

Cowichan Watershed Board

Co-Governance Conversations Workshop 2 Summary

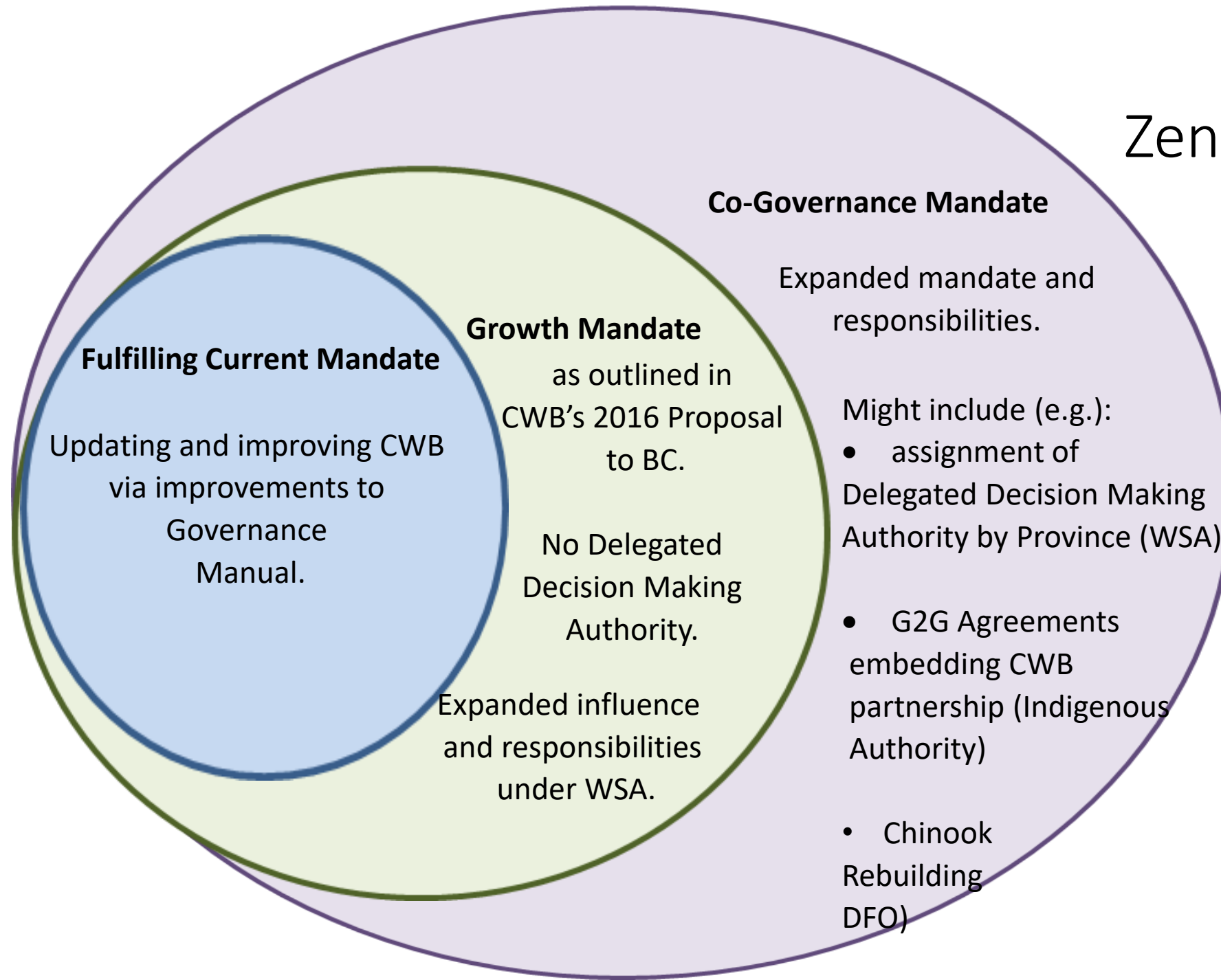
Steering Committee Work prior to WS 2.....

- Steering Committee met in various configurations several times over the past few months
 - Review information, insights and perspectives shared at Workshop 1
 - Workshop 1 input used to format workshop 2 and develop suggestions for a more effective Cowichan Watershed Board
- Collated information into checklist, tables and diagrams that were distributed to WS participants prior to meeting and will be used to guide WS 2

Local Governance....

- “Local Governance” is really a continuum...
 - We have an opportunity to improve how we do our business even if we just keep on doing the same business (or if we want to expand our mandate...)
 - We have an opportunity to take an expanded role with expanded influence and responsibilities as outlined under our proposal to become a WSA pilot – without taking on any delegated decision making authority
 - We can expand our horizons even further

Zen Diagram



Morning Session...

- Based on Ideas generated at workshop 1
 - Suggested Changes to our current governance manual
 - More effective CWB
 - The First Bubble...
- Reviewed and Discussed Suggested Changes with Workshop Participants
 - conceptual form
 - would require discussion/ratification at the CWB table; endorsement from our foundational partners – CT and CVRD

Afternoon Session...

- The approach: How can CWB make things better?
 - Identify the big issues in our watershed – raised in October
 - Water and watershed issues in the valley where we could do better
 - For Each Issue:
 - What's the problem
 - What WSA tool as per endorsed WSA Pilot Proposal could address the problem,
 - The roles and responsibilities associated with that tool that the CWB could realistically take on in order to make things better
- Bottom Line:
 - **How can the CWB actually improve our watershed.**

Summary

- Review suggested changes to our current governance manual that will make the CWB stronger and more effective right now (Based on input from WS 1)
- Look at what WSA tools we could engage in (without taking on delegated authority) that would result in real improvements to some of the challenges our watershed is facing today
- Discuss how expanding our horizons even further could result in benefits to Cowichan Watershed