)


- March 28-30, 2022 – Road Tour, meeting Assiniboia evening of 29th
- April 22, 2022 -
- May 27, 2022 –
- June 25, 2022 – AGM – Swift Current

COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

To: The Mayor City of Swift Current	From: N.C.O. In Charge Swift Current City Det.	Month of February 2022
		Date Prepared 2022-03-02
		Phone No. (306) 778-4870

OFFENCES REPORTED AND/OR COMMITTED IN COMMUNITY

VIOLATION	Feb/2022	Feb/2021	Feb/2020	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident	--	--	--	--	--	--
Injury Motor Vehicle Accident	3	--	3	6	1	4
Reportable Vehicle Accident	10	8	13	28	17	25
Fail to Remain (Hit & Run)	10	7	8	15	14	14
Provincial Traffic Offence	227	440	181	390	705	367
Impaired Driving Offence	4	1	14	8	4	22
Liquor Act	4	1	5	10	5	6
Coroners Act	3	1	--	6	1	1
Mental Health Act	14	13	15	37	29	41
Other Criminal Code	27	32	23	67	61	38
Weapons Offence	--	2	7	2	4	11
Drug Enforcement	4	8	10	11	22	26
Sexual Offences	1	2	3	4	4	4
Robbery/Extortion/Harassment	11	11	18	18	26	27
Assault (excl. Sexual Assault)	9	16	29	21	34	48
Theft Under \$5,000	8	5	28	26	13	46
Theft Over \$5,000	2	1	1	4	2	1
Possession Stolen Property	--	2	7	3	4	13
Mischief	21	13	21	34	35	37
Fraud	16	11	11	32	21	23
Break & Enter – Business	--	--	4	--	--	5
Break & Enter – Residence	--	--	1	1	4	6
Break & Enter - Other	--	--	12	2	2	15
Arson	--	--	--	--	--	--
Missing Person	2	2	2	3	4	5
Peace Bond	--	1	1	--	2	3
Criminal Record Checks	109	72	138	204	173	286
Total Occurrences	328	296	394	663	632	773


(E.M. GORDON), Staff Sergeant
Detachment Commander
Swift Current City Detachment



1. Call to Order
2. Minutes from December 9, 2021 Board Meeting (pages 2-4)
3. Financial Report
 - Profit and Loss (pages 5-6) and Balance Sheet (page 7) for period of December 1, 2021, to February 28, 2022
 - Cash Flow (pages 8-9) and Budget (pages 10-11) for period April 1, 2021, to February 28, 2022
 - Cheques to be ratified December 2021 (page 12), January 2022 (page 13), and February 2022 (page 14)
4. Executive Director Report (page 15 to 17)
5. SAW Representative Report
6. New Business
 - Budget and Cash Flow for April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023 (pages 18 to 21)
7. Next meeting
 - Meet to discuss SAW restructuring plans
 - Board Meeting in June?
8. Adjourn

SCCWS 2021 Annual General Meeting Agenda

Tuesday March 1, 2022

1:30 PM

Welcome and meeting information

Chairperson – Darren Fiddler

Presentation by PCAP Native Prairie Speakers Series

Dr. Nick Cairns

Approval of Agenda

Minutes of the March 4, 2021, SCCWS AGM

Reports

- Chairperson
- Executive Director
- Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds
- SCCWS Projects

Darren Fiddler
Kevin Steinley
Bernie Lemire
Kevin Steinley

Financial Report

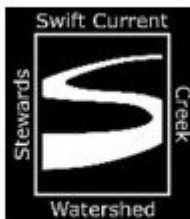
Nomination of Reviewer for 2022

New Business

Adjournment

Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards

2021 Annual Report



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Thank you to the Board of Directors for their time and talents to help SCCWS achieve its mission of promoting awareness of water quality and stream health issues of the Swift Current Creek Watershed. Thank you to the Rural Municipalities of Webb, Excelsior, Carmichael, Swift Current and Arlington and the City of Swift Current who have representatives on the Board of Directors.

Thank you to Water Security Agency for its financial support through the Source Water Protection Plan and its technical assistance to SCCWS.

Thank you to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture for financial support and technical assistance through the Canadian Agriculture Partnership Agri-environmental Technical Services to help SCCWS work with producers to implement Beneficial Management Practices that helped SCCWS achieve its mission for the last 15 years.

