

# Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

## DRAFT Minutes



April 7, 2011  
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Cowichan Lake Outdoor Education and Conference Centre, Lake Cowichan, BC

**Participants:** Rob Hutchins Co-chair, David Anderson Ross Forrest, Bruce Fraser, Darin George, Klaus Kuhn Tim Kulchyski, Lorna Medd, Don Radford

**Coordinator:** Rodger Hunter

**Guests:** Albie Charlie, Cowichan Tribes; Eric Morris and Craig Sutherland Kerr Wood Leidal (KWL); Rob Grant CVRD; and Tom Rutherford, Living Rivers Trust.

**Regrets:** Chief Lydia Hwitsum, David Slade, Lori Iannidinardo

1. Welcome; Introductions, Invocation; Opening Remarks	Co-chair Rob Hutchins welcomed and thanked Board members, guests and members of the public for attending the meeting. Those attending the meeting introduced themselves and Co-chair Hutchins thanked His Worship Ross Forrest and the Town of Lake Cowichan for use of the facility.  Albie Charlie offered the invocation.
2. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved with the inclusion of a scheduled 10 minute break between the presentation between presentations by Craig Sutherland and Rob Grant.
3. Approval of Minutes of March 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2011 and update on Business Arising from Minutes:	The minutes were approved as presented.  Discussion on business arising from the minutes pertaining to the Board's participation in the Network on Ecological Sustainability and Health's survey was deferred until the May meeting in the interests of time.
4. Presentation on Cowichan Lake Erosion Study	Eric Morris of KWL presented the results of the Cowichan Lake erosion study that was conducted in 2010 and had been presented to the Technical Advisory Committee at its February 17 <sup>th</sup> 2011 meeting. The presentation was taken as information and can be found at <a href="http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-07apr2011">http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-07apr2011</a> and clicking on materials 1.

<p>5. Presentation –Update on Summer Water Levels (Rule-cure Rule-band)</p>	<p>Craig Sutherland of KWL made a presentation on Summer Water Levels and the Rule Curve/Rule Band concepts. The presentation was taken as information and can be found at <a href="http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-07apr2011">http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-07apr2011</a> . Please click on materials 2.</p>
<p>6. Demonstration of LiDAR tool for mapping water levels</p>	<p>Rob Grant Geographic Information Supervisor at the CVRD described what LiDAR was and showed examples of how the tool can be used noting that work is to ensure that interpretive LiDAR products are accurate and reliable is currently underway. The presentation was taken as information and can be found at <a href="http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-07apr2011">http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-07apr2011</a> . Please click on materials 4.</p>
<p>7. 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 Technical Advisory Committee’s progress on developing targets related to the sustainable health of the watershed. The board was generally support for the targets. However there was limited time for discussion. The presentation can be found at <a href="http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-07apr2011">http://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-07apr2011</a> . Please click on materials 3.  <b>Decision: Time should be scheduled on the May meeting agenda to allow for discussion on the proposed targets.</b></p>
<p>Next meeting– Date and Agenda Items</p>	<p>The next Cowichan Watershed Board meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The theme of the meeting will be water quality. Location to be determined.</p>