


<b>DRAFT MEETING AGENDA</b>	<b>Mon. July 27 2020 9:30-11:00 am Online / Phone Zoom Link (250-709-0492 for help with zoom)</b>	 Cowichan Watershed Board
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**Co-Chair:** Chief William (Chip) Seymour **Participants:** CVRD Chair Aaron Stone (co-Chair), Shannon Waters, Alison Nicholson, David Anderson, David Slade, Debra Toporowski, Tim Kulchyski, Lori Iannidinardo, David Froese, Kristine Sandhu, Dale Derochers, Stuart Pagaduan, Tom Rutherford **Guests:** Leroy Van Wieren (CVRD), Deborah Curran and Murray Ball (UVic Law – see bios below) **Minutes:** Jill Thompson

1	Welcome. Roundtable check-in and sound-check.	9:30	Co-Chair	Information
2	Approve agenda.	9:35	Co-chair	Decision
3	Review and approve June meeting minutes.	9:36	Co-chair	Decision
4	Correspondence / announcements	9:38	Tom	Information
5	Updates from Executive Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New BC Salmon Restoration Innovation Fund application</li> <li>● Koksilah Water Sustainability Plan engagement update</li> </ul>	9:45	Tom	Information / Discussion
6	Presentation – Update from UVic PhD student on academic and volunteer projects (see Nov 2018 proposal).  Murray is seeking permission to attend and take notes at CWB meetings, and to talk to CWB members about their observations on the Board.	10:00	Deb Curran, Murray Ball (see bios below)	Information / Discussion  Decision

7	Presentation – Update on Cowichan Weir Engineering and Impact Analysis	10:20	Leroy Van Wieren, CVRD Project Manager, Weir and Natural Boundary	Information / Discussion
8	a) Cowichan weir water conservation license discussion. How will we get there? What are the steps / ingredients for success?  b) Environmental Law Clinic student research proposal.	10:40	Tom / Roundtable discussion.	Discussion  Decision
9	Other	11:00	Co-chair	
10	Adjourn. Next meeting September 28 9:30am (No August Meeting)	11:00	Co-chair	Decision
Optional – stay on the line to watch new CWB video together (6 min)				

Meeting materials will be uploaded to <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/meetings/>

### Correspondence / Announcements / Reading Materials

- Watersheds BC update on funding initiatives
- Our Water BC - invitation to fall meeting. Sept 17 12:30pm
- River cleanup cancelled; River care campaign in lieu (see below)
- Why Fish Need Water video (on our [homepage](#))
- [New report](#): BC Agriculture & Climate Change Regional Adaptation Strategies series - Vancouver Island Adaptation Strategies.

### Guest Speaker Bios:

- Murray Ball is from the Treaty Six area of Saskatchewan where he led a community research project on displaced Indigenous people from Manitou Lake. As a community volunteer, Murray also helped develop source water protection plans for the Battle and North Saskatchewan Rivers and led the creation of the North Saskatchewan River Basin Council and the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds. Murray worked subsequently as Manager Water Resources in Nunavut where he led the review of mining license applications, oversaw federal water monitoring programs and initiated the creation of Inu'tuti – a joint Inuit and federal water monitoring program for the Baker Lake Basin.

Murray holds a Master of Geography and Planning degree from the University of Saskatchewan, where he studied watershed cumulative effect indicators. He is currently working on a PhD in Environmental Studies under the supervision of Deborah Curran at the University of Victoria. His work focuses on contrasting provincial and Indigenous approaches to watershed governance.

- Deborah Curran is an Associate Professor at the University of Victoria in the Faculty of Law and School of Environmental Studies, and the Executive Director of the Environmental Law Centre. As a municipal and environmental lawyer, Deborah combines her academic and community interests by providing legal information and advice through the courses she teaches. These include the Environmental Law Clinic where students deliver legal services to community organization and First Nations across BC, and the Field Course in Environmental Law and Sustainability, the only national field course in law, which is hosted at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre with the support of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation. Deborah has also spent the last 20 years working with local governments on sustainable communities and green bylaws. Teaching all types of land and water-related courses, Deborah's research is in the areas of environmental protection and collaborative management in water law, municipal sustainability, and how Indigenous law is shaping colonial law.



**Announcement: River Cleanup 2020 has been cancelled to reduce risks to public safety. In lieu, we encourage you to:**

**Be Kind to the river.** Pack out all of your litter; respect and restore habitats; conserve water.

**Be Calmed by the river.** Take a walk to refresh your mind, body and soul during anxious times.

**Be Safe with the river.** Reflect on the indigenous perspective that when we take care of our rivers, they take care of us. Mukw'stem 'o' slhilhukw'tul. Everything is interconnected.