


<p><b>Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p><b>-DRAFT-</b></p>	<p><b>Mon. Oct 31, 2022</b></p> <p><b>9:30-11:30 am</b></p> <p><b>Location: Online ZOOM Webinar</b></p>	
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**Attending:** CVRD Chair Lori Iannidinaro (Meeting Chair), Chief Lydia Hwitsum, Debra Toporowski, Stuart Pagaduan, Alison Nicholson, Linda Higgins, Shannon Waters, David Slade, David Froese.

**Regrets:** Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu, David Anderson

**Staff/Project Leaders:** Lisa Maria Fox, Jill Thompson, Tom Rutherford, Heather Pritchard, Jana Kotaska, “Setting the Course” Strategic Planning Facilitator.

**Guest Speakers:** Genevieve Singleton, Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable, Todd Carnahan, WildSafeBC Community Coordinator; Kelly Loch, Stewardship Centre for British Columbia, Green Shores Project Coordinator.

**Audience members:** Working group members, advisors, volunteers, interested public.

1	Welcome	Welcoming comments from Chair Iannidinaro and Chief Hwitsum	
2	Agenda Review / Revisions	David S moved to adopt the agenda. Staff sought permission to switch agenda items 7 and 8. Carried by consensus.	Carried
3	Review minutes of the June and September meeting	No changes were requested to the minutes. Minutes approved by consensus.	Carried
4	Announcements and Correspondence	Jill reviewed the announcements and correspondence as per the <a href="#">agenda package</a> . The letters from the CWB Co-Chairs will be circulated after they have been sent to Ministers Osborne and Conroy. No additional announcements.	Information
5	Public Input	None	
6	<b>Presentation - Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul - Cowichan River Day 2022</b>	Genevieve Singleton, Event Coordinator, asked Qwiyahwult-hw / Stuart Pagaduan to tell us about his art piece (logo) provided for the event and the Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable, and to lead a lesson in pronouncing “ <i>Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul</i> ”. <b>See Detailed Discussion notes below.</b>	Information

		<p>Genevieve thanked the CWB for securing and administering a grant to support this event, and provided a slideshow of the many organizations, knowledge teachers, and activities that occurred from lake to bay for River Day 2022.</p>	
7	<p><b>Board Membership</b>  -Clarifying Process for New CWB Member and Advisor  Appointments  - Renewing Provincial/Federal Nominees  -New Member Orientation</p>	<p>Jill provided a review of the Board’s membership structure and appointment process, including which appointments are due for renewal at this time, and where Board members can read more. See slidedeck <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Jill reviewed the history of CWB Advisors and sought formal reconfirmation of Oliver Brandes as a CWB Advisor. Work is planned with Oliver over the coming months to clarify his Advisory role, including as a CWB spokesperson on our experience developing a watershed governance model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oliver spoke about his experience with the Board to date, and his role “in service”. He shared his commitment to help build internal capacity and also help others learn from our work as they embark on indigenous watershed co-governance.</li> <li>● Both Co-Chairs thanked Oliver for his work with the Board since our founding.</li> <li>● <b>David S moved to reconfirm Oliver Brandes as Cowichan Watershed Board Advisor. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Hwitsum. Carried by consensus.</b></li> <li>● Chief Hwitsum added that the Board should look at clarifying this role along with the Board members in the workshops with Jana.</li> <li>● Alison added that it is good timing to confirm Oliver’s valuable role as we go into the Setting the Course work where Oliver should be integral.</li> </ul> <p>Jill sought direction on the (re)appointment of the Provincial and Federal nominees to the CWB, which are due for renewal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Linda provided staff with the Federal government (DFO) decision-maker for the Federal seat(s).</li> <li>● Jill reminded the Board that FLNRORD West Coast Director Pat Lapcevic had indicated that</li> </ul>	<p>Decision: Oliver Brandes was reconfirmed as an Advisor to the CWB.</p> <p>Action: Staff will work with Oliver to clarify his role(s).</p> <p>Action: Staff will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) pursue reconfirmation of the DFO’s Federal appointee(s), and</li> <li>ii) liaise with Arlette Malcolm about the provincial appointment, and</li> <li>iii) bring recommendations on both appointees to the Board at a future meeting.</li> </ul>

