

SSIWPA Annual Report 2022


The Alliance is a collaborative roundtable intended to convene agencies and community groups responsible for the protection and management of drinking water sources and watersheds in the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area. It enables a cooperative approach and evidence-based public education and action for freshwater sustainability.

WATERSHED ALLIANCE PURPOSE

Since 2013, the purpose of SSIWPA is to advise and to coordinate for Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee on the determination of and implementation of regional, improvement district and provincial policies that preserve and protect quality and quantity of water resources within the Salt Spring Local Trust Area under the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee's [bylaw 154](#).

The members of SSIWPA steering committee and technical working group are representatives of local government agencies, provincial government agencies and community groups with a responsibility and mission for watershed and drinking water protection functions in the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

 **GROUNDWATER AND LAKE LEVEL MONITORING:** **16** stations **15** property owners

SOCIAL MEDIA

 **28** posts  **17,983** post views  **1300** post engagements  **48** shares

RAINWATER HARVESTING TOUR 2022 IN “ON THE RISE” FESTIVAL

9 tour hosts **3** professional experts **111** in-person visits

MEDIA & EDUCATION

 **2** [Rainwater system videos](#)  **18** Website blog posts  **6** newsletters sent to **198** subscribers (23 new)

 **NEWS ARTICLES ABOUT**
World Water Day, Groundwater Licensing, Algal Blooms and more
+ Know Your Groundwater Well Brochure

DISPLAY & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AT Fall Fair

 **Island goal:** **3 million gallons** 

SSIWPA: WHO WE ARE

Member Agency Representatives

Laura Patrick, Elected	Islands Trust
Gary Holman, Elected	CRD
Jason Griffin	CRD - Cedar Lane
Alan Martin	CRD - Fulford
Sandra Ungerson, Elected	NSSWD
Tim Slaney	Scott Point Waterworks District
Carollin Wentworth	CRD - Highland & Fernwood**

Members At-Large Representing Community Groups

Doreen Hewitt	Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee
Ian Peace	SS Water Preservation Society
Pierre Mineau	SS Conservancy
Rhonan Heitzmann	SS Water Company***
Lewis Muirhead	Erskine Water Society**
Deborah Miller	Transition SS Society
Margaret Thomson	Agricultural Alliance

Ex Officio Government Staff Advisors

Anthony Fotino	Islands Trust
William Shulba*	Islands Trust
Karla Campbell*	CRD Electoral Area Sr. Manager
Sylvia Barroso and Jessica Doyle*	MOF, Water Protection
Cali Melnechenko#	MOF, Water Authorizations
Christoph Moch and team #	CRD, Water Quality
Other Provincial Agency Staff **	AGRI, Island Health, etc.

Technical Working Group Members At-Large

John Millson (Chair)	Robin Annschild
Ian Peace	Lewis Muirhead
Jos Lussenburg	Ken Nentwig

* denotes membership in Technical Working Group

** seat filled late 2022

*** departed end 2022

denotes project basis



TECHNICAL PROJECT SUPPORT

Technical Reviews:

- Watershed Stewardship Protection Plan, IT
- [Groundwater Wells and Lake Level Monitoring](#), IT
- [Weston Lake Water Availability and Climate Change Assessment](#), CRD & IT
- [Freshwater Catalogue](#), Water Preservation Society
- Technical content for [public communications](#) about:
 - [Rainwater harvesting systems design](#), and [2 rainwater videos](#)
 - Provincial groundwater regulations and well registration
 - Lake water quality for recreation, direct withdrawal



COORDINATED PROJECTS

	Lead Agency	2021	2022	2023
Monitoring:				
Lake level: Bullock, Cusheon, Stowell, Weston		✓	✓	✓
Groundwater Level	IT, FLNR	✓	✓	✓
Flow: Fulford Creek (Automated)	FLNR	✓		
Water Availability				
Weston Lake Water Availability and Climate Change Assessment	CRD, IT		✓	
Policy and Planning				
Watershed Protection Plan - 10 Year Multi-Agency Plan	IT		✓	✓
Events and Communications				
Rainwater Harvesting Systems Tour 2022	SSIWPA, TSS	✓	✓	
Rainwater Storage Rebate Program	TSS, CRD	✓	✓	
Communications - lake quality, freshwater conservation, rainwater	SSIWPA-TWG	✓	✓	

