DRAFT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Mon. January 30 2023 9:30-11:30 am ZOOM Webinar -link to follow



Meeting Chair: CVRD Chair Aaron Stone **Expected Participants:** Chief Lydia Hwitsum, Stuart Pagaduan, Alison Nicholson, Linda Higgins, Shannon Waters, David Anderson, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu, Michelle Staples, and Oliver Brandes (Advisor)

Staff/Project Leaders: Lisa Maria Fox, Jill Thompson, Tom Rutherford, Heather Pritchard

Guest Speakers: Oliver Brandes, POLIS Project for Watershed Governance; Natasha Overduin, Compass Facilitation (supporting Weir and WSP projects); Qwiahqultuhw Robert George and Rupert Koyote, Quw'utsun Cultural Connections; Judy Brayden, Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society Board member

Audience members: Working group members, volunteers, interested public. All welcome.

Everyone is welcome to join the zoom line at 9am, or stay on the line after adjournment until 12pm, for "coffee time" - open dialogue about your watershed concerns or projects.

1	Welcome	9:30	Welcoming from Chair	
2	Agenda Review / Revisions	9:32	Chair	Decision
3	Review October 2022 Minutes	9:33	Chair	Decision
4	Announcements & Correspondence	9:35	Jill, Aaron, Board members	Information
5	Public Input	9:40	Judy Brayden, CLRSS	Information, (Decision?)
6	Setting the Course Highlights & Next Steps	9:45	Lisa	Discussion
7	Overview of Advisory Role	10:00	Oliver Brandes	Information / Decision
8	Operational Updates - CWB Draft Annual Report	10:15	Jill / Lisa	Information / Discussion

	 CWB Draft Business Plan Priorities Communications Plan 			
9	 Project Updates a) Cowichan Weir b) Kok Watershed Sustainability Plan c) Data Sharing Collaborative d) Water Quality Study 	10:35	Natasha Overduin Lisa	Information/ Discussion
10	Presentation : Quw'utsun Cultural Connections	11:00	Qwiahqultuhw Robert George and Rupert Koyote	Information
11	Other	11:20		Information
12	Next CWB meeting - Mon Feb 27th. [The Cowichan Watershed Society AGM will follow the Feb meeting.]	11:30	Chair	Decision

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

Correspondence

- Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society- Witnessing the Water book request for support in principle.
- Cowichan Estuary Restoration and Conservation Association letter to the Province RE estuary, and attached eelgrass update

Announcements/Events

- Invitation to join 3 Cowichan River nature walks hosted by Genevieve Singleton and indigenous knowledge keepers.
- <u>Blue Ecology workshop</u> February 23rd, 2023 hosted by The Partnership for Water Sustainability and featuring former CVRD CAO Brian Carruthers RE the interweaving of Indigenous and western water stewardship knowledge.
- The Discourse Watershed Solutions event. Jan 30th 5pm
- POLIS 4th Water Research Roundup

- Calling Youth Voices!
- Call for Youth Submissions to Ripples: "An arts zine showcasing visual and written works that celebrate a shared love of, and connection to, water — all created by kids, youth, and young professionals between the ages of 6 and 25 to celebrate World Water Day." <u>https://sustainableprojectsuvic.weebly.com/ripples-zine.html</u>

Media/Reading

- Our "Top 10" 2022 highlights <u>slideshow</u> (5 min)
- <u>Xwulqw'selu Connections 2022 summary</u> (1 hr recording from December event)
- Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society January Newsletter (5 min)