

Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes



May 5, 2011
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: CVRD Boardroom,
165 Ingram St. Duncan, BC

Participants: Chief Lydia Hwitsum Rob Hutchins Co-chair, David Anderson Ross Forrest, Bruce Fraser, Lori Iannidinardo Klaus Kuhn, Don Radford, David Slade

Coordinator: Rodger Hunter

Guests: John Deniseger and Deb Epps, BC Ministry of Environment, Tom Rutherford, Living Rivers Trust.

Regrets: Darin George, Tim Kulchyski, Lorna Medd,

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| 1. Welcome; Introductions, Invocation; Opening Remarks | Co-chair Chief Lydia Hwitsum welcomed and thanked Board members, guests and members of the public for attending the meeting and offered the invocation. |
| 2. Approval of Agenda | The agenda was approved as presented. |
| 3. Approval of Minutes of March 3 rd 2011 and update on Business Arising from Minutes: | <p>The minutes were approved as presented.</p> <p>Discussion on business arising from the minutes pertaining to the Board's participation in the Network on Ecological Sustainability and Health's (NESH) survey was presented by Rodger Hunter. Dr. Lorna Medd and he were invited to attend a NESH meeting in Winnipeg with representatives from other watershed stewardship agencies/groups during the second week of March. Based on the meeting and the survey Rodger reported being struck by three things.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sheer grandeur of the Cowichan watershed in comparison with some of the other watersheds; 2. The uniqueness of the CWB in that Cowichan Tribes is a full partner in the Board, public health is built into the Board and Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) approach and culture and sustainable economic will be as well; and, 3. There is a very high level of communication and cooperation within our watershed among a wide variety of players e.g. the Stewardship Roundtable and various other stewardship groups. |
| 4. Presentation on Water Quality in the Watershed | John Deniseger and Deb Epps, BC Ministry of Environment, presented the results water quality |

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| | <p>reports that had recently been completed for the Cowichan and Koksilah watersheds. The presentation generated considerable discussion regarding the significance of measures particularly for Total Suspended Solids and steps that would be required to improve water quality in specific areas of the watershed. The water quality presentation can be found at http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-05may2011 and clicking on materials 1. The discussion contributed significantly to agenda 5 below.</p> |
| <p>5. Presentation of Progress regarding Target – Setting for the Watershed</p> | <p>Tom Rutherford of the Living Rivers Trust Fund summarized a sub-committee of the TAC's progress on developing targets and the Board discussed two particular targets related to Total Suspended Solids and Estuarine Health in detail. The Board indicated general support for those targets. The presentation can be found at http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-05may2011 and clicking on materials 2.</p> <p>Decision: Time is to be scheduled at the next meeting to allow for further discussion of the proposed targets and associated work plans.</p> |
| <p>Next meeting– Date and Agenda Items</p> | <p>It was noted that Low Tide Day Celebrations will be held at Cowichan Bay on May 7th 2011. The Coordinator will contact members to determine the best date and time to hold the next meeting of the Board.</p> |