		<p>BC may wish to appoint a provincial employee to one or both of their seats. Currently, and since the CWB founding, the Province has chosen to nominate community members to these seats instead. (Currently, David Slade for his groundwater expertise, and David Froese for his human health expertise).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Since both Pat and Lynne Kriwoken have retired, Jill recommended staff liaise with Arlette Malcolm, Min LWRS Nanaimo, to seek direction on this decision.</li> <li>● <b>The Co-Chairs gave direction to staff to pursue reconfirmation of the DFO’s Federal appointee(s), and consult with Arlette Malcolm RE Provincial seats, and bring recommendations on both appointees to the Board at a future meeting.</b></li> </ul> <p>[New Board member orientation – not discussed due to time.]</p>	
8	<p><b>Business Manager Briefing</b>          -Setting the Course Strategic planning.          -CWB Annual Planning</p>	<p>Business Manager Lisa Fox asked Jill to give an overview of the activities that are currently planned or funded for 2023. See 2023 Draft Activities chart <a href="#">here</a>. Feedback is welcome.</p> <p>Lisa provided a presentation (see slidedeck <a href="#">here</a>) on the Setting the Course workshop series planned for November and introduced facilitator Jana Kotaska.</p> <p>Jana outlined her history in this type of work, and the progress that can be made through the application of indigenous law to environmental challenges, followed by colonial legal powers. Jana sought input from the Board members on the workshop content. See <b>Detailed Discussion</b> notes below for details and plans for this workshop.</p>	Information
9	<p><b>Presentation - Green Shores, <a href="#">Resilient Coasts for Salmon Program</a></b></p>	<p>Kelly Loch, MSc RPF, Green Shores Projects Coordinator, provided a presentation the projects completed or underway and welcomed partnership with the CWB to undertake local Green Shores work. See presentation <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	Information

10	<b>Presentation - WildSafe BC.</b>	Cowichan Valley's WildSafeBc Community Coordinator Todd Carnahan reviewed trends in the Region's human/wildlife conflicts and WildSafe initiatives to reduce dangerous wildlife incidents. Todd flagged that this is a growing problem, and under-resourced, and that he would welcome leads on funding to expand the WildSafe work locally. Contact Todd at <a href="http://www.wildsafebc.com">www.wildsafebc.com</a>	Information
11	<b>Update on Weir operations</b>	<p>Brian Houle, Environment Manager, Catalyst Mill / Paper Excellence presented an update on the flows throughout spring-fall 2022, and the resulting weir operations. See slidedeck <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Used the new rule curve, not dropping lake level before July 31. Went all the way to September maintaining 7cms and a pulse flow. Rain that was forecasted didn't happen and we hit a fall drought. Rain arrived just in time. Weir now off control and flow is 17 cms. Fish fence was to be removed on the weekend. It has been 35 years since the last fall drought.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tom – 9000 adult chinook at the fence, indicating another positive year by that metric. The rain came just in time.</li> </ul>	Information
12	<b>Project Updates:</b> a) CWB Target Review - Confirm intent for Target Working Group membership. b) Cowichan Weir - results of Minister Osborne meeting, Federal funding; offer of Government Relations support. c) WSP update	<p>Heather Pritchard, Targets Working Group Coordinator. See presentation <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o reviewed the process underway to review and refresh the membership of all Target Working Groups, using an organization-based membership, with representatives holding expertise in those target areas for each organization.</li> </ul> <p>Tom Rutherford, Strategic Priorities Coordinator. See presentation <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Gave an update from the meeting with Minister Osborne</li> <li>o Sought feedback from the Board RE their comfort with Terri Lullali's offer to support Government Relations for the CWB. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Chief Hwitsum – thanked Tom and commented that more info is always better. Chief clarified</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>General support for the membership structure of the Working Groups (no motion).</p> <p>Tom to liaise with Terri Lullali and GM Cindy Daniels RE his student work into GR for the CWB.</p> <p>Lisa to develop a process by which students seek</p>

