

# Cowichan Watershed Board Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

## Minutes



January 20, 2011

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

**Participants:** Tom Anderson, Cheri Ayers, Rory Beise, , Brooke Hodson, Brian Houle, Klaus Kuhn, Dave Lindsay, Eric Marshall, Tracy Michalski, Geneen Russo, Tom Rutherford, Gerald Thom, Craig Wightman, Sean Wong

**Guests:** Craig Sutherland Kerr Wood Leidal Associates and Al Lill Living Rivers

**Regrets:** Paul Fletcher, Kathy Lachman, Lynne Magee, Mike Zemanek

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks	Rodger Hunter welcomed guests and thanked members for their ongoing commitment to betterment of the watershed.
2. Approval of Agenda	<b>Decision: The agenda was approved as presented.</b>
3. Approval of Minutes of November 2010 meeting and Business Arising from Minutes	<p><b>Decision: The minutes of November 4 2010 were approved as presented.</b></p> <p>As part of discussion arising from the minutes it was noted that although there are number of opportunities being pursued the only firm 2011 funding commitments that the Watershed Board has to date are from Cowichan Tribes and the CVRD.</p>
4. Water Act Modernization (WAM) Update	<p>Al Lill had attended a (WAM) Advisory Committee meeting on January 19, 2011. Al noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the consultation process is winding down;</li> <li>• Minister Coell is now leading the process with involvement of John Slater;</li> <li>• governance still requires more work; and, people are encouraged to make final comments on the WAM blog.</li> </ul>
5. Rule Curve/Rule Band Presentation and Discussion	<p>Craig Sutherland provided a summary of the Rule Curve – Rule Band Issue for discussion. In addition LiDAR related materials showing a variety of elevation lines associated with a few properties at Cowichan Lake were provided to members for discussion. It was noted that these could be very useful however they were preliminary and needed to be checked for accuracy.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Committee/Board should proceed with a communications/action plan associated with the application process. (See Item 7 for further details).</b></p>

6. Target Setting for the Watershed	<p>Rodger Hunter noted that the Watershed Board had requested that the Advisory Committee propose recommended targets for a healthy, sustainable watershed.</p> <p><b>Decision: Target setting was referred to a working group that is to be composed of Tom Anderson, Geneen Russo, Tom Rutherford, Craig Wightman and Rodger Hunter.</b></p>
7. Update on Erosion Study	<p>Craig Wightman noted that he has received a draft copy of the erosion study.</p> <p><b>Decision: The consultant should be invited to the next TAC meeting to present his findings. Subsequently the results along with the rule curve –rule band information could be presented to the Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Committee and then the community.</b></p>
8. Proposed Network for Ecological Sustainability and Health Survey	<p>Rodger Hunter noted that through the efforts of Dr. Lorna Medd there is a possibility that the Cowichan along with 4 or 5 other watershed will participate in an ecological sustainability and health survey.</p> <p>It was also noted that there will be an on-site meeting regarding Haus Bay on February 8, 2011.</p>
9. Choosing a Co-chair	<p><b>Decision: Cheri Ayers was unanimously selected as the Committee's new Co-chair.</b></p>

The next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee will be held on February 17, 2011.