

Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

Draft Minutes



Thursday June 3, 2010

Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre
1761 Cowichan Bay Road, Cowichan Bay

Participants: Lydia Hwitsum Co-chair, David Anderson, Ross Forrest, Bruce Fraser, Lori Iannidinardo, Klaus Kuhn, Tim Kulchyski, Lorna Medd, Don Radford, David Slade

Coordinator: Rodger Hunter

Guests: Kathy Lachman, Economic Development Cowichan, Ted van der Gulik, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Brian Dennison, CVRD

Regrets: Rob Hutchins, Darin George

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre, 1761 Cowichan Bay Road
Chief Lydia Hwitsum in the Chair

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks	Co-Chair Lydia Hwitsum welcomed guests and thanked members and others for their ongoing commitment to the work of the Board.
2. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented
3. Approval of Minutes of May 6 th meeting and Business Arising from Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinator report back on action plan recommendations• Delegation to CVRD re request for support• Request of CVRD for additional supplementary in support of CWB related initiatives. Gas Tax funding for supplementary Gas Tax funding• Water Management Act Submission	<p>Decision: The May 6th, 2010 CWB minutes were approved with the provision that a spelling mistake that led to confusion be corrected.</p> <p>Included as part of Near Term Work Plan see Agenda Item 5 below.</p> <p>The Coordinator provided a summary of the materials presented to the CVRD in May as a request for support of CWB initiatives involving the CVRD. It was reported the Board had agreed to support the CWB's request subject to follow up with staff. The resultant follow up was reported to have been successful.</p> <p>It was reported that the CVRD had agreed to provide and additional \$100,000 of supplementary Gas Tax monies for the CWB's purposes. Action: Coordinator to follow up on the status of another possible allocation related to storm water management.</p> <p>The Coordinator reported progress on the Water Act Modernization submission. Board members will have the opportunity to review it during the week of June 7th with the goal of providing comments to the Ministry of Environment by mid June.</p>

<p>4. Presentation by Kathy Lachman (CVRD Agriculture Plan) and Ted van der Gulik –Special Advisor to the Board on agriculture and water (Approaches to Water Conservation for Agriculture)</p>	<p>Kathy Lachman presented a summary of the recently completed Agriculture Plan emphasizing the components of it that relate to water.</p> <p>Ted van der Gulik described tools that are being used in other places in the province particularly the Okanagan to promote more efficient water use by the agricultural sector.</p>
<p>5. Proposed Near Term Work Plan</p>	<p>The Coordinator presented a work plan summary for endorsement by the Board.</p> <p><u>Decisions:</u> The Board endorsed the near term work plan as presented and Klaus Kuhn was named as Board liaison with the Technical Advisory Committee.</p>
<p>6. Communications Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web-site development • Watershed tour • September Celebration 	<p>The Board endorsed the following.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Communications Committee was authorized to commission development of a web-site.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> The Coordinator is to explore opportunities for a watershed tour in July including participation of Technical Advisory Committee members.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> The Communication Committee along with Darin George is to begin preparation of a watershed celebration event. The event should be scheduled in advance of this year’s UBCM meeting and may involve a second watershed tour.</p>
<p>7. Closing Comments/Questions</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> It was noted regular date for the next meeting falls on a statutory holiday. The Coordinator will confer with Ross Forrest on possible dates for the next meeting to be held at Lake Cowichan.</p>
<p>8. Finance</p>	<p>The Finance Committee did not meet. David Slade agreed to call for a meeting in the near future.</p>