



## Draft Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 25th, 2024 at Si'em Lelum Dining Hall (5574 River Rd, Duncan)

8:30am coffee/set up

9:00 am- 12:00 pm meeting

12:00-1:00 - All meeting attendees are invited to join the CWB members for a year-end buffet lunch and to celebrate our water quality sampling volunteers!

**Meeting Chair:** Councillor Calvin Swustus Senior/Councillor Christopher Alphonse

**Expected Participants:** CVRD Chair Kate Segall, Christopher Alphonse, Calvin Swustus Senior, Alison Nicholson, Michelle Staples, Shannon Waters, David Anderson, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu, Arlette Malcolm, Jenna Sutherst **Advisor:** Oliver Brandes

**Regrets:** Chief Cindy Daniels,

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

**Guest Speakers:** Natasha Overduin, Joint Executive Director for the Xwulqw'selu Watershed Planning Process

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

## Agenda Items

### 1. Welcome (9:00 am)

### 2. Agenda Review / Revisions

### 3. Review October 28, 2024 Draft Minutes

### 4. Announcements & Correspondence (see below agenda)

### 5. Call for Public Input (9:05 am)

This is information only unless a Board member or staff volunteers to take a follow-up action.

### 6. Hul'q'umi'num Watershed Lesson (9:10 am)

Councillor Christopher Alphonse to lead us through a lesson.

### 7. Presentation (9:25 am)

Natasha Overduin, Joint Executive Director for the Xwulqw'selu Watershed Planning Process

<https://www.koksilahwater.ca/>

**8. Updates & Discussion on CWB Projects and Initiatives (10:25 am)**

Executive Director to provide key updates and questions for consideration and guidance to put before the Board.

**9. Proposed new strategy for implementing Targets (10:45 am)**

Staff presentation to seek input on proposed recommendations to pilot a new approach to make progress on our Targets, and to develop a methodology to expand and review Targets over time.

**10. Introduce and discuss an outline of Draft Impact Plan (11:15 am)**

Review key elements of work proposed for 2025-2027. Seek approval in principle before meeting with staff partners from Cowichan Tribes and CVRD for their input.

**11. Other Business (11:45 am)**

**12. Adjourn (12:00 pm)**

Next CWB meeting - January, location TBD

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Materials referenced below can be found at: <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/meetings/>

**Announcements/Events**

- Holiday closure - all CWB staff will be on holidays from Dec 23rd to Jan 6th.
- CVRD is seeking input on its Regional Parks and Trails Master Plan. Deadline Dec 6th. See the website for dates of Open Houses and how to give input.  
<https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/regional-parks-trails-master-plan>
- BC Salmon Recovery and Resilience Conference, Dec 2-4th, including First Nations Salmon Forum on Dec 2nd, Vancouver. <https://bcsalmonrecoveryandresilienceconference.eventify.io/p/#/overview>
- S'amunu Salmon Walks have begun - help count returning salmon in this important sub-watershed of the Quw'utsun Sta'lo'. Find volunteer details here: <https://www.somenosmarsh.com/volunteer-with-us>
- Cowichan Estuary Nature Center is looking for volunteers to host more open hours at the beautiful education center in Cowichan Bay, and to assist educators with programs. No experience necessary. Details here: <https://www.cowichanestuary.ca/volunteer/>
- Cowichan Estuary Nature Center is hiring a volunteer coordinator/educator. Details here: [www.cowichanestuary.ca/job-postings/](http://www.cowichanestuary.ca/job-postings/)

**Correspondence**

- Invitation from Municipality of North Cowichan to provide input to 2025 budget review.

**Reading**

- DFO weekly Salmon Escapement (return) reports.