Thank you to Agriculture and Agri-food Canada for the in-kind support of office and storage space and administrative assistance.

Thank you to Environment and Climate Change Canada for funding of the Herbert Water Use Project and Constructed Wetlands to Treat Excess Flood Irrigation Water through the Eco-Action Community Funding Program. Thank you to the Environment and Climate Change Canada Lake Winnipeg Basin Program for funding the Testing for Phosphorous in the Saskatchewan River Basin Project. Thank you to Environment and Climate Change Canada for funding the Habitat Stewardship Program Identifying Native Grassland Fragmentation to Improve Habitat for Species at Risk

Thank you to the Saskatchewan Fish and Wildlife Development Fund and the Invasive Species Centre for their funding of the Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Project through a contract with the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds.

Thank you to Plains Midstream Canada for their funding of the Watershed Education Kits project.

Thank you to the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds through Environment and Climate Change Canada for funding the Tree for Life Program.

Thank you to all our stakeholders who have expressed interest in the work that the SCCWS has completed in the last year.

Thank You to our Sponsors

The Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards thank the following organizations for supporting the work of the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards. Without this support we would not be able to do the work we do to enhance water quality and watershed health and promote awareness and understanding among water users.



Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Board of Directors 2021-2022

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Stacey Wiens – Matrix Solutions Inc.

Alanna Howell – Water Security Agency – Technical Advisor

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Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards

Thursday March 4, 2021 at Houston Pizza, Swift Current and virtually via Zoom.

In attendance at Houston Pizza were Darren Fiddler, Pat Friesen, Bernie Lemire, Dallas Peters (SCCWS AgriEnvironmental Technician), Frank Glen, Alanna Howell (Water Security Agency, ex-officio), Don Mathies, Stacey Wiens, Kevin Steinley (SCCWS Executive Director). Present via Zoom were Ron Mathies, Karla Wiens, Brent Michelson, Matthew Leibenberg, Terry Lynn, Breanna Gardner (Water Security Agency), Jessica Vanstone (Water Security Agency), Roger Pederson, Doug Cameron, Glenda Lee Vossler, Harold Martens, Chris Marion.

Chairperson Darren Fiddler called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

Darren Fiddler made a presentation to retiring Board Member Dan Runcie.

Moved by Stacey, Seconded by Pat that the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting held June 22, 2020 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Darren gave the Chairperson Report

- Thanked Kevin and Dallas for their work during this COVID time.
- Thanked outgoing board members Dan Runcie, Garret Thienes, Danny Spent and Bruce Deg.
- Welcomed new board members Stacey Wiens, Brent Michelson and Pat Friesen, and welcomed Don Mathies back to the board.

Kevin gave the Executive Director Report

- COVID restrictions made the group pivot in terms of how it engaged with stakeholders and promoted watershed stewardship. No in person meetings meant hosting webinars, sending out electronic newsletters, more social media presence and a redesigned more user friendly website.
- During the summer, were able to work outside to continue with Phosphorous testing, the Herbert Water Use Plan project and Aquatic Invasive Species monitoring.
- The Froghoppers program was extremely limited due to schools and camps closing. Worked with the Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards to hire an intern to help them create a curriculum similar to Froghoppers and revamp the Froghoppers curriculum. The intern worked out of the Moose Jaw office as we could not host a student in our office last summer. The intern was able to give 9 presentations in total in our watershed.
- SCCWS received approval for funding for to create Constructed Wetlands on flood irrigation lots in the Waldeck and Rush Lake Irrigation projects. Working with WSP Canada to design and construct. Water sampling will take place this spring to set baseline before construction this fall.
- It has been almost a year since we have been working from home as our office building is still closed for COVID protocols. Thanks to the ability to access our computer files remotely and the ability to meet virtually we have been able to continue with the basic work of the watershed.

Dallas gave the AgriEnvironmental Technician Report

- The COVID restrictions and protocols slowed the number of producers looking to do applications in the spring of 2020 through the fall of 2020. More applications have been completed in the winter of 2021 as producers have become more comfortable with Dallas helping them remotely.
- Due to the lack of in person meetings, webinars and virtual meetings have been held. SCCWS worked with other watersheds in the area to host 2 webinars in 2021. In addition SCCWS produced 2 mail outs for farm boxes on the Canadian Agriculture Partnership AgriEnvironmental Services and advertised in local papers. The second mail out in the winter of 2021 seemed to spur some interest as the number of calls and applications increased after this.

