

# Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

## DRAFT Minutes

Mon. July 30, 2018  
8:45 – 11 am  
Location: CVRD Board Room



Co-Chair: Co-Chair Jon Lefebure

Participants: Ian Morrison, David Slade, Klaus Kuhn, David Froese, Debra Toporowski, Ross Forrest, Lori Iannidinaro, Tom Rutherford

Regrets: Chief William Seymour, David Anderson, Laura Brown,

Guests: Graham Kissack, Kate Miller, TAC and Working Group members, public

Minutes: Jill Thompson and Kim Lagimodiere

1.	Welcome	Co-chair	Information
2.	Approval of Agenda	No changes.	Ian moved, ross 2 <sup>nd</sup> , approved
3.	Approval of Minutes of May 28; review of notes from non-quorum gathering on June 25. Business arising from minutes.	No changes.	Lori moved, David S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , approved
4.	Correspondence and announcements* - see * below	<p>Tom Rutherford presented correspondence and announcements attached to agenda.</p> <p>Decision to invite speakers on VI Lamprey, Species at Risk</p> <p>Discussion RE letter of critique on CWB's addressing of forestry impacts. Tom to take matter into consideration by TAC during Target Review.</p> <p>Student request for interview on evaluation process to be referred to a TAC member.</p>	<p>Tom R. to arrange a speaker on Lamprey and/or BC Species at risk</p> <p>Tom to refer CWB work on forestry impacts to TAC.</p> <p>Tom to refer student to a TAC member.</p>
5.	Proposed sport fishing closure to protect trout.	Draft letter circulated recommending June 15-Sept 15 sport fishing closure in upper River to protect trout. Decision that Co-Chairs will sign and send.	Action: Co-chairs to sign letter and send to Minister Donaldson.
6.	Governance Project	<p>Governance Manual: Motion approved to support the manual revisions to be presented to CVRD and CT councils.</p> <p>Framework Report: Motion approved to support the content and move forward to layout and circulation.</p> <p>Updates given on 2 meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting with MLA Furstenu and senior staff from MoE and MoFLNROD regarding the weir and need for province to resolve conservation</li> </ul>	<p>Motion to support approval in principal of the revised draft Governance manual to share with partners. Ian moved; David F. 2<sup>nds</sup>. Carried. .</p> <p>Motion to support Framework report content for layout. Ross moved; Ian M. 2<sup>nd</sup>; Carried.</p> <p>Action - Jill to re-circulate report</p>

		<p>license question as climate change mitigation and Reconciliation measure. MLA Furstenau's office will convene a follow up meeting with Ministers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 18<sup>th</sup> FLNROD quarterly meeting at Cowichan Tribes. Keeping lines of communication open; improving collaboration between FLNRO and CWB (incl. CT/CVRD). Discussed Koksilah low flows, CRF project, CVRD proposed water service, etc.</li> </ul> <p>A discussion around forestry impacts on water emerged. Decision to invite private forestry representative to speak to Board.</p>	<p>Tom R. to draft talking points for board members to take to UBCM.</p> <p>Tom to invite rep of private forest management group to speak to the Board</p>
7.	Lake Levels update	<p>Graham Kissack, Catalyst, gave a presentation [link] about the serious drought and lake levels situation.</p> <p>-Graham and the Board discussed issues surrounding the reduction of flow, including trout, salmon, the bifurcation of flow between the N. and S. arm of the river, and the need for more storage.</p>	Information
8.	CVRD's proposed Water and Watershed Services Bylaw	<p>Kate Miller, CVRD Environmental Services Manager, gave an update on the service proposal and referendum process.</p> <p>Tom provided comments on how the service will/won't/might help CWB mandate. Tom sought Board direction on staff role in supporting the service.</p> <p>Discussion about details of the service followed.</p> <p>Motion for CWB to support a yes vote in the referendum on the water service. Moved by David S; Seconded by Ian. A vote was taken (result in favour) but decision was that further details should be provided about what CWB's role would entail. Tom to circulate workplan.</p>	Action: Tom to circulate proposed workplan outlining CWB's role in supporting the service for Board input.