


<p>DRAFT Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>Mon Feb. 24 2020 9:30-11:45 am Location: CVRD Board Room</p>	 <p>Cowichan Watershed Board</p>
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Co-Chair: CVRD Chair Aaron Stone. **Participants:** Chief William (Chip) Seymour (co-Chair), Shannon Waters, Alison Nicholson, David Anderson, David Slade, Debra Toporowski, Lori Iannidinaro, David Froese, Dale Desrochers, Stuart Pagaduan, Tom Rutherford. **Regrets:** Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu
Guests: Melissa Tokarek, Cowichan Tribes, Associate Manager of Lands and Governance; Kate Miller, CVRD, Environmental Services Manager, Heather Pritchard, CWB, Target Review Consultant; Working Group members; public. **Minutes:** Jill Thompson

1.	Welcome		
2.	Review Agenda		Approved.
3.	Approve Minutes of January 2020 meeting.	Note correction to spelling of Debra's name.	Approved.
4.	Announcements - see below		
5.	Opportunity for Comments from the floor.	<p>Roger Wiles commended CWB's written submission to Old Growth Review Panel. He noted that the Board has signalled that their mandate of concern is about the whole watershed complex. Roger expressed hope that the Board will expand its targets to include forestry target. (Written notes submitted.)</p> <p>Parker Jefferson, Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable. Noted that silt is visible in river and he suspects it might be from the Broadway run. It appears more green than grey. It would be good to get up there to see it.</p>	For information.
6.	Koksilah Interim Letter of Agreement – background, significance, next steps.	<p>Melissa Tokarek – see presentation.</p> <p>Significance is “reconciliation” which is what we need right now.</p> <p>Q: Can you give us an idea of the expected info gaps? A: Data management – being able to share data and do analysis in house in a collaborative manner. Q: Who will have ultimate authority over difficult decisions e.g. log jam and flood vs habitat and woody debris? A: This process will help us identify the information and the decision making authority. Currently</p>	Information

		<p>Cowichan Tribes has a management plan to guide decisions when its reserve land; this process will enable us to take that to the whole watershed.</p> <p>Q: How will you fill knowledge gaps, such as private managed forest lands? How will you get participation from those landowners?</p> <p>A: That is a shared objective.</p> <p>A: Cowichan Tribes will infuse the governance structure with Cowichan values and knowledge.</p> <p>Q: Will farming impacts be considered? E.g. estuary filling in with silt?</p> <p>A: Yes. An education piece is needed as well to encourage people to work together collaboratively through increased awareness and incentives and not just try to force compliance.</p>	
7.	Quw'utsun Tumuhw/ Cowichan Tribes Land Code	<p>Melissa Tokarek – see presentation.</p> <p>Q: Where can we find out more about this?</p> <p>A: See website link on last slide</p> <p>Q: Is this the first nation to have a Land Code?</p> <p>A There were 89 before</p> <p>Q: how does the budget trade-off work?</p> <p>A: Process was very cumbersome and expensive. This system allows us to embed Cowichan values.</p> <p>Comment: Stuart raised his hands to chief and councillors and Lands staff for this work. They are passionate in their work and believe in what they do to make things better for our people. Stuart explained the artwork in the new logo. The frog signifies newness /change / coming full cycle to a changed season/cleansing. We hear frogs before we see them.</p> <p>Melissa added that Cowichan Tribes will do a 3rd party open house for organizations that might be interested in opportunities to work with them moving forward.</p>	Information
8.	ED Updates	<p>Tom Rutherford - See presentation.</p> <p>Tom acknowledged the Board for their way of doing business and shared his view that the Koksilah WSP is an opportunity to try something different.</p> <p>Comment: David Froese raised the issue of early control, and that we haven't done a good enough job of educating people about need for spring flows. Issues with juvenile and spring flow needs</p>	Information

		<p>are poorly understood. He reminded the Board that seasons are for a reason and water is needed in spring not just fall.</p> <p>Tom responded that he is happy that discussions are happening earlier, when we're not in a crisis but that there is no real winner in low water flows. No one is coming away with all their needs met.</p> <p>Tom spoke to dairy farmers last week about fish needs. He reviewed each species and why fish need water at different times. Tom suggested we could produce a video or handout or both to help with this.</p> <p>Comment: David Slade shared that recent snow pillow data shows that snowpack is slightly better than last year at Heather Mtn; Jump Creek is worse than past years.</p>	
9.	CVRD Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service update	<p>Kate Miller – see presentation.</p> <p>Q: How much was allocated to this service this year? A: This year \$450,000 was allocated with no additional staffing. Kate will be presenting a budget and asking the Board to take it up to full allocation of \$750,000.</p>	
10.	CWB Targets 101 - Introduction and Review of the CWB's 7 Aspirational Targets for Watershed Health	<p>See presentation by Tom providing an overview of the 7 Targets and how they were developed.</p> <p>Q: What are we doing to teach students in grade 2? What are we doing to teach students in grade 10? How will we know if our young people are going to pass the torch?</p> <p>See presentation by Heather on current Target Review.</p> <p>Q: how do you make sure the Working Groups have the right people on them? A: Invitations have gone out to make sure its inclusive and groups are represented. Generally those invitations are accepted.</p> <p>Q: is resourcing an issue? Do we have the resources we need to achieve these targets? A: Yes resourcing is absolutely a limiting factor.</p>	

		Comment: Board Members used to sit on the Working Groups. A: Tom will follow up with Board members to invite more Board members to sit on our Working Groups.	
11.	Target Input - Wise Water Use - next steps	Deferred	Deferred.
12.	CWB Annual Plan and Business Plan - final review and adoption	Motion to support these drafts moving forward to completion moved by Lori, 2 nd by David Anderson. Unanimous approval	Approved.
13.	Other	None	
14.	Adjourn. Next meeting	11:50 Adjourned. Next meeting March 30.	Adjourned.

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