

Cowichan Watershed Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

DRAFT Minutes



Thursday, 24 June, 2010
9:00-11:00

Location: Cowichan Tribes Council
Chambers
5760 Allenby Road, Duncan BC

Participants: Tom Anderson; Cheri Ayers; Paul Fletcher; Larry George; Brooke Hodson; Klaus Kuhn; Kathy Lachman; Dave Lindsay; Lynne Magee; Geneen Russo; Tom Rutherford; Michelle Vessey; Craig Wightman; Sean Wong; Michael Zemanek.

Coordinator: Rodger Hunter

Regrets: Wayne Haddow; Bruce Holms

<p>1. Welcome; Introductions; Approval of Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The co-chair opened the meeting with a welcome and members introduced themselves. • The agenda was reviewed and approved.
<p>2. Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowichan Watershed (Virtual Tour) • Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan • Cowichan Watershed Board (CWB) 	<p>As a general introduction the co-chair and some of the members discussed a series of photos from the upper watershed to the estuary.</p> <p>Tom Anderson General Manager of Planning and Development Department with the CVRD provided a description of the Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan planning process and the contents of the plan.</p> <p>The co-chair described the CWB, its origin as a recommendation within the Plan, its membership and general terms of reference noting that it has no statutory authority.</p>
<p>3. Technical Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (TOR)</p>	<p>Members had been provided with an electronic copy of the TOR. The Co-chair provided a general description of them. It was noted that a number of members had time constraints particularly volunteers from non profits and work related to the Committee would have to be tailored to available capacity.</p> <p>Members would prefer electronic to paper meeting materials. The co-chair will provide meeting and background materials in this manner.</p> <p>Members would like to become more familiar with each other before naming the other co-chair. Electing the co-chair will be deferred for a few meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed that meetings would normally be held after lunch (1:30 pm) on the third Thursday of each month (July will be an exception (see below)).</p> <p>Missing names will be added to the mailing list for the committee.</p>

<p>4. 2010 Watershed Work Plan Update</p>	<p>The co-chair provided detailed materials on 2010 work plan for Goals 1-4 of the Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan and a verbal overview. It was noted that many of recommended actions involve developing plans or acquiring foundational information. Also many of the due dates for projects are in October 2010 in advance of November/December when the CWB's 2011 business plan will be developed. It is hoped that the Committee will play a key role in the development of that plan.</p>
<p>5. Upcoming Activities/Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next CWB meeting • Cowichan Watershed Field Trip • September Celebration 	<p>The next meeting will involve a field trip possibly July 17th or 24th with the CWB. This will provide a chance for CWB members to get to know Committee members and vice versa. The location of the meeting part of the trip will be Lake Cowichan.</p> <p>The co-chair has been asked to plan a celebration of the watershed either before the UBCM meeting in September or directly after it.</p>
<p>6. Other Announcements and Information to Share</p>	<p>Actions in agenda Item 3 were affirmed.</p>