



Draft Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, October 27, 2025

Time: 9am - 11:30am, beginning with coffee/conversation from 8:30-9am

Location: Online in zoom webinar format. Some participants may meet at the CWB office to join as a group.

Zoom link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89575954551> (full zoom information at the bottom of the page)

Meeting Chair: CoChair Kate Segall

Expected Participants: Chief Cindy Daniels, Shannon Waters, Christopher Alphonse, Calvin Swustus Senior, Michelle Staples, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu, Arlette Malcolm, Jenna Sutherst, Alison Nicholson; **Advisor:** Oliver Brandes. **Staff/Project Leaders:** Danielle Paydli, Tom Rutherford, Jill Thompson, Isabel Ransom, Julia Kidder.

Guest Speakers: Brian Houle, Environment Manager at the Domtar Crofton mill and Kirk Stinchcombe, Managing Director at Econics.

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

Agenda

8:30am Coffee and Conversation at 55 Station Street/Lhq'utssulhshe' 'i' lhq'etsus Liloot Shelh, (upstairs at the end of the hall) or on the Zoom line (BYO tea to zoom!).

- 1. Welcome /Prayer (9:00 am)**
- 2. Regular Business**
 - a. Agenda Review / Revisions.
 - b. Review and approve Sept 29th, 2025 Draft Minutes.
 - c. Announcements and Correspondence (see bottom of agenda).
 - d. Staff updates. (Danni)
- 3. Hul'q'umi'num' Watershed Lesson (9:15 am)**
- 4. Cowichan Weir Technical Update (9:30 am) - For Information and Q&A**
 - Brian Houle, Environment Manager at the Domtar Crofton mill (including current weir management) will provide the Board with a summary of water management in Cowichan Lake and River for the 2025 year so far.
 - Kirk Stinchcome, founding partner and managing director at Econics, and project lead on the license application for the Cowichan Weir, will provide an update.
- 5. CWB Impact Plan - Board Input (10:15 am) - For Discussion**

Danni Paydli, CWB Executive Director, is looking for input for our 2026 3-year Impact Plan. Board members will be asked to reflect on the 2025 plan and provide input on key changes that might be requested for next year. A draft 2026 Impact Plan will be prepared for Board Review at the November Board Meeting.

6. Proposed changes to BC's Natural Resource Permitting processes (10:30 am) - For Discussion and Decision

Oliver Brandes, CWB Advisor, will share information with the Board about proposed changes to the province's natural resource permitting processes and how these may affect the CWB. This will be followed by discussion and decision regarding any steps the Board would like to take (e.g. letter submission) during the public engagement session, until Dec. 12, 2025.

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/engagement/natural-resource-permitting-improvements/>

7. Other Business (10:45 am)

8. Adjourn (11:00 pm)

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

Correspondence

- None

Announcements/Events

- Somenos Marsh Nest Box Auction - bids due Saturday Oct 25 wildwingsfestival.com/nest-boxes
- LTBC Training Webinar_Cybersecurity Basics for Busy Nonprofits, Oct 23rd
- Pacific Salmon Fdn - State of Salmon webinar, Oct 29th
- Reminder: keep an eye out for more events here too <https://www.naturecowichan.net/>
- Land Trust - Conservation Springboard is helping private landowners advance ecological protection through covenants on private lands.
- Next Speaker Night: November 17th, Kristina Disney Ph.D Candidate, Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria and Researcher with Xwulqw'selu Connections: Understanding the Xwulqw'selu watershed as a groundwater-dependent ecosystem: What we've learned from 4 years of community monitoring
- Staff Transitions:
 - Joining the CWB Team — Julia Kidder, Communications Lead and Isabel Ransom, Administrative Assistant
 - Heather Pritchard, CWB's Research and Restoration Lead is retiring.

Further Reading

- Domtar_B.Houle Watershed Update - Oct 21st
- DFO weekly Cowichan Bulletin reports

HOW TO JOIN BY ZOOM

When: Oct 27, 2025 08:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: CWB October Board Meeting

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