

Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting	DRAFT Agenda Mon. August 29 2016 / 9:15-11:30 am Location: CVRD Boardroom, 2 nd Floor, 175 Ingram, Duncan, BC	 Cowichan Watershed Board
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Participants: Cowichan Watershed Board members, Technical Advisory Committee, and guests

Co-Chair: Tim Kulchyski for Chief Seymour

1) Welcome; Introductions, opening remarks.	9:15	Co-chair	Information
2) Approval of Agenda	9:16	Board	Decision
3) Approval of Minutes of July 25. Business arising from Minutes.	9:17	Board	Decision
4) Correspondence* and announcements.	9:20	Co-chair	Information
5) Sustainable Funding for Watershed Governance Initiative	9:30	Tom Rutherford / Jill Thompson	Discussion /Decision
6) Watershed Governance Pilot Proposal – update and Legacy Fund proposal	9:50	Tom Rutherford / Rodger Hunter	Information
7) Fish/Flows WG – Optimal Flows process update	10:00	Cheri Ayers	Information
8) Weir/Water Storage update	10:10	Catalyst	Information
9) Shaw Creek update	10:30	David Slade	Information
10) Other	10:40		
Next meeting – Mon. Sept. 26 th 9:15-11:30am		Co-chair	Information
Adjourn	11:00	Co-chair	

* Correspondence

From Lindsay Telfer, Freshwater Alliance

Until August 31st, the Government of Canada is looking for input on improving national and environmental regulation, including a potential review of the many laws that govern federal oversight of our waters.

To make sure we **seize this opportunity to strengthen protection of water**, we need you, either as an individual or as an organization, to **take 5 minutes and [submit your views](#) on the importance of enhancing freshwater rules.**

Leaders across Canada's freshwater community believe we can do much more to protect the health of Canada's waters.

[West Coast Environmental Law Staff Lawyer Linda Nowlan](#) says restoring the section of the Fisheries Act known as HADD—which prohibits harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat—is widely supported by First Nations, fishers, anglers, scientists, conservation groups and coastal communities, and does not require prolonged consultation.

WWF-Canada's Elizabeth Hendricks describes the [troubling trend on the lack of credible data](#) on freshwater health across Canadian waters: "Canada's commitment to freshwater stewardship, conservation and science-based decision-making is now a national priority. But we can't act unless we first know what the problems are, and how they're being made worse."

In its [alternative federal budget](#), the Council of Canadians highlighted that 73% of First Nations water systems are at high or medium risk of contamination.

To find out more about how experts across the freshwater community have answered the government survey, check out our compiled responses of [expert submissions!](#)

Help turn the tide on freshwater protection in Canada by [completing the Government survey](#) by August 31st, 2016. This is only the first step in what will be a fall of opportunity for engagement on freshwater! Stay tuned as we follow and keep you posted on progress as we await government recommendations expected early in 2017.

From Olivia Allen, Youth Advisory Board, [The Great Waters Challenge](#), *Waterlution - A water learning experience*

Hi Jill,

Thank-you for getting back to me. I have updated information about types of partnerships (see below). What is asked of your organization will depend on what type of partnership you decide to make with us. I have not contacted Safe Youth Cowichan, but I will! Thank you for the recommendation. We need to get youth registered by September 14, 2016. Therefore, if you are becoming a community or network partner, the sooner we can make that happen the better.

Here are the types of partnerships we are seeking:

Prize Partner: sponsor prizes to the top winners of GWC16, ranging from \$50+ gift cards, to tickets or sponsorship to attend partner-related conferences or events to other ideas we can discuss.

- You will be frequently featured on social media and mentioned every time prizes are announced
- You will be listed FIRST on Waterlution's GWC16 [Partners](#) Page
- Your logo will be included on the Partners Page under Prize Partner
- A link to your website will be tagged to your logo

Community Partner: promote GWC16 and willingness to offer mentorship, data sharing, and/or space/venue to the players when needed

- You will be announced once on social media and tagged in future posts related to community partners or promoting GWC16
- You will be listed second on Waterlution's GWC16 [Partners](#) Page
- Your logo will be included on the Partners Page under Community Partners
- A link to your website will be tagged to your logo

Network Partner: only promote GWC16 through your social media networks and lists

- You will be tagged in posts promoting GWC16
- You will be listed third on Waterlution's GWC16 [Partners](#) Page (no logo).

- A link to your website will be tagged to your name

More info at www.waterlution.org/GWC16

I would love to see the Cowichan Watershed Board become a community partner, but if your time is limited, a network partner would be easiest for you.

Please let me know what you think! Feel free to ask any questions you may have.

Thank you!

Olivia Allen