Bernie gave the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds Report

- SAW was contracted to develop educational materials on drainage and climate change for producer webinars and workshops
- SAW obtained funding for the watershed groups to complete Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring.
- SAW is working with 10 partners on Ag water management demonstration sites to look at mitigation of drainage and other practices on water quality.
- SAW has contracted a consultant to draft a Long Term Business Plan for itself and the watershed stewardship groups. Surveys have been completed and work is progressing on the report which will be presented to senior management of Water Security Agency.

Moved by Stacey, Seconded by Jolene to accept the reports as presented. Carried.

Kevin gave reports on the projects that SCCWS worked on in 2020.

Testing for Phosphorous in Saskatchewan Rivers

- Water sample collection continued this past summer; results are similar to what has been seen before.
- Looked at accuracy of Global Water Futures Nutrient app which uses test strips, cell phone camera and GPS to measure and record phosphorous and nitrogen levels in the water.
- To increase engagement during COVID the four watershed groups that are working together on this project created a Facebook group to promote the project and the Nutrient app. This group gave away small prizes to the person with the best water sampling method and who posted a picture of themselves using the app.
- The four watersheds are applying to continue the project for one more year and look at the impact of urban storm run-off on phosphorous levels,
- This project is funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring

- SCCWS again monitored for adult zebra mussels and took samples for the veligers of these mussels in lakes and reservoirs in southwest Saskatchewan under a contract from SAW,
- No adult or veliger mussels were found by SCCWS or anywhere in Saskatchewan. Once positive in 2020.
- This project was funded by the Saskatchewan Fish and Wildlife Development Fund and the Invasive Species Centre.

Froghoppers

- SCCWS collaborated with the Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards with our intern. The intern worked to create curriculum for Moose Jaw and revamp the Froghoppers curriculum.
- Presentations were made at 4 parks twice in Swift Current and once at Lac Pelletier.
- This project was funded by the Agriculture and AgriFood Canada Youth Employment Skills Program.

Herbert Water Use Plan and Water Conservation Education Initiative

- 2020 was the last year of sampling. Results were similar to prior years. Water sampling will continue next spring.
- Will be producing water conservation videos with extra funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- The project will wrap up next summer with a plan for how Herbert can use their surface and ground water resources efficiently.
- This project was funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Constructed Wetland Project

- Approval for this project was granted in August of 2020. This project will see wetlands constructed in irrigation lots in the Waldeck and Rush Lake Projects to treat the excess water from flood irrigation. Will see if it can treat to a level that the water could be reused for irrigation or other purposes.
- This project is funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Invasive Weed Walk

- Hosted a COVID and family friendly event in Swift Current to educate urban residents about the invasive species along the creek. Also discussed the native plants that are there as well and how to tell the difference. It was a well-received event and maybe something to look at doing again in the future.

Future Direction Report

- The Future Direction Report was finished in March of 2020. No direct stakeholder engagement could be held due to COVID restrictions. Newsletter articles and press releases were sent out and there has been some stakeholders contact me about the report and its findings.

- This project was funded by Water Security Agency.

Watershed Education Kits

- SCCWS in conjunction with four other watersheds in Southern Saskatchewan are working on kits that teachers and parents can request to teach their students about watersheds and their relationship to the health of our ecosystem. There will be three themed kits available. The kits are being completed in the winter of 2021 and will be rolled out in the spring and summer of 2021.
- This project is funded by Plains Midstream Canada.

Irrigated Hemp Agriculture Demonstration of Practices and Technology (ADOPT) Project

- SCCWS was approached to partner with a local company that was establishing a hemp farm on the east side of Swift Current along the creek. SCCWS acted as the administrator for the project.
- Project looked at different irrigation and agronomic methods.
- This project was funded by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture - Agriculture Demonstration of Practices and Technology Fund.

Moved by Don, Seconded by Pat to accept Project reports as presented. Carried.

Kevin presented the Financial Statement.

- Income was \$245,542 with expenses of \$193,286. The reason for the large surplus was that the first payment of \$46,744 for the Constructed Wetland Project was received in November and all of the expenses will not be paid out until March.
- There were significant adjustments made as this was the first time Stark and Marsh completed the Financial Statement.

