

Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes

Mon. Feb 27 2017

9:15-11:30 am

Location: CVRD Boardroom, 2nd Floor, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan



Co-Chair: Tim Kulchyski

Participants: Ian Morrison, Co-Chair Jon Lefebure, David Slade, Debra Toporowski, Darin George, Klaus Kuhn, Tom Rutherford.

Regrets: Chief Seymour, Ross Forrest, Lori Iannidardo, David Froese, David Anderson, Laura Brown

Minutes: Jill Thompson

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| 1) Welcome | Congrats to Tom, Pacific Salmon Foundation Honourary Patron award | |
| 2) Approval of Agenda | Request to add discussion about Shaw Creek under Other. | Approved |
| 3) Approval of Minutes of Jan 30 2017. Business arising from Minutes. | Approved | Approved |
| 4) Correspondence* and announcements. | <p>Firing Range – issue of water quality impacts of lead shot. Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom suggests we could ask Deb Epps/MoE to incorporate it into our Water Quality sampling. • Debra noted a public meeting on the issue earlier - July 24 2016. Debra will send her notes from that to Tom. • Ian suggests it be referred to appropriate Ministry/ investigating agencies. • David S – slim chance of finding lead in water through sampling. Would need test wells near and would cost a lot. Beyond our ability to fund that. David will speak to someone in Ministry • Loren Duncan – there are 3 firing ranges – consider impacts on all <p>Reply letter was sent to Rick James by Tom (included)</p> <p>Follow up letter was sent to Ministers RE Governance Pilot meeting with co-Chairs (included)</p> <p>Letters of support were provided by CWB to BCCF, POLIS</p> | Firing Range – Tom to ask MoE to sample; Debra to send Tom notes from 2016 meeting on issue; David S to speak with regulators; Tom to provide letter for CWB review next meeting. |
| 5) Governance – Minister’s Meeting | Mayor Lefebure reported that co-Chairs were granted a meeting with Ministers Polak and Thomson, Attendees included both ADMs, both policy advisors, + support staff, Co-Chairs and Tom. Nicola Valley was chosen as the Pilot. Rationale given was that CWB is too far along and the Province isn’t ready. They are still working on the governance | Follow up letter was sent. Tom to send his meeting notes to Board |

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| | <p>model. They expressed that they are impressed with what we had done. They offered to help us with specific steps as we move forward.</p> <p>Tom emphasized the three main points he made at meeting: strength of partnership model; track record of accomplishment; embracing incremental approach. Minister Thomson tasked his staff to work with us on specific tools from our proposal. A letter to follow up on that commitment was sent (as above.)</p> <p>Our team also had an opportunity to plug the CVRD grant proposal for \$200,000 for flows modelling support. That decision will be made by Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Dev't but the Ministers took note. Decision next month.</p> | members. |
| 6) Presentation – Board survey results | <p>See presentation by Tom.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members thanked Tom for the thorough review and the opportunity to meet in person. • Darin suggested neighbours in Koksilah need our support. How do we connect that? Part of us and our community. • Klaus – concerned about any involvement of CVRD in weir; no opinion on whether weir should be raised or not – can see there is insufficient water. Should be up to Catalyst and Province to fix it. Would like to see Tom's role as primarily looking for sources for funding outside of CVRD. • Genevieve – consider connectivity with Shawnigan, Chemainus, Salish Sea; prefers the term collaboration to “leadership” for CWB • Tom replied that on some issues, like flows, we need leadership, and the CWB can provide that leadership. • Debra – community is concerned about who will fund the weir. They need to hear that it will be a shared cost. • David S- thanks Tom and indicates good choice in him as leader. | Information |
| 7) Draft 2017 staff workplan and budget | <p>Tom presented draft workplan. Will send to Board members for feedback at next meeting.</p> <p>Draft 2017-2018 budget will be presented to Society following this meeting.</p> | Tom to circulate workplan to Board members. |
| 8) Updates | | |
| a) Working groups i. Watershed Education | Tom reported that we are lucky to have a multitude of groups doing excellent watershed education. Several of them met this month to revive the Watershed Education working group as a | |

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| | <p>mutually supportive network. Strong opportunity to support each other and get a better product. Very positive energy. The group will also look at gap analysis to see who's doing what, and what important things aren't getting done.</p> | |
| <p>b) Water storage – winter/spring lake levels</p> | <p>Tim reported on Brian Houle's most recent report from Catalyst. The snowpack is more or less on par with snowpack from last year. Significantly below average despite all the additional snow at lower elevations.</p> | |
| <p>9) Other</p> | <p>Shaw Creek Discussion:</p> <p>Ian updated the Board that the CVRD Board passed 1st, and 2nd, reading. There will be a Public Hearing. Date not set. Entire EASC was delegated to attend. Material is available CVRD Feb 15 EASC agenda package.</p> <p>David S – 2 yrs ago Realtor expressed that they would be thrilled if they could get 18 building lots – one for each partner – and would donate land for parks. Current proposal is for significantly more- 1.5km of lakeshore and 26 lots, 2 residences on each with access for each lot, 3000 sq. foot dwellings. We could end up with 150-200 people at that location.</p> <p>Klaus – not ideal but we don't know who the future partners would be or what they would propose if we decline. If left as is, we could end up with trailers. Can't enforce anything out there – could end up like Haws Bay. Decision was to let the residents decide. Open to suggestions of how we can do it better.</p> <p>Jon – public hearings don't result in a single 'public voice'. There are many voices and public hearings are not necessarily reflective. Directors have to make their own choice. CWB could inform the discussion by reinforcing ecological value of the property.</p> <p>Darin- for our people, Shaw Creek means a lot in a spiritual way to who we are. We are here to protect those areas. It means a lot culturally.</p> <p>Debra- fighting to protect areas that are important to us. There is different life there. When you change things, you can't bring them back. Would like to think of a legacy to Gerald Thom.</p> <p>David S –Was told by lakeshore real estate agent that 26 lakeshore lots would each would sell for \$300,000.</p> <p>Motion by David S that CWB oppose this proposed rezoning for development in current incarnation and encourage CVRD to not move forward. 2nd Darin.</p> | <p>Tom to draft a letter to CVRD RE ecological and cultural significance of Shaw Creek for discussion at next Board meeting.</p> <p>Circulate one week in advance.</p> |

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| | <p>Jon – directors elected to CVRD have to enter decision with an open mind. Taking a vote here could prevent their ability to do that. CVRD is their primary responsibility. Puts them in impossible position.</p> <p>Motion rescinded.</p> <p>David S. 10 years ago, none of us were aware of cultural and ecological value of the property.</p> <p>Motion by David S that CWB write a letter to CVRD highlighting cultural and ecological values of the property and concerns for any deterioration of this site. Accepted.</p> <p>Tom to draft for discussion at next Board meeting and circulate one week in advance. Requested help from Debra on cultural significance.</p> <p>Ian noted that the CVRD agenda pkg contains comments from Cowichan Tribes.</p> <p>Teal Cedar Forest Stewardship Plan - Genevieve encouraged the room to review and comment on the forest stewardship plan for the area around Cowichan Lake Education Centre. There are 21 streams in the area and lamprey habitat. Closing date March 30.</p> | |
| <p>Next meeting – Mon. Mar 27th 2017</p> | <p>LOCATION CHANGE: Cowichan Tribes Chief and Council Temporary Chambers, Old VIU Library, Cowichan Way (next to Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre, and SuperStore, in the 2-story building)</p> | <p>Information</p> |
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