


<p>DRAFT BOARD MEETING AGENDA</p>	<p>Mon. April 29, 2024 9:00am-12:00pm Si'em Lelum Gymnasium 5574 River Road, Duncan All welcome. Email jill@cowichanwatershedboard.ca to be added to the notification list for future meetings.</p>	
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Meeting Chair: Chief Daniels or Chair Stone

Expected Participants: Christopher Alphonse, Calvin Swustus Senior, Alison Nicholson, Shannon Waters, David Anderson, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Michelle Staples, Kristine Sandhu, and Oliver Brandes (Advisor).

Observers: Sheila Freeman, Acting South Coast Area Director (DFO), Arlette Malcolm, Director, Resource Stewardship Operations, Coast Area – West Region (WLRS)

Staff/Project Leaders: Danielle Paydli, Jill Thompson, Tom Rutherford, Heather Pritchard

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

Everyone is welcome for coffee time from 8:30-9:00 am

1	Welcome	9:00 - 9:02	Chair	
2	Introductions Board Roundtable	9:02 - 9:25	All Board Members	Roundtable
3	Agenda Review / Revisions	9:25 - 9:26	Chair	Decision
4	Review February 26th, 2024 Draft Minutes	9:26 - 9:27	Chair	Decision
5	Announcements & Correspondence (see below)	9:27 - 9:30	Jill, Board members	Information
6	Public Input	9:30 - 9:35	Chair	Information
7	Hul'qumi'num Watershed Lesson	9:35 - 9:50		Learning
8	The Cowichan Watershed Board: a) How it all began! b) Cowichan Tribes engagement and leadership throughout the years c) The importance of CWB beyond the Cowichan	9:50-10:40	a) Rodger/Tom b) Tim c) Oliver d) Danni e) All Board Members	Information, Q&A

	d) Current priorities and the future of CWB e) Board Q&A			
9	BREAK	10:40-10:50		
10	Overview of CWB Initiatives/Projects: a) 2023 Annual Report - for review. b) Community Engagement c) Xwulqw'selu Watershed Plan d) Cowichan Weir e) Working Groups / Watershed Targets f) Fish Kill Response	10:50 - 11:45	a) Jill b) Jill/David c) Tom/Alison d) Tom/Cochairs e) Heather f) Heather, Tom, Kristine	Information, Q&A,
11	Other Business: A. Cowichan Tribes representation on the Cowichan Watershed Society(Not for Profit Society) Board B. Watershed Tour / BBQ C. Set date/location for River Cleanup. D. Support letter from CWB to Agricultural Land Commission RE Estuary Restoration Project. Decision.	11:45-11:55	a) Danni/Jill	Decisions: a) Volunteers for Society b) Date of BBQ/tour c) Date of River Cleanup d) CWB position re: supporting the Estuary Restoration Project.
12	Adjourn. Next CWB meeting - May 27th (on Zoom)	12:00	Chair	

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

Correspondence

- Note from Linda Higgins RE change in DFO staffing and nominated representative to CWB.

Announcements/Events (more to follow)

- Koksilah community info meeting - April 29 7pm by Zoom. Registration Link
- Last Speaker Night till fall - May 15th 7pm VIU. Details here. Tentative.
- "Weir All Connected" Celebrating Water Festival - July 20th 10-2pm at Saywell Park, Lake Cowichan, by Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society. Details here. All Board members requested to take a shift at the booth, and a tour of the weir if you haven't yet.

Media/Reading

See recent media articles here. <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/news/>

Governance Manual, Recognition of Cowichan Tribe's Statement on Inherent Rights

Recognition of Cowichan Tribes' Statement on Inherent Rights

Quw'utsun mustmuhw, ni 'o' ni' tthusht'esulhkws 'itst 'u tun'atumuhw, 'i 'o' hwunst'e. Nilh 'o' thu-'it syuw'entst, tun ni' 'u kwthuhwun'amustimuhw 'iwutl'uts' 'i 'u tun'atumuhwtst. Ni' yuxtse'tumtthu Quw'utsun 'u tthu-itumuhw, qa', kw'atl'kwatthuni' spupin' 'u tthutumuhw, ttho' mukw' stem ni' hakwni' 'u tthustl'ulnuptst. Kwuthushtun-ni' 'iwststni' yuxtse'tum 'u ttho' mukw' stem ni' ha'kwkwssthuthi'skwshuli-s. O' nilhtthu Quw'utsun mustumuhw, nilmuxutunstum 'u tthuni' snuwuntewut 'u tthushtunaalhtun, tst. Uwutumtem-us 'i' ni' tsttmem't 'aanlhkwskwun-etewut, hwayumtun'as'aalhtl'ulnup. Quw'utsun Mustimuhw, ha'kwushtst kw' stutul'na'mutxetsul's kw' shtuhimstthustl'ulnuptst. Mukw' stem 'o' slhilukw'tul 'i' nilhni' shkw'akw'umstthusulsuli'tst.

Cowichan Peoples have existing inherent rights. Cowichan as the original Peoples of this territory within which the Cowichan Watershed is included continue the right and responsibility to make informed decisions to manage and organize based on our history and continued connections. As told through time by our ancestors; the lands, waters, seas, minerals, air and all elements interconnected within the territories provided for and can provide a good sustainable life for Cowichan Peoples. Cowichan has never given away this right and continues to govern and make decisions to support the well-being and sustainability of our Peoples and territories.

Fig.1 Cowichan Statement