		<p>that Terri works with Paper Excellence, but would be doing this work as a Masters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Chief reviewed the expectation of Cowichan participation and ownership of data in student projects, and clarified that the process should go through Cindy Daniels, GM, using the same process all PhD students use RE indigenous knowledge.</li> <li>o Lisa offered that her role included looking at processes and protocols, and that she would set up a protocol for engaging students.</li> <li>o Lydia – thanked Tom for the update and added that they asked the Minister for support and asked her to spread it to other BC Ministries. She said the best presentations re the ones you can't say no to, and she said she couldn't say no to this.</li> </ul>	<p>permission to do work for CWB.</p>
13	Other	<p>David F proposed a motion that CWB instructs staff to explore any possibility of decreasing the mill's water use due to cessation of paper production. Is it possible there will be less water use with less production or employment? Is PE still in compliance with water license? Is there a link between output and water use?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chief Hwitsum commented that staff would need to research this resolution before we could answer it.</li> <li>● Motion did not pass.</li> </ul>	
14	Next CWB meeting	<p>Chair Hwitsum adjourned the meeting at 12:08 Next CWB meeting will be the Setting the Course workshop, in lieu of a monthly November meeting.</p>	<p>Adjourned</p>

**Detailed Discussion Notes**

#6 Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul (Cowichan River Day) - Stuart Pagaduan / Qwiyahwult-hw talked about the new Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable logo that he designed as part of this event. The sun in the logo reminds us that each day we give thanks. It gives life. Mother earth is on the bottom- provider of life, medicine, our existence. Water is coming right down the middle -the reason we are here, why we vote on things, why we recommend things, all in the name of where we live, Quw'utsun Sta'lo' watershed. Stuart led a round of attempting to pronounce Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul and said that of 5500 citizens in Cowichan Tribes, less than 5% are fluent speakers so it is very important to practice the language. If you don't know your language you are less likely to know the culture. He described the language as the Quw'utsun people's connection to our earth and every living thing that is out there and asked us to leave that in our heart and mind and spirit.

## #7 Setting the Course Workshop

Jana outlined the experience she plans to bring to the Setting the Course workshop series as our facilitator. She began working for local gov't then moved to Cowichan Tribes in 1998 to help build a Environment Division. She then worked for the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group before pursuing a PhD. Her background is in forestry and wildlife, with a more recent focus on indigenous governance in the Central Coast Region. Jana supported an initiative involving data-sharing that led to closing a bear hunt and clam fishery first under indigenous law, with BC and DFO following up with their own regulations. She developed an indigenous guardian training program with VIU where the Nations worked with BC Parks using their authority under indigenous law first, and now have colonial authority with BC Parks.

Jana explained that the Setting the Course Workshops will aim to take stock of where CWB has come from, where you are now, where you want to go, and how to take advantage of opportunities.

Objectives include:

- Renewed understanding and agreed upon mandate.
- Plan is for pre-workshop engagement over next 2 weeks – interviews and focus groups;
- Nov 29-30 workshops (1/2 day each)
- Report and presentation to the CWB's Jan 30 meeting.

Roundtable for Feedback:

Lydia – Suggested addition to Setting the Course, building on work in 2018 to clarify the decision-making authority of Board members. We worked on that in 2018 but it could use more work for each Board member to understand "How am I voting?" Am I voting as a CWB member or as a Cowichan Tribes, CVRD, BC or Fed representative? Have lines of authority changed? It would be good if we could make time for that.

Contact Jana with any questions or suggestions at [jkotaska@icloud.com](mailto:jkotaska@icloud.com)