

**Cowichan
Watershed Board
Meeting**

DRAFT Minutes



Feb. 7, 2013
6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Location: CVRD Boardroom

175 Ingram, Duncan, BC

1. Welcome; Introductions, Opening Remarks	Co-chair Rob Hutchins led a round of introduction which included members of the audience.
2. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes of November 30, 2012 meeting and Business Arising from Minutes	The minutes were approved as presented.
4. Update on Lower Watershed Water Quality Assessment	<p>Deb Epps of MOE made a presentation on the water quality assessment for the Lower Cowichan River, the Lower Koksilah River and its tributaries, tributaries to the southern shore of Cowichan Bay and Cowichan Bay itself. Summer samples were generally within standards set for water quality. However fall samples raised concerns for all of the areas except the Cowichan River. Preliminary DNA analysis identified land use practices (notably agriculture) as a concern. The presentation (link) includes a several short term and long term recommendation to address problems that were identified. One specific item involved inclusion of non-point source pollution within the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan.</p> <p>Action Item: <i>The Cowichan Watershed Board Co-chairs will write to the Chair of the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee requesting that the Steering Committee consider including non-point source pollution within the Plan and offering the services of the Cowichan Watershed Board to manage the non-point source component of the Plan.</i></p>
5. Protecting Limnological Jewels	<p>Watershed Board Special Advisor Dr. Rick Nordin made a presentation and the value of lakes and particularly the importance of Cowichan Lake as the engine of the watershed. His presentation can be found at (link).</p> <p>Action Item: <i>The Cowichan Watershed Board Coordinator will work with Dr. Nordin in attempt to garner interest is reestablishing a research presence at the University of Victoria research facility at Cowichan Lake.</i></p>

