



Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

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Kwikwetlem, known as “Red fish up the river.” A living river that reveals its spirit.



The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable was founded in 2011 following a four year community engagement process. During this development period, individuals and organizations representing a broad range of perspectives on the watershed came together to develop a solid foundation for the Roundtable, including developing a mission statement, a set of values and guiding principles for the Roundtable.

The Roundtable coordinates and implements activities that promote the health and long-term sustainability of the watershed.

Anyone who supports the Roundtable’s mission can participate in Roundtable meetings, which are held once or twice a year. A multi-sector Core Committee, whose members represent the diverse sectors of interest in the watershed, meet on a regular basis to carry out the work of the Roundtable. Sectors represented on the Core Committee include: municipal, provincial, regional and federal governments, First Nations elected officials and staff; the aggregate industry; arts and culture; education; outdoor recreation; real estate development; and stewardship groups.

Coquitlam River Watershed

The Coquitlam River watershed is located on the north shore of the Fraser River’s lower reach in British Columbia’s Lower Mainland region, within the traditional territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation. The Coquitlam Lake Reservoir Dam divides the watershed. North of the dam is undeveloped wilderness. South of the dam, urban development in the watershed covers approximately 45% of the land within the City of Coquitlam and 30 % of the land

within the City of Port Coquitlam. Based on 2011 Census data and additional municipal records to 2014, an estimated 156,700 residents live in the lower watershed. A newly launched Action Plan for the lower Coquitlam River watershed, that considers both ecological and human well-being components, will strengthen the Roundtable’s effort to achieve its Vision for a healthy watershed and a healthy community.

Funding Partners



Mission, Values & Guiding Principles

The Mission, Values and Guiding Principles provide a firm foundation for the Roundtable's activities. They were defined and endorsed by community members and organizations who participated in numerous community meetings during the years preceding the establishment of the Roundtable.

Mission

The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable will:

- facilitate collaborative resolution of urban growth and natural resource use pressures consistent with agreed community objectives and values,
- inform and educate people about these matters and the watershed, and
- promote and support conservation of a sustainable, healthy watershed environment.

Values

Our values for the watershed are:

- Ecosystem integrity
- Home/Heritage/Culture
- Native bio-diversity
- Natural beauty
- Natural resources
- Protected areas
- Public access
- Recreation
- Responsibility to protect
- Spiritual qualities
- Sustainability

Guiding Principles

Guiding principles are proactive statements about the way the Roundtable will operate to achieve its mission. The guiding principles are:

- Accountable
- Adaptive
- Consensus-based decision-making
- Effective and Credible
- Efficient with Capacity
- Inclusive and Respectful
- Influential and Responsible
- Proactive approach
- Relationship-building

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The Roundtable Core Committee

The Core Committee is the administrative body for the Roundtable. Members represent a diverse cross section of interests in the watershed. The Core Committee meets six times a year to move forward on projects and activities proposed by the Roundtable. Members serve an 18-month term on a volunteer basis or their participation is supported by their organizations. Their in-kind donation of time is a key contributor to the success of the Roundtable. These are the sectors and organizations which are currently represented on the Core Committee:

Sector	Organization
Local Government	City of Coquitlam
	City of Port Coquitlam
First Nations	Kwikwetlem First Nation
Regional Government	Metro Vancouver, Water Management
Utilities	BC Hydro
Federal Government	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Provincial Government	BC Ministry of Energy and Mines
Aggregate Industry	Jack Cewe Ltd.
Real Estate Development	Brook Pooni Associates, Urban Development Institute
Outdoor Recreation	Riverside Fly and Tackle
Stewardship	North Fraser Salmon Assistance Program
	Tri-City Green Council
	Port Coquitlam & District Hunting and Fishing Club
Education	BC Institute of Technology (BCIT)
Arts and Culture	ArtsConnect



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