

Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes

Mon. Jan. 30 2017

9:15-11:30 am

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



Participants: Ian Morrison, Klaus Kuhn, Lori Iannidinardo, Tim Kulchyski, Ross Forrest, Debra Toporowski, Laura Brown, David Anderson, David Froese, Tom Rutherford. **Regrets:** Chief Seymour, Chairperson Jon Lefebure, David Slade, Darrin George
Guests: Graham Kissack, Brian Carruthers, Cheri Ayers, Technical Advisory Committee; Other guests. (Open to the public – all welcome.)
Co-Chair: CVRD Director Ian Morrison representing Chairperson Jon Lefebure

1) Welcome		
2) Approval of Agenda		Approved
3) Approval of Minutes of Dec 5 2016 Business arising from Minutes.	Debra Toporowski missing under “regrets”	Approved subject to correction.
4) Correspondence and announcements*	<p>Tom Rutherford seeking direction on how to respond on behalf of Board to letters and articles received from Mr. Rick James RE impacts of forestry on watershed hydrology.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern from Board members RE Mr. James’ referral to climate change as “red herring”. Comments about logging practices being an issue as well that deserve more attention. Concern that we don’t know enough. Suggestion to bring in a guest speaker on the topic (e.g. Carnation Creek experiments) 	<p>Tom to draft response for co-Chairs based on discussion.</p> <p>Tom to organize a guest expert on hydrological impacts of forest practices.</p>
5) Presentation – CVRD community engagement plan for service establishment bylaw - Cowichan watershed	<p>Brian Carruthers spoke to the CVRD’s process to create a bylaw for Cowichan watershed management. Bylaw process was initiated last year but pulled due to boundary issues. New AAP process developed by CVRD in meantime requiring greater public consultation prior to bylaw development. CVRD is beginning a 3 step process now to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> gather input - draft Storyboards presented, PlaceSpeak launched online to gather geographically specific public feedback Determine what activities CVRD proposes to engage in, AAP boundaries, and budget being sought. Hold AAP. <p>[Schedule pasted below]</p>	<p>Engage in PlaceSpeak.</p> <p>Share with networks; encourage others to go online to express concerns and how they think CVRD should engage in those.</p>

	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> request that roles / mandates of other levels of government be included in StoryBoards to help public understand concern raised about pace of schedule; request that storage issue should be mentioned. <p>Brian C– only gathering input now. All partners will be involved in 2nd phase of AAP development. Decision to pursue bylaw was made over 1 year ago so process is partly underway – stepping back to listen to public more before framing AAP. Storage issue will be added.</p>	
6) Koksilah Watershed – ecosystem planning. CWB’s role?	<p>Tom – CWB has endorsed inclusion of Koksilah as part of Cowichan watershed in keeping with “whole of watershed” philosophy and because it is critical to achieve water quality/estuary health target.</p> <p>Cowichan Station Area Association is working to fund a Koksilah watershed ecosystem study. CWB provided letter of support. Alliance is being formed to support the process and watershed stewardship – invitation to CWB forthcoming. Tom seeking Board input on his role in this.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> area behind Cow Bay Tennis Courts needs restoration; question RE whether info can be used in OCP processes; Cowichan Tribes perspective is that there is no difference between the Koksilah and Cowichan – same system. Working collectively is key. Recommendation to include in strategic plan for decision 	Tom to include Koksilah initiative in strategic plan for next month’s discussion.
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7) Updates		
a) Working groups i) Riparian revived	<p>Tom commented that Board survey is revealing that we like to get work done, and it’s the TAC Working Groups who do most of that work, so gratitude to them.</p> <p>i) Riparian Working Group – Tom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian - \$15,000 has been assigned by CVRD for education campaign for riparian so should coordinate messages with Rip. Working Group. Living Rivers – also posting educational signs and hope to collaborate with others – Cowichan Tribes, Parks, etc. 	<p>- Tom to get in touch with Ian RE \$15,000 riparian comms budget.</p> <p>- contact James Craig RE Living Rivers educational signage if interested.</p>
ii) Water Conservation	<p>Cowichan Water Challenge – Jill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> applied for summer students (EcoAction) met with Water Challenge partners RE 2016 water use reporting. 	

<p>iii) Fish & Flows – talking tools?</p>	<p>Chinook/Watershed Health – Cheri</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> introduced new draft website and invites feedback. www.pacfish.ca/chinook. more info in March after next Fish & Flows meeting. - Proposing that a group needs to take the lead – potentially CWB. <p>Flows – Cheri / Tom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continuing detailed analysis of fish-related flow modelling with Craig Sutherland/KPL and Cowichan Tribes, BCCF, DFO and others. looking at flow timing from March to Sept to model what storage is needed to meet various storage levels. Tom holding several ‘coffee-table’ meetings with residents at Lake recently, answering questions and clarifying misunderstandings. Would appreciate a mapping product like the ortho maps (handed out). 	<p>- Feedback requested on draft Chinook website http://www.pacfish.ca/Cowichan/</p> <p>- Tom to work with Kate / CVRD on lake levels map product.</p>
<p>b) Water storage solutions</p>	<p>Brian C /CVRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continuing to build partnership BC Clean Water and Wastewater funding \$200k application pending. <p>Graham Kissack / Catalyst</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12” flashboard has been deemed unsafe using current structure by engineers. Looking at whether there is a lesser opportunity, e.g. 6” flashboards. Looks unlikely – 60 yr old structure. Plan for 2017 is to use pumps if needed. Looking to expand approval to pump in to 2018 and later to bridge gap until new structure is in place. dry cold weather took lake to 60% storage but back to normal now. Too early to say whether snowpack will hold into spring. 	
<p>c) Governance pilot</p>	<p>Tom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> expected response by Christmas. Meeting between Co-Chairs and Ministers (MoE, MFLRO) rescheduled several times. Now meeting Feb 14. No formal response yet. 	
<p>8) Other</p>	<p>Tom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> will present the results of his Board interviews next month. 	
<p>Next meeting – Mon. Feb 27th 2017</p>	<p>CWB meetings are held on the last Monday of every month in the CVRD Boardroom at 9:15am unless otherwise notified. The November 2017 meeting will be Dec 5 2017.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>		

RE 5) CVRD community engagement plan for service establishment bylaw - Cowichan watershed

STAKEHOLDER/PUBLIC MEETINGS

DATE	AUDIENCE	LOCATION	STATUS	STAFF
January 9 8 pm	CLRSS	Cowichan Lake	confirmed	Kate
January 25	Board Lunch and learn	CVRD	confirmed	Brian Kate Cynthia
January 30 8:30 am	Cowichan Watershed Board	CVRD	confirmed	Brian Kate
February 6 8 pm	CLRSS	Cowichan Lake Country Grocers	confirmed	Brian Kate
February 16 11:30 am	Cowichan Roundtable	Cowichan eco-centre	confirmed	Brian Kate
February 14	Cowichan Tribes Council		Brian to confirm	Brian
TBD	North Cowichan Council		Allison to book	Brian
TBD	Lake Cowichan Council		Allison to book	Brian
TBD	Duncan Council		Allison to book	Brian
February 18 TBC	Duncan Farmers Market		Cynthia to confirm	
February 11 – 13 – Novice Hockey Tournament February 17 – 19 – Curl BC Region 9 Mixed Island Playdowns February 24 – 26 – Bantam Hockey Tournament	West Cowichan	Cowichan Lake Recreation	TBD	storyboards
February 1, 7, 10, 12, 24, 26	Central	Island Savings Centre Cowichan Capitals game	TBD	storyboards
February 27 7 pm	Area F APC	Cowichan Lake Recreation		