Moved by Frank, Seconded by Don to adopt the Financial Statement as presented. Carried.

Moved by Stacey, Seconded by Jolene to appoint Stark and Marsh CPA, LLP as auditors for the 2020-2021 year. Carried.

Stacey moved to adjourn. Carried.

Chairperson Report to the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Annual General Meeting

Welcome to the SCCWS AGM for 2022. It's hard to believe this is our third AGM since the pandemic started the winter of 2020. Here's hoping with spring around the corner we can put the pandemic, as well as the drought that ravaged the prairies last year, behind us.

We've had two board members step down as the town of Shaunavon and R.M. of Lac Pelletier have decided to no longer send representatives to our board. We'd like to thank Brent Michelson from Shaunavon and long-time board member Wilf Legros from the R.M. of Lac Pelletier for their contributions to the SCCWS.

We would like to welcome two new members to the board. Alanna Howell from WSA (Technical Advisor) and Raymond Pare from the R.M. of Arlington.

Unfortunately, due to funding cuts from the Ministry of Agriculture that assisted with the delivery of the Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) Program, we lost our Agri Environmental Technician (AET) Dallas Peters in April. She had been a long-time and valued employee of the watershed. She helped Kevin with lots of projects while still helping producers navigate the CAP Program. The loss of an employee like Dallas has put more of a load on Kevin's shoulders as he continues to work on current projects and find new ones to help meet our Mission Statement.

Also, a thanks to Kevin and Bernie Lemire for attending meetings concerning the restructuring of the Saskatchewan Associations of Watersheds (SAW). We are hoping this will aid in the long-term viability of the watershed groups throughout the province.

I'd also like to thank all our current board members for their commitment and guidance to the SCCWS as well as our Summer Stewardship coordinator Shyla Dyke. She ran the Froghoppers Program as well as helping with other projects.

So, here's hoping we have to wear our rubber boots lots this spring and wishing that everyone has a safe and prosperous year.

Respectfully submitted,
Darren Fiddler
Chairperson, Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards

**Executive Director Report Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Annual General Meeting Report
March 1, 2022**

This year the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards (SCCWS) have continued to navigate the pandemic, the restrictions on gatherings and other rules in place. We continue to work remotely, attend virtual meetings and webinars and be part of in person events if possible. With all the noise around the pandemic, there is still a need for educating residents about protecting water quality and watershed health to ensure that all users have access to a safe and sustainable supply of water. This summer's drought put a lot of pressure on water supplies for irrigation, livestock watering, municipal and recreational use. There were more enquiries about water levels in the watershed this summer than in the last five years combined. This is good, as it provides opportunities to educate about our watershed, what the water is used for and how water resources are managed within our watershed. Talking to stakeholders in our watershed a good snowpack and run-off is needed to provide sufficient water for this summer. Hopefully the drought pattern breaks, and soil moisture and reservoir levels improve.

The SCCWS and other watershed stewardship groups were dealt a blow in April 2021 when the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) announced that the delivery of the Agri Environmental Technical Services (AETS) under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) was going to be done exclusively by MOA personnel. As a result, our contract with MOA was not renewed, ending a 15-year relationship. Our involvement in Agri Environmental programming allowed us to introduce ourselves to producers and help them implement Beneficial Management Practices that improved the health of the watershed and their own operation. The promotion of this programming and its benefits provided a bridge between producers and the public to help tell the story about the practices that producers are implementing to protect the health of our watershed. This work allowed us to complete actions in the Source Water Protection and Future Direction Plans to improve the health of our watershed.

Unfortunately, with the MOA contract ending, Dallas Peters our Watershed Technician decided to take a new position. We thank Dallas for her work in the past five years as our technician and the passion that she brought to her work and wish her all the best in her new role.

Despite these setbacks, our programming continued. Shyla Dyke was hired as our Summer Stewardship Coordinator and was able to give presentations at Swift Current and Herbert Parks Program using the Watershed Wonders kits. Shyla also assisted with projects such as water sampling, Aquatic Invasive Species, Tree for Life, newsletter, and other related duties. The SCCWS wishes Shyla the best in her career as she enters Armed Forces Training.

