

Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes

Mon. Feb 26 2018

9:15-11:30 am

Location: CVRD Board Room



Co-Chair: CVRD Chair Jon Lefebure

Participants: Ian Morrison, David Slade, David Anderson, Klaus Kuhn, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Laura Brown, Lori Iannidinardo

Regrets: Chief Seymour, Darin George, Ross Forrest, Debra Toporowski,

Guests: Jennifer Archer, Technical Advisory and Working Group members; other guests. (Open to the public.)

	Item	Description	Decision
1.	Welcome		
2.	Approval of Agenda		Approved
3.	Approval of Minutes of Jan 29. Business arising from Minutes.		Approved
4.	Correspondence and announcements	Tom provided updates.	For Information
5.	Koksilah updates - Chinook Video; upcoming Information meetings on water quality and quantity	N/A	Deferred to next month's agenda.
6.	Briefing on Co-Chairs meeting with Ministers Heyman and Donaldson	Co-Chair Lefebure provided an update on the meeting with Minister Donaldson on Feb 22 nd . Minister Heyman was unfortunately called away but 4 of his staff attended including DM Mark Zacharias, ADM Jennifer McGuire, Lynn Kriwoken and Eveline Xia. FLNRO DM Craig Sutherland listened by phone with Larry Barr and Pat Lapcevic, and Kenn McLaren accompanied Minister Donaldson in person. Nice opportunity to bring them up to speed. No concrete commitments. Intend to revisit after WUP complete.	Tom and Jill to draft letter for co-Chairs to follow up.
7.	CWB Governance Improvements arising from Watershed Co-Governance Conversation Workshops	Tom provided overview of process to date and introduced Jill and Jennifer to present two pieces for discussion.	
	a) Tweaking our consensus model – proposed changes.	Jill Thompson provided an update on feedback heard to date on consensus model and provided a new draft for discussion, with options. There was discussion on several elements	Jill to incorporate feedback into new draft decision

		<p>including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether and when to defer decisions to next meeting -threshold of dissent that would trigger a vote instead of consensus - whether to use Robert’s rules or just vote when voting is required - size of majority required for vote to pass - whether co chairs have power to trigger an immediate vote if timelines are important. -See link for new draft language based on discussion. 	making model
	b) Introducing new Accountability Section to Governance Manual	<p>Jennifer Archer, consultant, lawyer, Governance project Steering Committee partner via BC Freshwater Legacy Initiative, presented concepts to consider for new accountability measures within manual.</p> <p>Jennifer emphasized that most of these are existing ways that CWB is accountable to public, partners, watershed, and each other, and the intention is to make these clear and explicit. Other measures are new proposals and may need resourcing to be added.</p> <p>See presentation.</p> <p>There was discussion around whether CWB has “accountability” or “responsibility” to public and to watershed.</p>	Jennifer to incorporate feedback into proposed revision to manual and present revision.
8.	Communication Update	<p>Jill Thompson provided an overview of the communications we have been doing in the past year. See presentation.</p> <p>In 2019 we intend to send more content to Cowichan Tribes newsletter this year.</p> <p>L. Brown suggested that we reach out to professional magazines to contribute content.</p>	<p>For Information.</p> <p>Jill to try to get more content into Cowichan Tribes newsletter and professional/trade journals.</p>
9.	2018 Draft Workplan	<p>Tom Rutherford reminded the board of draft workplan presentation last month and requested ratification as work in progress. See link.</p>	2018 draft Workplan adopted
10	Other	Co-chair	March 26 next meeting
11	Adjourn	Co-chair	Adjourned