



Draft Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 26, 2025

Location: Si'em Lelum Dining Hall (5574 River Rd, Duncan)

Meeting Chair: Chief Cindy Daniels

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

Advisor: Oliver Brandes

Regrets: CoChair Kate Segall, Alison Nicholson

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

Guest Speakers: Genevieve Singleton

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 March 31st, 2025 Draft Minutes
4. Announcements and Correspondence (see below agenda)
5. Hul'q'umi'num' Watershed Lesson (9:15 am)
Councillor Christopher Alphonse to lead us through a lesson.
6. Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul Presentation (9:25 am)
Genevieve Singleton will be sharing information on the Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul annual event.
7. Annual Report Draft (9:40 am)
[Draft 2024 Annual Report](#) - Danni Paydli, ED
8. Update from Partners: CVRD and Cowichan Tribes: aligning for impact. (10:00 am)
Unconfirmed
9. Drought Reporting and Planning for 2025 Season(10:20)

- a. REPORT: Collaborating for Salmon Resilience: From Crisis to Opportunity – a Cowichan Story
- b. Summer 2025 Planning and Preparation
 - i. Water Quality Monitoring and Response
 - ii. Cold water refugia:
 1. Community Forest K1K, Khowutzun Forest Services Letter — Heather Pritchard:
[Letter Draft: New Forest Stewardship Plan for Community Forest Agreement K1K](#)
 - iii. Communications
 1. Prepare media release(s) and spokespeople to respond to situations.
 - iv. Board Discussion/Other

10. Target Strategy: Updated with Whole of Watershed Next Steps (11:00 am)

- a. Danni, ED to present staff-developed approach/framework: [Target Strategy Framework](#)
- b. Board Guidance/Input

11. Confirming Event Dates (11:45 am)

- a. Next CWB meeting: June 23 or 30th (Decision needed)
- b. Office Warming, July 18 (11am-2pm)
- c. July 28, 2025: 15-Year Celebration
- d. River Clean Up - August 24, 2025

12. Other Business (11:55 am)

13. Adjourn (12:00 pm)

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

Correspondence

- Community Forest K1K, Khowutzun Forest Services - invitation to review Forestry Plan

Announcements/Events

- Office Warming - July 18 (Tentative)
- 15-year Anniversary Celebration - July 28 (Tentative)
- Lower Cowichan River Clean-up Sun. Aug 24 (Tentative)
- Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul - Sun. Sept 21 (1 week before River Day)
- Lake Cowichan Town Clean-up - Sept
- Please see Nature Cowichan calendar for more events! <https://www.naturecowichan.net/>

Further Reading

- [Collaborating for Salmon Resilience: From Crisis to Opportunity – a Cowichan Story](#)
- [Koksilah Low Flow Working Group Community Information Night - summary notes](#)