In 2021, we finished the Herbert Water Use Plan and Water Conservation Initiative project, and the Testing Saskatchewan Waters for Phosphorous project. Projects such as Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), The Watershed Wonders kits and Constructed Wetland continued. 2021 was the first year of the Tree for Life project where we distributed 3,000 trees free of charge to watershed residents. Response to this project was overwhelming and we could have given away many more trees. Tree for Life will continue but the trees will not be available for free.

The other project that started in 2021 was the “Identifying Grassland Fragmentation to improve Habitat for Species at Risk” project funded by the Habitat Stewardship Program. This project will identify cultivated land that could be seeded to native grass to improve habitat for species at risk. At the end of this project a Conservation Plan will be drafted with actions to increase native grassland acres to create more habitat for species at risk.

Through our provincial organization, the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (SAW), working with other watershed groups and on its own, the SCCWS has applied for funding to undertake a number of projects for 2022 and beyond. We are excited about these projects and look forward to bringing them to our stakeholders. Last week, SAW was approved for funding for the On Farm Climate Action Fund. SAW is partnering with the Manitoba Association of Watersheds on this \$40 million project that runs from February 2022 to March of 2024. SAW and the watershed groups will deliver this program to producers in the province to help them implement Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) to improve carbon sequestration. The categories of BMPs include nitrogen management, seeding of cover crops and rotational grazing. This is an exciting opportunity for SAW and the SCCWS to increase our capacity and further our relationships with producers to help them improve their operations while benefitting the health of the watershed.

SAW and its member watershed stewardship groups are examining how to sustain watershed stewardship in Saskatchewan. There have been many discussions about the future and what watershed stewardship will look like. Water Security Agency (WSA) who funds our core operations is also doing a review of water related groups in Saskatchewan, including Watershed Stewardship Groups, Conservation and Development Authorities and Watershed Associations. The latter two groups are organizations mostly located in eastern Saskatchewan that operate drainage networks. We have assurances from WSA that core funding will be provided for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, but no assurances for funding after March 2023 have been made. With the reorganization of SAW and the study by WSA, it is very likely that changes will occur. However, given the support we have received from stakeholders, I am confident that stewardship programming will continue to grow in our watershed and the whole province.

Our outreach work continued with our electronic newsletter which we try to publish monthly as well as our Facebook page to keep stakeholders up to date about our work. We also try to keep our website current and thank Jim Spencer from Prairie Dog Websites for maintaining and updating our website. We have been fortunate to have interest in our work from local media including the radio stations and the Prairie Post who have published several stories about our work. I have also had the opportunity to make presentations to several groups about the work we are doing. This included Southwest Naturalists, Swift Current Wildlife Federation, the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association, and the Prairie Conservation Action Plan Native Speakers Series. These presentations extend our reach outside our normal stakeholders and inform more people about the work we do.

Financially, 2021 was a good year thanks to our projects. This has allowed us to build some reserve which gives us the opportunity to continue operating should funding be reduced. The SCCWS is looking to change its year end to March from November to better align with most of our government funders. This will allow for more accurate reporting and better budgeting. It also means that our AGM may move from March to June. This change would give us an opportunity to host tours in conjunction with the AGM to showcase some of the projects that we are working on.

Welcome to our newest board member Raymond Pare from the RM of Arlington, Raymond brings a new perspective and represents the area of the headwaters of the Swift Current Creek north of Eastend and west of Shaunavon. I would also like to thank the board for their guidance this past year and look forward to working with them in the future.

Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Projects 2021

Herbert Water Use Plan and Water Conservation Initiative



East end of Herbert Reservoir. The Reservoir is filled with water from Highfield Dam in summer and then water is pumped to a dug-out north of town and then used by the Water Treatment plant as needed to meet the water demands of town residents.

2021 marked the final year of this project, the SCCWS collected water samples twice in the spring to complete the investigation of the quality of the water in the system that supplies surface water to the Town of Herbert. The results of the water sampling in 2021 were similar to what had been observed in earlier years. The results of all 4 years of sampling were compiled into a Final Report with conclusions about the project and recommendations to the Town of Herbert about how to supply high quality water to its residents. The report concluded that the raw groundwater and surface water can be treated by the Water Treatment Plant to make it safe for drinking water use. However, the make up of each is different which poses issues for the plant. To reduce the issues, the SCCWS had hoped to produce a water use plan to effectively use both sources. Because the groundwater daily supply is limited, all that the Town can do is use all the available groundwater that can be pumped in a day and then meet water usage demand with surface water. The Town of Herbert has implemented several practices at its Water Treatment Plant that have improved its efficiency by mitigating many of the issues of mixing the two different types of water

The education portion of this project continued with articles on water conservation and project conclusions and recommendations published in the Herbert Herald. A presentation on watershed stewardship was given to youth at the Herbert Parks Play Program.

