

DRAFT MEETING AGENDA	Mon. Sept 30 2019 9:30-11:45 am CVRD Boardroom 175 Ingram Street, Duncan	 Cavichan Watershed Board
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Co-Chair: Chief William (Chip) Seymour

Participants CVRD Chair Ian Morrison (co-chair), Shannon Waters, Alison Nicholson, Darin George, David Anderson, David Slade, Debra Toporowski, Tim Kulchyski, Laura Brown, Lori Iannidinaldo, David Froese, Tom Rutherford, Jill Thompson

Regrets: Kristine Sandhu

Guests: Rick Bryan, Recreational Canoeing Association of B.C.

Minutes: Jill Thompson

1.	Welcome	9:30	Co-chair	
2.	Approve Agenda	9:31	Co-chair	Decision
3.	Review and approve the Minutes of last meeting	9:32	Co-chair	Decision
4.	Correspondence and Announcements - see below*	9:34	Tom Rutherford	Information
5.	Opportunity for public comment.	9:45	Co-chair	Information

6	Referral RE Zoning Amendment for Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit	9:45-10:30	Tom	Discussion/ Decision
BREAK 15 min				
7	River Recreation - Presentation and request for consideration in planning restorative works on the river.	10:45	Rick Bryan, Recreational Canoeing Association of B.C.	Information / Decision
8	Water Supply updates a) overview of Cowichan and Koksilah this summer b) Pumping Lake Cowichan c) Fish count update?	11:15	Tom / Tim Brian Houle? ?	Information / Discussion
9	Other	11:40		
	Adjourn. Next meeting Oct 28th 9:30am	11:45	Co-chair	Decision

Announcements

1. Speaker Series will resume Oct 24 with Dr. Dave Preikshot in partnership with Wild Wings Festival.
2. New CWB website is live. Cowichanwatershedboard.ca

Correspondence

1. North Cowichan referral RE VI Motorsports track expansion – see agenda. Circulated
2. RBC confirmed funding of \$50,000 to support joint work on Koksilah and Cowichan. \$40,000 to Cowichan Tribes; \$10,000 to CWB to create watershed outreach tools and for grant admin/reporting.
3. Note from Freshwater Legacy Initiative

Wed, Jul 31, 2019

Dear partner,

Please find attached a cover letter and summary of findings from the mid-term evaluation of the BC Freshwater Legacy Initiative, which was conducted by independent evaluators Knowledge to Action.

We are extremely grateful to you for sharing your time and valuable feedback. In the cover letter, I have outlined our priorities for the Legacy Initiative over the coming year. These priorities were directly informed by the input that you shared and the findings of the evaluation.

If you have any questions or additional feedback, please do not hesitate to get in contact with myself, Jennifer or Alex.

Thank you for the amazing work you are doing for BC's watersheds!

Tim

Tim Morris
Project Director
BC Freshwater Legacy Initiative

4. Update from Somenos Marsh Society
Through the Clean Water Action Project (CWAP), we are conducting property visits to landowners with properties bordering lakes, tributaries, creeks or marshlands in the S'amuna'/Somenos and Kw'amutsun/

Quamichan area, offering our professional services and knowledge. The goal of these visits is to assess riparian health and the presence and impacts of invasive species, flooding, and erosion, and to provide guidance and recommendations for restoration work. If you wish to schedule a site visit with us, we will provide recommendations specific to your property and assess if your riparian area is a potential site for a restoration project. Should your property be selected, we have the funding to offer, with your permission, riparian restoration activities in the fall and early spring of 2019/2020. These could involve projects such as native planting, invasive removal, and live-staking.

Don't hesitate to contact us at programs@somenosmarsh.com or call our Program Manager at 778-401-8460 ext 2.

5. Update on Sunscreen impact analysis

From: Ken Traynor

Date: Mon, Sep 2, 2019 at 2:52 PM

Subject: Fwd: L2323561 COA [Job #]

Dear All - Attached are the results from the sampling for Oxybenzone in the Upper Cowichan River from August. Trace amounts were found in all four samples ranging from 68 ng/L to 570 ng/L. I have also attached my sampling summary with estimated number of tubers on the water that weekend. I hope that Deb may be able to provide some context for these results. The concentrations are in the range of those reported from other jurisdictions in the earlier literature review provided by Melissa Evans.

Ken

6. Question from MLA Constituency staff RE tubing:

Aug 28 2019

Hi Jill!

My name is Kayla and I am a Constituency Assistant for MLA Sonia Furstenau.

I just wanted to reach out to see if you might be able to share the Cowichan Watershed Board's opinion on tubing in the Cowichan River. We've recently

received a few emails from constituents who are concerned about the impact that that activity has on the health of the waterway. We're looking to you guys for advice.

Please let me know what your thoughts are on this. I look forward to hearing from you!

All the best,

Kayla Brent
Constituency Assistant | Sonia Furstenau MLA
164 Station St, Duncan, BC V9L 1M7

Reply to Kayla (cc Tom) from Jill
Aug 28, 2019

Hello Kayla! I have heard lovely things about you! Hope to meet you one of these days.

Thanks for asking - the short answer is that the Board hasn't taken a position but we are looking into the additional stresses on aquatic life with longer hotter summers and low water levels. The Board also wrote to the FLNRORD Minister this year to request a closure to sports fishing when river water levels are low and temperatures high (and I think that was granted, right Tom?)

Tom - more details here? (Tom Rutherford is our ED and a fish biologist).

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7 Weir Ready - multiple rounds of Q & A generated via the Weir Ready website and answered by Tom.