



Draft Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 24th, 2025 at Si'em Lelum Dining Hall (5574 River Rd, Duncan)

Meeting Chair: Chief Cindy Daniels and/or Michelle Staples

Expected Participants: Christopher Alphonse, Calvin Swustus Senior, Alison Nicholson, Shannon Waters, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu, Arlette Malcolm, Jenna Sutherst

Advisor: Oliver Brandes

Regrets: CVRD Chair Kate Segall

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

Guest Speakers: None — Working meeting!

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

Agenda Items

8:30am Coffee and Conversation

1. **Welcome (9:00 am)**
2. **Agenda Review / Revisions**
3. **Review January 27th, 2024 Draft Minutes**
4. **Announcements & Correspondence (see below agenda)**
5. **Hul'q'umi'num Watershed Lesson (9:10 am)**
Councillor Christopher Alphonse to lead us through a lesson.
6. **Updates & Discussion on CWB Projects and Initiatives (9:30 am)**
Executive Director to provide key updates and questions for consideration and guidance to put before the Board. Please see the Staff Report in the meeting package.
7. **Impact Plan Working Session (9:45 am)**
8. **Other Business (11:45 am)**
9. **Adjourn (12:00 pm)**
Next CWB meeting - March 31, 2025 via Zoom

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

Correspondence

- Letter from BC Watershed Security Coalition to Premier Eby, Feb 10 2025. CoSigned by CWB CoChair Kate Segall.

Announcements/Events

- Speakers Series - Always at VIU-Cowichan Campus, Room 140, 7pm, FREE. Details at <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/content/cwb-viu-speakers-series/>
 - Mon. Feb 24th (tonight) - Where Land Meets Water with Kelly Loch and Heather Pritchard
 - Mon. March 17th - Sta'lo' Stories with Jedson August.
- Saturday March 22 - World Water Day. "Walk the Weir" tours. Details to follow at cowichanlakeweir.ca
- Cowichan Estuary Nature Center job posting <https://www.cowichanestuary.ca/>

Further Reading

Samqwan—Water: Revitalizing our relationship through Indigenous co-governance. By Jae Ford, Shannon Waters. February 10, 2025 <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pwat.0000346>

World Water Day

Sta'lo' Stories with Jedson Tsusqun August

Sharing stories and knowledge about Quw'utsun Sta'lo' and its waterways.



Speaker Night @ VIU-Cowichan
Mon, March 17 • 7-8:30pm • Free

Walk the Weir Tours



Tours on top of the weir at Lake Cowichan! Learn how this vital structure is important for the environment and why it needs to be updated.

Saywell Park • Sat, March 22
10am-1:30pm • Free