The final report included recommendations for the Town of Herbert to optimize their water sources and to help residents lower their water use to ensure that there is a sustainable supply of good quality water for residents and that the Water Treatment Plant continues to operate efficiently.

The Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards thanks the Eco Action Community Fund of Environment and Climate Canada for funding the project, the Town of Herbert for their assistance and involvement in the project, the Herbert Herald for publishing articles about the project, Saskatchewan Research Council for their assistance with water sample testing and Water Security Agency for their technical guidance.

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Testing Phosphorous in Lakes and Rivers Flowing into the Saskatchewan River



Dallas Peters, former SCCWS Watershed Technician collecting samples to test for levels of phosphorous in the water in the Swift Current Creek.

The SCCWS completed sampling for this project in 2021, collecting samples 6 times in April, May, and June. The results of the sampling confirmed results from prior years and prior monitoring projects. Phosphorous levels in the water are low below Duncairn Dam, increase between Duncairn Dam and Swift Current and are lower downstream of the city. It also confirmed that the Swift Current Creek is not a significant contributor of phosphorous to the South Saskatchewan River.

The Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards would like to thank the Lake Winnipeg Basin Program for funding this project, the Ministry of Agriculture for their assistance with shipping samples and our partners, the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Inc., North Saskatchewan River Basin Council, and the Carrot River Valley Watershed Association.

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Canadian Agricultural Partnership Agri Environmental Technical Services

This year our 15-year relationship with the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and Agri Environmental programming came to an end. The MOA made the decision to hire specialists to deliver both the Farm Stewardship Program and the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program and assist producers with applications. MOA provided a 6-month contract to the SCCWS to assist producers in completing projects that started in prior years. The SCCWS did not take on any new producer projects this year once the change was announced by MOA.

This change and the loss of the MOA contract was disappointing as the Agri Environmental Technical Services (AETS) work brought us closer to producers and helped them to implement BMPs that improved their operations and the SCCWS to meet its mission of enhancing stream health. The SCCWS continues to have a good working relationship with MOA, collaborating with them and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on a virtual Foraging into the Future conference last fall and will continue to work with them on Foraging into the Future and other projects in the future. For more information on the Farm Stewardship Program and the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program call the Ag Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 or the Swift Current Regional Office at 306-778-8285.

When the SCCWS met with stakeholders in 2019, mitigating the impacts of agriculture on water quality and watershed health was identified as one of the three priorities that the SCCWS should focus its work on. The SCCWS is doing this with projects such as the Constructed Wetland Project, the Identifying Native Grassland Project and invasive plant education and monitoring.

Funding for the Canadian Agricultural Partnership Agri Environmental Technical Services was provided by the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.



Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring and Education



Zebra Mussel encrusted shopping cart pulled out of an infested lake after a couple of days in the water

The SCCWS continues education about and monitoring for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) especially Zebra Mussels. We continue to monitor for adult Zebra Mussels and take water samples to be tested for the presence of the larval stage of the zebra mussels in lakes and reservoirs in Southwest Saskatchewan. This year we also collected water samples for environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis. The eDNA analysis will detect the presence of Zebra Mussels in the water. If DNA is detected, then a plan can be implemented to manage infestations earlier than if the larvae or adult mussels are found. This year again we sampled at Lac Pelletier, Duncairn Reservoir/Reid Lake, Cypress Lake, Saskatchewan Landing, Beaver Flats, and Herbert Ferry. Education continued through newsletters and Facebook Posts.

We also continue to informally monitor for other aquatic invasive species such as Prussian Carp, Flowering Rush, and Eurasian milfoil.

Funding for this project was supplied by the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds through funding from the Saskatchewan Fish and Wildlife Development Fund and the Invasive Species Council.



