


DRAFT BOARD MEETING AGENDA	Mon. March 27th, 2023 9:30-11:30 am BY ZOOM WEBINAR	
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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: Jill Thompson, Lisa Maria Fox, Tom Rutherford, Heather Pritchard

Guest Speakers: Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project Team members: Westley Davidson, Chief Project Officer, Sean Quimby, Alliance Project Manager, Joe Elliott, Director of Indigenous Engagement, Warren Fleenor, Environmental Consultant.

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

Everyone is welcome to join the zoom line at 9am to connect with others, and/or open dialogue about your watershed concerns, questions or projects. The agenda begins at 9:30am.

1	Welcome	9:30	Welcoming from Chair	
2	Agenda Review / Revisions	9:31	Chair	Decision
3	Review Feb 2023 Minutes	9:32	Chair	Decision
4	Announcements & Correspondence	9:33	Jill, Board members	Information
5	Public Input	9:35	(Advance request required)	Information
6	Reflections from XPey' workshop and XPey' language lesson.	9:40	Chief, Alison (+ Lisa, Tom, Jill)	Learning
7	Project Updates a) Targets - Revisit/Revise New Targets and Indicators	10:00	Heather Pritchard	Roundtable discussion Decision
8	b) Weir and WSP - Water supply projects	10:30	Tom Rutherford	Information
9	Operational Updates	10:35	Lisa Fox	Information

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Leadership Team direction on Setting the Course. b) Business Plan - presentations to CVRD and Cowichan Tribes. c) Governance Manual update – planning for revisions. 			
10	BC Watershed Security Fund and Strategy	10:40	Chief Hwitsum, Treasurer David Slade	Information, Decision
11	Presentation: Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project and wetlands/water impacts.	11:00	Westley Davidson, Sean Quimby, Joe Elliott, Warren Fleenor	Information
12	Other: Change next meeting time? Setting Date River Cleanup	11:20		Information
	Next CWB meeting - Apr 24, 2023 Siem Lelum Gym	11:30	Chair	Decision

Meeting Locations (Rotating monthly – see Agenda Header)

- Siem Lelum Gym - Dining Hall, 5574 River Rd, Cowichan Tribes Reserve, Duncan
- CVRD - 2nd floor Boardroom, 175 Ingram St, Duncan BC
- Zoom webinar, link will be emailed. Request notifications via Jill@cowichanwatershedboard.ca

All meeting materials will be downloadable from: <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/meetings/>

Correspondence

- Notice RE Western Forest Products Permit to discharge hydrocarbons into Cow Bay
- Letter RE Western Forest Products Permit to discharge hydrocarbons into Cow Bay
- Notice of proposed off-roading and camping venue adjacent to Koksilah Prov. Park
- Letter RE waste dumping into Cowichan Bay.

Announcements/Events

- The Province of British Columbia is inviting feedback on an Intentions Paper for the Watershed Security Strategy and Fund. Deadline April 17, 2023.
<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/watershedsecurity>

Media/Reading

- Article submitted to Cowichan Valley Voice by Tom Rutherford.
- Final 2022 Annual Report
- Final Draft 2023-25 Business Plan, submitted to Cowichan Tribes and CVRD.
- Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society Report - 2022 MNC Service Agreement
- Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society Report - Somenos Watershed – 2022 Fisheries Inventory and 'Salmon Watch' Monitoring Report
- Province invests \$100 million for Watershed Security Fund and co-development of watershed security strategy (BC Watershed Security Coalition)
<https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/content/province-invests-100-million-for-watershed-security-fund-and-co-development-of-watershed-security-strategy/>
- Watershed strategy co-developed with First Nations, \$100 million invested (BC Government media release) <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/content/watershed-strategy-co-developed-with-first-nations-100-million-invested/>
- B.C. announces \$100M investment in watershed protection (CTV News)
<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/b-c-announces-100m-investment-in-watershed-protection-1.6301314>
- B.C. government investing \$100M to protect freshwater in partnership with First Nations (CBC)
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bc-watershed-protections-1.6769457>
- \$100 million investment in watershed strategy co-developed with First Nations (Voice online)
<https://voiceonline.com/100-million-investment-in-watershed-strategy-co-developed-with-first-nations/>