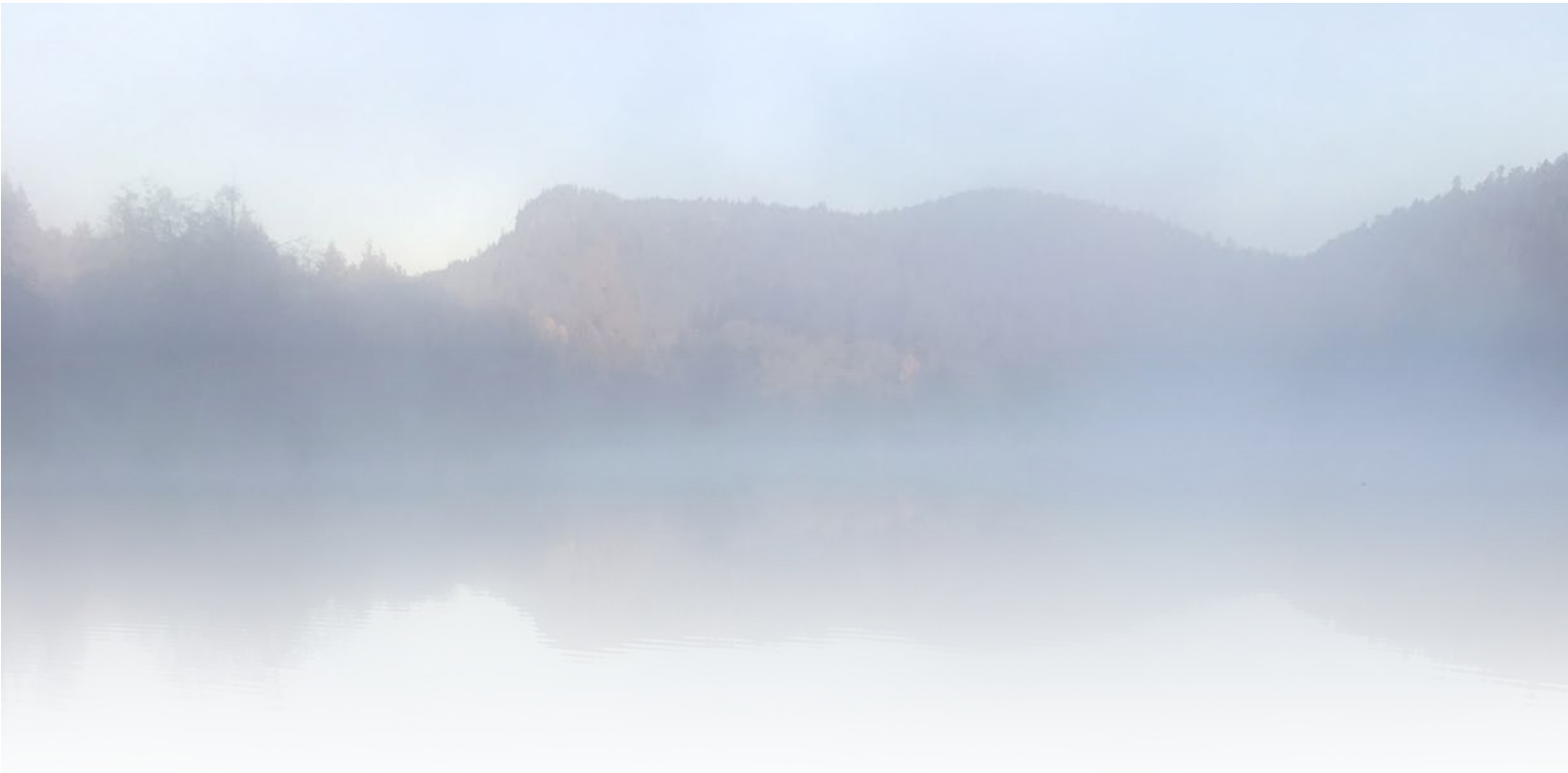
LEGEND:

- IT - [Islands Trust](#)
MOF - [Ministry of Forests](#)
SSIWPA-TWG – [Technical Working Group](#)
TSS - [Transition Salt Spring Society](#)
NSSWD - [North Salt Spring Waterworks District](#)
SS - Salt Spring

FINANCIALS

For the period April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

REVENUE	ACTUALS	BUDGET
SSI LTC Special Property Tax Requisition	\$75,500.00	\$75,500.00
Grant Income (Province of BC Constituency Funds)	\$14,379.00	\$14,097.00
Total Revenue	\$89,597.00	\$89,879.00
EXPENSES	ACTUALS	BUDGET
SSIWPA Coordination	\$60,013.00	\$60,000.00
Meetings	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 1,760.00
Events and Communications	\$ 3,960.00	\$13,740.00
Projects	\$20,000.00	\$14,097.00
Total Expenses	\$85,203.00	\$89,597.00



See our website for reports,
and links of interest:

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