Invasive
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Centre



Identifying Native Grassland Fragmentation to Improve Habitat for Species at Risk

This past summer we received approval from the Habitat Stewardship Program of Environment and Climate Change Canada for this project which will map areas of crop land in proximity to native grassland and critical habitat for species at risk. The project will identify tracts of land where re-establishing native grassland would improve habitat for the species at risk. This spring the areas identified will be surveyed to confirm the information in the maps. Surveys will also be conducted to confirm the species at risk in these areas and the extent of these species. The maps were created last fall through a contract with the Old Wives Watershed Association. Unfortunately, the technician who created the maps left to work for a watershed in Alberta but was able to get us the information we needed to complete the surveys this spring. We will hire a summer student to do the surveys this summer.



Sprague's Pipit- One of the Species at Risk that will be surveyed as part of this project to improve their habitat

Once the surveys are complete a conservation plan on how to get these areas seeded to native grasslands to improve critical habitat for species at risk will be drafted. We have had some discussion with the Saskatchewan Stockgrowers Foundation about working together using the information gathered in this project to encourage producers to seed native grass using some of the programming that they have in place.

The SCCWS is partnering with the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Inc. as several of the Rural Municipalities in this project are shared between us or are in their watershed. Funding for this project is provided by the Habitat Stewardship Program of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

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Tree for Life



Prairie Sky Poplar in July 2021
distributed through Tree for Life
planted along Duncairn Reservoir

This past year, the SCCWS and other Watershed Stewardship Groups in Saskatchewan combined to distribute 27,000 trees through out the province to be planted to sequester carbon to mitigate impacts of climate change. The SCCWS distributed 3,000 trees to watershed residents, the response was overwhelming, and we could have given away many more trees if we had the supplies.

A part of this project was that people who received trees complete a survey on climate change and post pictures of their trees on social media to promote the project. The survey which was also available to members of the public was designed to get an understanding of Saskatchewan resident's perception of climate change. However, the uptake on the surveys was low even with a possibility of winning a \$500 gift card for completing it. Possibly, many watershed residents were hesitant to give their thoughts on some times controversial subject such as climate change especially for two of our main industries agriculture and oil and gas.

The SCCWS was fortunate that this project was promoted by local media including the Prairie Post and radio stations and their website. This exposure certainly helped to make this project a success. Funding for this project was from the Saskatchewan Association of Watershed (SAW) through the Environment and Climate Change Canada's Environmental Damages Fund.

SAW and the SCCWS will continue with the Tree for Life program. Unfortunately, trees will no longer be free, but will cost \$5/tree for orders under 250 trees, for orders of 260 and more the cost is \$3.50/tree. Order forms are available on the SAW website.

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Watershed Wonders Kits

This was the first year that the Watershed Wonders Kits were in use. The kits went out to schools and youth groups as well as families. The response to the kits has been very positive with the users recommending them to other teachers, schools, and groups. This summer the kits were the basis for the Froghoppers presentations that were made in Swift Current and Herbert with over 100 students taking part in the activities in the kit.

Funding for this project has been provided by the Water Security Agency Project Incentive Fund and Plains Midstream Canada.



Constructed Wetland

Irrigation, especially flood irrigation is a big part of our watershed and the management of water resources in it. It is an important resource for livestock producers to secure enough feed for their herds especially during drought periods. Flood irrigation is a simple, low input method of irrigation but it does come with the cost of excess water use which needs to be drained somewhere. At the Waldeck Irrigation Project, this excess water drains into the Swift Current Creek and water quality monitoring done by the SCCWS has shown that water quality is degraded downstream of where the water drains into the creek. The excess water from the Rush Lake Irrigation Project flows into Reed Lake at Morse, which is a dead-end saline lake, so the water becomes unusable. This project will demonstrate that constructing a wetland on the irrigation lots to hold and naturally treat the excess water will improve water quality down stream or make it suitable to be used again for irrigation or other uses to help conserve water to better manage the resource or open new land for irrigation.

This spring and summer water samples were taken at sites in the Rush Lake and Waldeck Irrigation projects to set a baseline of the quality of the water coming in, sitting at the end of the field, and going into the drainage ditch. The results of this sampling showed that there was not much difference in the quality of the water coming in versus the water going out and that for the most part the excess water could be used for irrigation or other uses downstream of the project. The Constructed Wetland would remove nutrients, sediments, and pollutants from the excess water to ensure quality water for re-use for irrigation or other purposes.

