



Cowichan Watershed Board Members Mystery Identities Revealed Who are You and How are you Appointed?



October 31 2022

Watershed Board Members

3.1 Membership

3.1.1 Appointment

The Board is up to 14 members who will be appointed by the government partners as follows:

- The CVRD will appoint three members from the CVRD Board including one member who will serve as Co-Chair of the Board.
- Cowichan Tribes will appoint three members from among the chief and councilors of Cowichan Tribes, including one member who will serve as Co-Chair of the Board.
- One or two members may be recommended by the federal government.
- One or two members may be recommended by the provincial government.
- The CVRD and Cowichan Tribes will jointly appoint up to six members-at-large from the community to provide specific local watershed knowledge. The at-large appointments will take public representation into account such that at least half of the Board members are publicly elected representatives of CVRD, Cowichan Tribes, or local municipalities.

The appointment process will establish the accountability of each member. Elected members are accountable to their elected councils. See the Organizational Structure Diagram (Fig.2).

A member may be removed if the Co-Chairs and a majority of the other members believe such action is in the best interest of Board's deliberations and effectiveness.

3.1.2 Terms

Terms of elected officials will be commensurate with their respective terms of office. Other members will serve for two years. All members may be reappointed for subsequent terms. If a member resigns before the full term the appropriate government partner(s) will nominate a successor to complete the term.

