


<p>DRAFT BOARD MEETING AGENDA</p>	<p>Mon. June 26th 2023 9:30-noon CVRD Boardroom 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, 2nd Floor</p>	
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Meeting Chair: CVRD Chair Aaron Stone **Expected Participants:** Chief Lydia Hwitsum, Stuart Pagaduan, Darin George, Alison Nicholson, Michelle Staples, Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu, Shannon Waters, David Anderson, David Slade, David Froese, and Oliver Brandes (Advisor)

Regrets:Linda Higgins

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

Guest Speakers: Jessie Patterson, Chair of Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Plan committee, Min WLRS biologist; Thomas Reid and/or Steven Henstra, Nature Trust

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

1	Welcome	9:30	Welcoming from Chair	
2	Agenda Review / Revisions	9:32	Chair	Decision
3	Review May 2023 Minutes	9:33	Chair	Decision
4	Announcements & Correspondence	9:35	Jill, Board members	Information
5	Public Input	9:40	Roger Wiles	Information
6	Language Lesson	9:45		Learning
7	Project Updates A. Weir B. Koksilah C. Data sharing (WIKD)	9:55	A. Tom B. Tom/Jill C. Lisa	Information
8	Operational Updates A. Governance Manual update for review and input. B. Input to BC Watershed Security Strategy	10:15	A. Lisa B. Oliver	A. Information; adopt at July meeting. B. Decision; edits and send.

	Break	10:45		
10	Presentation: Introduction to the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Plan Committee	11:00	Jessie Patterson, Chair of CEEMP, MWLRS biologist	Information
11	Presentation: Cowichan Estuary Restoration Project	11:15	Thomas Reid and/or Steven Henstra	Information
12	Other: CWB family picnic with Working Groups. September?	11:45		Information
	Adjourn: Next CWB meeting - July 31 @ Siem Lelum gym.	Noon	Chair	Decision

Meeting materials will be available at: <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/meetings/>

Correspondence

- Roger Wiles – letter of concern RE estuary dumping near Tzouhalem Creek (letter and photos in agenda package).
- Letter of thanks and final thesis from Holly Yee RE Master’s Thesis (see below).
- Draft letter to MoE RE Water Quality sampling support.
- Draft letter to Watershed Security Strategy Intentions Review.

Announcements/Events

- Welcome Shiming Huang, Summer Student - Community Engagement
- Welcome [Danielle Paydli](#) - starting in July.
- Nature Trust Estuary Project. [Project link.](#)
- Koksilah Meet and Greet - June 26th 5-8 pm @ The HUB at Cowichan Station. [Event link](#)

Media/Reading

- Report: *Effect of Cowichan Lake water management on Vancouver Lamprey in British Columbia and identification of possible enhancement opportunities.* Link: [Science Response 2023/025 \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](#)
- Thesis: Holly Yee [Master’s Thesis on Flood Mitigation and the Collaboration between Indigenous Communities and Local Governments.](#)
- Media: New research points to solutions for Koksilah and Chemainus watershed health <https://thediscourse.ca/cowichan-valley/twinned-watersheds-project>