

# Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

## DRAFT Minutes

Mon. Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

9:15-11:30 am

Location: CVRD Board Room



**Co-Chair:** Mayor Jon Lefebure

**Participants:** Ian Morrison, David Slade, David Anderson, Lori Iannidinardo, Klaus Kuhn, David Froese

**Regrets:** Chief Seymour, Debra Toporowski, Darin George, Tim Kulchyski, Ross Forrest, Laura Brown,

1.	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome by co-chair J. Lefebure</li> <li>No Quorum – Meeting for information only</li> </ul>	
2.	Approval of Agenda		N/A
3.	Approval of Minutes of July 31 2017. Business arising from Minutes.		N/A
4.	Correspondence and announcements*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of Haley Guest as new Coordinator of Cowichan Estuary Centre</li> <li>Contact with Elk River Alliance (Fernie) who are seeking advice on CWB ways of doing business</li> <li>CWB Governance Internal Workshop #1 Oct 12. Pkg going out today. Please do your homework.</li> <li>Invitation from MP Alistair MacGregor to the Open House on the Proposed National Marine Conservation Area Reserve in the Southern Strait of Georgia. More info <a href="http://alistairmacgregor.ndp.ca/events">http://alistairmacgregor.ndp.ca/events</a></li> <li>New Report from POLIS regarding watershed co-governance. “Collaborative Consent” <a href="http://poliswaterproject.org/polis-research-publication/collaborative-consent-british-columbias-water-towards-watershed-co-governance/">http://poliswaterproject.org/polis-research-publication/collaborative-consent-british-columbias-water-towards-watershed-co-governance/</a></li> <li>CLRSS fundraiser October 14<sup>th</sup> – Jakes at the Lake</li> </ul>	
5.	Coastal Restoration Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation by Cheri Ayers posted to website <a href="#">[link]</a></li> <li>“Partners” under leadership of Cowichan Tribes successful in accessing approx. 2.6 million over 5 years for Estuarine, Riparian and sediment control restoration in Cowichan Watershed</li> <li>Question re planning for estuarine Restoration: Modelling and sediment monitoring to inform process around both dike breach and eelgrass planting</li> </ul>	

6.	Working Group Updates: a) Fish & Flows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Cheri Ayers on process of determining target and minimum fish flows. Posted to Website. <a href="#">[link1]</a> <a href="#">[link2]</a></li> <li>• Questions and dialogue: This is a technical piece re: fish flows that will fit into the larger context of the Compass project to determine flow target</li> </ul>	
	b) Watershed Ed/IQ – WG meeting; Eco-Action grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent Working Group meeting in September. Several Opportunities for partnerships identified moving forward</li> <li>• Eco-action grant will fund “Save the Rain Campaign this winter</li> </ul>	
	c) Water Quality & Estuary – water quality testing, past and current research; Quamichan Task Force Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REFBC water quality sampling program being carried out in partnership with CCLT and SMWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 series of 5 samples over 30 dates – August/October</li> <li>• Total of over 1000 samples being taken for e. coli, phosphorus and turbidity</li> <li>• Deb Epps has left MOE for science position in FLNRORD. WQ support from MOE currently limited.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jim Cosh – Quamichan Task Force Member provides presentation of Task Force Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See presentation on CWB site <a href="#">[link]</a></li> <li>• Three general courses of action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring</li> <li>○ Limiting Inputs</li> <li>○ Extracting Phosphorus from Lake</li> <li>○ No Silver Bullet, will take commitment over long term</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Questions and Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Septic oversight is professional reliance model</li> <li>• Sewage vs septic is not necessarily the answer</li> <li>• All about limiting nutrients – need to educate property owners, ditch maintenance crews etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7.	New Normal Climate Projections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kate Miller presents on downscaled CVRD Climate change projections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See presentation on website <a href="#">[link]</a></li> <li>○ CVRD working with PCIC – detailed watershed scale climate change projections</li> <li>○ Hotter drier summers; wetter milder winters</li> <li>○ Implications are more winter flooding and more summer drought.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8. Kate	Lake Storage - update on Structured Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultants have been retained to deliver joint Federal/Provincially funded process to identify</li> </ul>	

	Making Process	<p>storage target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compass Resource Management to lead, technical support by Kerr Wood Leidel and Eco-Fish</li> <li>• Will be Public Advisory Group and Technical Advisory Committees</li> <li>• Process to begin with Public Meeting Oct. 23 in Youbou and wrap up by the spring</li> </ul>	
9.	Other		
	Next meeting – October 30 <sup>th</sup>		
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