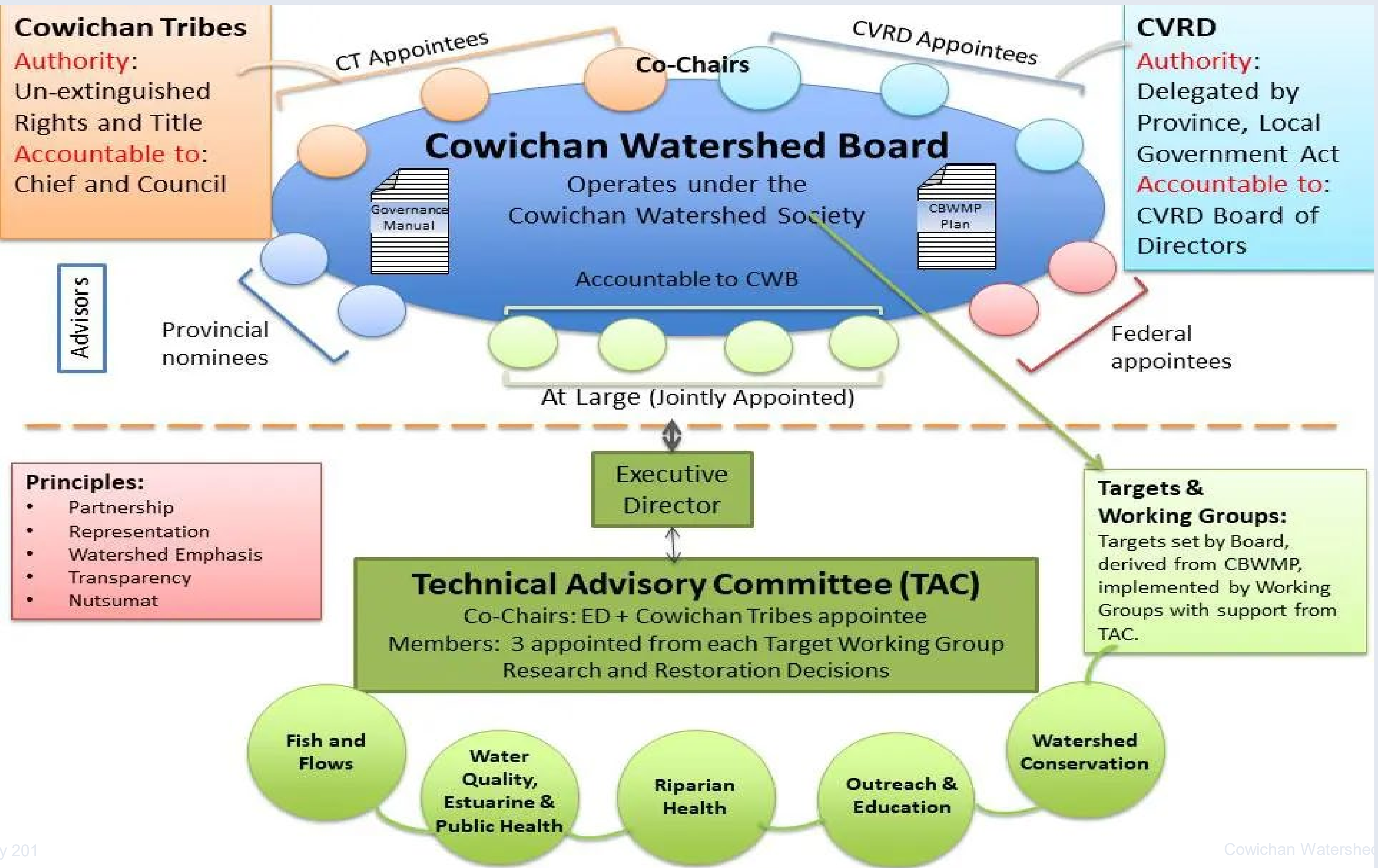


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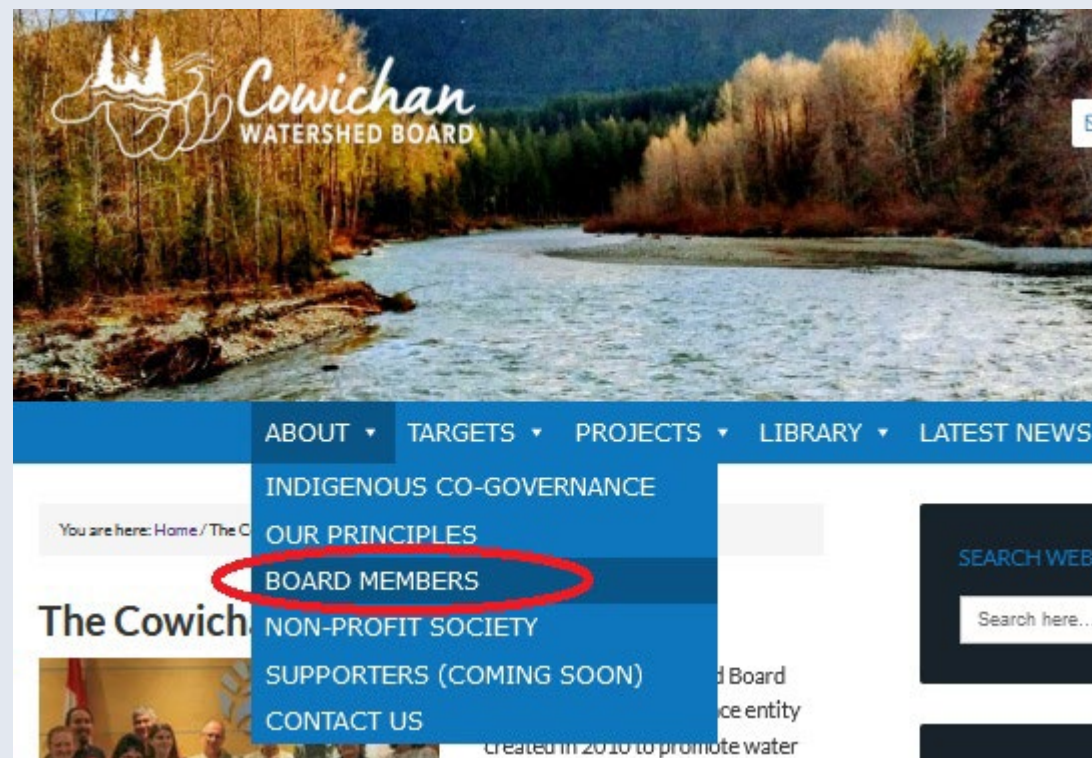
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The Members. The Board's 14 members are appointed as follows:

- **Appointed by Cowichan Tribes**
 - Co-Chair Lydia Hwitsum, Chief of Cowichan Tribes,
 - Cindy Williams, Councillor of Cowichan Tribes ←
 - Stuart Pagaduan, Councillor of Cowichan Tribes
- **Appointed by CVRD**
 - Co-Chair Lori Iannidinardo, Chair of CVRD, Director for CVRD Area D ←
 - Alison Nicholson, Director for CVRD Area E ←
 - Debra Toporowski, Director for Municipality of North Cowichan ←
- **Appointed at Large**
 - The Honourable David Anderson, Former Federal Fisheries Minister, Former Federal Environment Minister
 - Tim Kulchyski, Natural Resource Consultant, Cowichan Tribes
 - Dr. Shannon Waters, Medical Health Officer for the Cowichan Valley, Vancouver Island Health Authority
 - Kristine Sandhu, Councillor for Town of Lake Cowichan
- **Nominated by Provincial Government**
 - Dr. David Froese, former fisheries biologist, medical doctor ←
 - David Slade, former President of the BC Groundwater Association ←
- **Nominated by Federal Government**
 - Linda Higgins, South Coast Area Director, Fisheries and Oceans Canada ←

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- 1) Seeking direction for staff to seek re-confirmation of Federal appointment of Linda Higgins from DFO.
- 2) Seeking direction for staff to follow up from discussion with former FLNRORD Director of Resource Management, Pat Lapcevic, for the Province to consider assigning staff to their CWB seats.
 - Both Pat Lapcevic and Lynne Kriwoken have retired.
 - Suggest staff approach Arlette Malcolm · LWRS · West Region · Director, Resource Stewardship Operations for guidance on how to proceed.
 - Suggest that Leadership Team develop guidance for the Co-Chairs and the Province about the support we need from their nominee (e.g., seniority befitting the table, able to attend monthly meetings in person, work experience relevant to the well being of the Cowichan Watershed?)
- 3) Suggest that CoChairs and/or Leadership Team review overall Board member appointment structure in light of these changes.

Advisors



INFORMAL ADVISORS

- CWB is assisted by and relies on many advisors to ensure we are working with the best possible information, to think through barriers, and to open doors to the help we need. (e.g. legal research, policy advice, science, governance, etc.)

APPOINTED ADVISORS

- Historically, there have been 5-6 advisors formally invited to serve the Board, but these are mostly currently inactive.
- Oliver Brandes has been actively advising and supporting the CWB since its inception.

Advisors

OLIVER BRANDES



- Oliver M Brandes is an economist and lawyer by training and a trans-disciplinarian by design. He serves as Co-Director of the Centre for Global Studies' POLIS Project on Ecological Governance at the University of Victoria and leads the Water Sustainability Project.
- His work focuses on water sustainability, sound resource management, public policy development and ecologically based legal and institutional reform.
- Oliver is a formal advisor to a variety of local, provincial and national governments providing strategic water law and policy advice.
- Seeking motion to reconfirm Oliver's role as an Advisor to the CWB.
- Seeking motion for the Leadership Team and staff to work with Oliver to a) develop terms for our Advisors to add to the Governance Manual and b) to develop an approved "About the CWB" presentation that Oliver can use to mentor other watershed governance entities on our behalf.



QUESTIONS ABOUT BOARD
MEMBERSHIP AND
APPOINTMENTS?