The wetland at Rush Lake was constructed in November 2021, with the one at Waldeck to be done this spring. Both wetlands will be seeded with native species that can handle wet and then dry spells and remove nutrients, sediments, and pollutants from the excess water. As the plants will not be established this year, sampling this spring and summer will look at how water sitting in the wetland affects water quality before it goes into the drainage ditch. Funding for this project ends in March of 2024, and the SCCWS is looking for additional funding to continue to analyze water quality coming in and going out of the irrigation lots to evaluate the effectiveness of the wetlands.

Funding for this project is provided by Environment and Climate Change Canada's Eco Action Community Fund. In kind support comes from WSP Canada for wetland design and construction support and the Saskatchewan Research Council for water testing.

This project was undertaken with the financial support of:

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February 24, 2022

Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Inc.
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ATTENTION: Kevin Steinley

Dear Kevin:

Enclosed please find a draft copy of your November 30, 2021 financial information. The draft financial information should be used for discussion purposes only; it may be subject to change and therefore should not be distributed to, nor relied upon by, third parties.

The financial information and other supporting documents will be finalized upon your approval.

During our file completion, we noted the following comments for your consideration:

- The financial information reflects a deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$5,565, as compared with the prior year's excess of revenues over expenditures of \$52,256.

Once you have reviewed the draft information, please contact Shaw Li, CPA, CA, PhD Ag or me with any queries you may have.

Yours truly,

Terri Olfert, CPA, CA

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Enc.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION
NOVEMBER 30, 2021

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COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Directors of Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Inc.:

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards Inc. as at November 30, 2021, the statement of operations and net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

We assisted management with the preparation of adjusting journal entries.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

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CPA LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

Swift Current, Saskatchewan

<< Pending management approval of draft financial information >>

SWIFT CURRENT CREEK WATERSHED STEWARDS INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at November 30, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 170,805	\$ 181,062
GST receivable	5,702	1,710
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,426</u>	<u>1,726</u>
	<u>\$ 178,933</u>	<u>\$ 184,498</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Net assets	<u>\$ 178,933</u>	<u>\$ 184,498</u>
	<u>\$ 178,933</u>	<u>\$ 184,498</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board

_____ Director

_____ Director

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SWIFT CURRENT CREEK WATERSHED STEWARDS INC.

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS
For the year ended November 30, 2021**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenue		
Water security core funding	\$ 74,500	\$ 74,500
Ministry of Agriculture AEGP/CAP	45,000	60,000
Constructed wet land project	28,575	46,744
Habitat Stewardship Program	23,063	-
EcoAction Herbert water use	9,933	12,947
Government programs	5,730	9,279
Other	5,208	12,373
Watershed Kits	5,000	-
Tree for Life	4,025	-
Lake Winnipeg Phos testing project	3,750	12,500
SAW aquatic invasive project	2,375	7,688
Sponsorship	-	3,875
EcoAction rain garden project	-	3,754
Ten year project WSA funding	-	1,882
	<u>207,159</u>	<u>245,542</u>
Expenses		
Adopt Project	2,000	7,389
Advertising and promotions	1,738	2,284
Aquatic Invasive Initiative	1,609	1,980
CAP - AETS	1,412	6,970
Constructed Wetland	58,682	9,565
Corporate	17,979	10,161
Executive director expenses	2,364	3,622
Frog Hoppers	532	1,238
Habitat Stewardship Program	8,324	-
Herbert SWP	7,282	223
Herbert Water Use Plan Ec-Action	155	9,944
Lake Winnipeg Basin Fund Project	2,017	4,227
Miscellaneous projects	-	344
SaskEnergy grant expense	-	430
Tree for Life	521	-
Wages and benefits	105,496	134,909
Watershed Kits	2,613	-
	<u>212,724</u>	<u>193,286</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses	<u>(5,565)</u>	<u>52,256</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	184,498	148,248
Prior period adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,006)</u>
Restated net assets, beginning of year	<u>184,498</u>	<u>132,242</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 178,933</u>	<u>\$ 184,498</u>

SWIFT CURRENT CREEK WATERSHED STEWARDS INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

November 30, 2021

1. Basis of accounting

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the financial information is on the historical cost basis, reflecting cash transactions with the addition of the following:

- Accounts receivable and other receivables
- Accounts payable, loans and other liabilities
- Prepaid expenses

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