



Draft Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, Sep 29, 2025

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

Meeting Chair: Chief Cindy Daniels

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

Advisor: Oliver Brandes

Regrets:

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

Guests: Sonia Furstenau, Alistair MacGregor

Audience members: All welcome.

Agenda Items

8:30am Coffee and Conversation

- 1. Welcome (9:00 am)**
- 2. Agenda Review / Revisions**
- 3. Review June 23rd, 2025 Draft Minutes**
- 4. Announcements and Correspondence (see below agenda)**
- 5. Hul'q'umi'num' Watershed Lesson**
- 6. Recognition of former MLA Sonia Furstenau and former MP Alistair MacGregor**
CoChairs to acknowledge Sonia and Alistair for their support and contributions to the health of the Quw'utsun-Xwulqw'selu watershed through their former positions as Cowichan Valley Provincial and Federal government representatives.
- 7. Recommitting to Whole of Watershed Well-Being through Collaborative Targets (10:00am)**
Jill Thompson, Collaborative Targets Lead CWB; will summarize discussions and progress towards the Targets Strategy introduced last November, and next steps, with comments from Board Member Alison Nicholson. Followed by Board discussion and proposal for workshop in January-February.

BREAK (10:30)

8. Water Quality and Flow - Summer 2025 (10:45am)

Tom Rutherford, Strategic Priorities Director CWB, with comments from Board Members Tim Kulchyski and Jenna Sutherst. Followed by Board discussion.

9. Next Board Meeting Agenda Items (11:30am)

- Weir Project Updates - Tom Rutherford, Strategic Priorities Director CWB
- Xwulqw'selu Watershed Sustainability Plan Updates - Danni Paydli, Executive Director CWB
- Other requests?

10. Other (11:45am)

11. Adjourn (Noon)

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

Announcements/Events

- SURVEY - Xwulqw'selu Koksilah Watershed Planning - Community [Survey](#) 2025.
- Indigenous Foods Gathering - Oct 6-8 Quw'utsun territory. Volunteers needed. Schedule/info [here](#).
- CWB-VIU Speaker Series - resumes October 20th at Vancouver Island University - Cowichan Lecture Hall at 7pm. Watch the [website](#) for details.
- Jurisdiction Back Conference - Victoria Sept 25-26. Free. Register [here](#).
- Nuts'a'maat Shqwaluwun Concert - Sept. 26. Cowichan Performing Arts Center.

Please see the Nature Cowichan calendar for more events and calls for volunteers! <https://www.naturecowichan.net/>

Further Reading

- [ARTICLE - A Heartfelt Huy tseep q'u siem After Our 15th Annual River Cleanup!](#)
- [MEDIA RELEASE: BC WLRS and Cowichan Tribes - Xwulqw'selu Survey](#)
- [NEWS - \[CBC Radio – On The Island\] Cowichan Lake water levels critically low](#)
- [MEDIA RELEASE - Cowichan Watershed Board Warns of Critical Drought Conditions](#)
- [NEWS - Chek-TV - critical-drought-in-cowichan-river-sparks-fish-fears-urgent-conservation-measures](#)
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- [NEWS - Citizen-town-of-lake-cowichan-cuts-wastewater-effluent-into-cowichan-river-as-drought-conditions-worsen](#)
- [REPORT - DFO - Final 2024 Escapement Bulletin](#)
- [REPORT - DFO - 2025 Escapement Bulletin #1– Area 18 Cowichan River](#)
- [REPORT - DFO - 2025 Escapement Bulletin #2– Area 18 Cowichan River](#)