

# Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

## DRAFT Minutes



March 8, 2012

**Location: Cowichan Tribes Chief and Council Chambers  
5790 Trunk Road., Duncan, BC**

**Participants:** Cowichan Watershed Board

**Guests:** Bruce Fraser (Special Advisor), Don Radford, Klaus Kuhn, Cheri Ayers (Cowichan Tribes), Tom Rutherford (DFO), Craig Wightman (Living Rivers/BC Conservation Foundation), Tom Anderson, Rob Grant and Cheri Wilmott (CVRD)

**Regrets:** Chief Harvey Alphonse

**Meeting Chair:** Mayor Rob Hutchins

1. Welcome; Introductions, Invocation; Opening Remarks	Co-chair Mayor Rob Hutchins welcomed past and present Board members, special advisors, technical advisory committee members and guests and led a round of introductions. Subsequently Tim Kulchyski gave a very moving innovation noting the value of life and the unfortunate nature of death at certain times in the cycle of a community.
2. Approval of Agenda	<b>The agenda was approved as presented.</b>
3. Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2012 meeting and update on Business Arising from Minutes:	<b>The minutes were approved as presented. Links to materials will be included in the edition that is posted on the Watershed Board's website.</b> Mayor Ross Forrest described the Circle Route Tourism prepared by Special Advisor Dr. Nicole Vaugeois and the Coordinator agreed to forward a pdf of the document to Board members. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/8xjqd4u">[http://tinyurl.com/8xjqd4u]</a> The Co-chair described a recent meeting between several Board members, Special Advisor Oliver Brandes and Provincial Cabinet Ministers Polak and Thomson, along with senior staff of Minister Terry Lake noting that progress is being made but further discussions are required.
4. Special Acknowledgements	Darin George acknowledged the contributions to the watershed made by retiring Board members Klaus Kuhn, Bruce Fraser and Don Radford on behalf of the board and presented them with a token of appreciation. Lydia Hwitsum will be acknowledged at a future meeting.

<p>5. Water Knowledge and Conservation Survey</p>	<p>Rodger Hunter presented the results of the Watershed Board's Water Knowledge and Conservation Survey using summaries of data from Lake Cowichan, Duncan and aggregated data for illustrative purposes. A summary of the survey is at <a href="#">LINK</a>. The results of the survey will be provide to local media for Water Week which commences on March 19, 2012.</p>
<p>6. Watershed Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer Flows</li>          <li>• Riparian</li></ul>	<p>Craig Wightman and Cheri Ayers updated the Board of actions directed at achieving the summer flows target. [<a href="http://tinyurl.com/79tq47z">http://tinyurl.com/79tq47z</a>]</p> <p>Decision: The Board agreed to request that the CVRD identify a function in its annual budget that will provide \$5000 annually for operation and maintenance of a Heather Mountain snow pillow. A detailed description of a snow pillow will be forwarded to Board members.</p> <p>David Slade made a presentation on the riparian habitat targets. His presentation generated significant discussion which will be continued at the May Board meeting. [<a href="http://tinyurl.com/6pkx97n">http://tinyurl.com/6pkx97n</a>]</p>
<p>7. General Information -Upcoming Meetings, events, time and date of next meeting etc.</p>	<p><b>The next Cowichan Watershed Board meeting will be held on May 3, 2012. The Co-chairs will meet to determine the agenda and location. Board members and Special Advisors were invited to forward any suggestions regarding agenda items to the Coordinator.</b></p>