

**Cowichan Watershed
Board Technical
Advisory Committee
Meeting**

DRAFT Minutes



July 3, 2014
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Location: Education boardroom,
Cowichan Tribes
5760 Allenby Road, Duncan, BC**

Participants: Cowichan Watershed Board Technical Advisory Committee Members

Co-chairs: Rodger Hunter/Helen Reid

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| 1. Welcome; Introductions; Opening Remarks | Rodger Hunter welcomed members. |
| 2. Approval of Agenda | The agenda was approved. Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi added an update to the agenda. |
| 3. Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2014 meeting | The minutes of the November 5 meeting were approved as presented with two spelling errors. |
| 3. Results of 2013 Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program and Next Steps, Deb Epps, MOE | <p>Deb Epps described the 3 year monitoring plan (2012 – 2014). She presented the 2013 sampling results for Cowichan Lake, Cowichan and Koksilah Rivers and Cowichan Bay.</p> <p>Deb described the next steps for 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cowichan Lake: Sample for E.coli, turbidity, microbacterial tracking in some tributaries and link this to the shoreline work. -Koksilah River: farm sampling -Cowichan River: Storm drain issues in fall. Sampling Fishgut Alley, Allenby, Busyplace Creek. -Cowichan Bay and tributaries: Sample near float homes, tributaries and some shoreline. <p>Action: Put an article in the paper stating that the water in Cowichan Lake water is not safe to drink (CLRSS and Lake Cowichan Students).</p> |

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| 5. Riparian | Gerald Thom reported on shoreline restoration projects. 7 private property owners are on board. |
| 6. Summer Flows Update | Brian Houle stated that the river flow is at 5 cms and the lake level is staying the same and that it is very low. |
| 7. Water Conservation Strategy | David Slade has been going to local government councils to get councils to adopt the first steps of a 6 step program. |
| 8. Other | <p>Shaw Creek: Rodger Hunter stated that NCC says the 3 properties for sale are too small to fund. CVRD has set aside some money for the property and Nature Trust is working on it. Tom Anderson is working on accessing funding.</p> <p>BCCF Update: Craig Wightman updated on river swims: 10 people per week were swimming the river, sunset to 2 am to find out how juvenile Chinook numbers, what they are feeding on etc. They have learned that Chinook fry have to have riparian cover. 6,000 Chinook have been tagged since May.</p> |
| Next Meeting | Next Meeting tentatively September 4, 2014 |