


<p align="center">Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting</p>	<p align="center">DRAFT Minutes Mon. July 25, 2016 / 9:15am Location: CVRD Boardroom, 2nd Floor, 175 Ingram, Duncan, BC</p>	
<p>Participants: Cowichan Watershed Board members, TAC, and guests Co-Chair : Mayor Jon Lefebure Minutes: Tom Rutherford</p>		
		Decision / Action
1) Welcome; Introductions, opening remarks.		
2) Approval of Agenda		Approved
3) Approval of Minutes of June 27.		Approved.
4) Correspondence and announcements.	a. Fin Donnelly request for support	Decision to allow individual board members to respond to Mr. Donnelly's letter rather than a formal response from the board
	b. POLIS request for CWB community to attend Watersheds 2016 conference	Support for CWB members/staff to attend
	c. CVRD Memo re Snow Pillow Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Acknowledgement of all players desire to "do the right thing" and improve knowledge base regarding snow pack to inform decision making ii. Acknowledgement of Provincial responsibility and mandate to service snow pillow. iii. Discussion regarding need for improved and respectful communication between interested parties 	
5)) Fish/Flows WG Update – Cheri Ayers	a. F/F WG hosted productive workshop July 20 with participation from subject matter experts from Cowichan Tribes, DFO, FLNRO and sport fishing community stakeholders to discuss acceptable flows for fish sustainability in the	

	<p>Cowichan River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Animated discussion; consensus reached on flows required throughout the control period to ensure acceptable habitat for life stages of all salmonid species in Cowichan River c. Information generated from this process will help to inform larger discussion around required flow regimes and associated storage volumes and weir heights 	
<p>6) Weir/Water Storage Update – Graham Kissack</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. At current flows with no significant precipitation lake projected to reach 0 storage early to mid-September b. Catalyst continues with preparations to be ready to sustain the Cowichan River with a flow of 4.5 cms if needed based on continued lake level declines. c. The plan currently has BC Hydro electrical supply to the submersible pumps vs original plan of as many as 10 diesel generators. d. In coming weeks, further details will be provided and hopefully like last year, some wet weather will arrive and prevent the need to pump. 	
<p>7) Technical Advisory Committee update – Tom Rutherford</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on recent TAC meetings focused on updating terms of reference to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Shift in key roles and deliverables of TAC taking into account target working groups ii) Changes to meeting schedule and membership iii) Commitment to present a modified terms of reference to the board for review and approval in October (next TAC meeting in September) 	<p>Modified TAC Terms of Reference will be presented in October.</p>
<p>8) Watershed Governance Pilot Proposal Update – Rodger Hunter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft proposal referred to Cowichan Tribes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Detailed response with suggested changes – which have been incorporated into document b. Proposal to be presented to CVRD Regional Services Committee next month c. Dialogue amongst board members regarding 	

	ongoing funding requirements for implementing proposal and concerns regarding sourcing necessary funds.	
9) Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cowichan River Clean up taking place again this year – organization underway b. Upper River Aug. 20; Lower River Aug. 27 	
10) Next meeting – Mon. Aug 29		
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