

Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable  
Core Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Date/Time:** November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

**Location:** Fraser Room, Innovation Centre (1207 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, BC – across from Coquitlam City Hall)

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Sector	Organization	Core Committee Member
Local Government	City of Coquitlam (Council)	Terry O'Neill
Local Government	City of Coquitlam (Staff)	Steffanie Warriner
Local Government	City of Port Coquitlam (Staff)	Steve Brown
First Nation	Kwikwetlem First Nation (Technical Advisor)	Craig Orr
Regional Government	Metro Vancouver, Water Management	Dave Dunkley
Federal Government	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Maurice Coulter-Boisvert
Aggregate Industry	Jack Cewe Ltd.	George Turi
Aggregate Industry	Jack Cewe Ltd. Alternate	Kirsten Wilson
Real Estate Development	Brook Pooni Associates, Urban Development Institute	Blaire Chisholm
Fishing and Hunting	PoCo & District Hunting and Fishing Club	Norm Fletcher
Stewardship	North Fraser Salmon Assistance Program	Tony Matahlija
Stewardship	Tri-City Green Council	Elaine Willis
Stewardship	Tri-City Green Council	Gordon Lewis
Stewardship	Arts Connect	Sherry Carroll
Watershed Coordinator	City of Coquitlam	Janis Boivin
Masters Student	Simon Fraser University	Gill Fielding

Regrets: Margaret Birch, City of Coquitlam, Darrell Penner, City of Port Coquitlam Councilor, Fred Hulbert, Kwikwetlem First Nation, June Harris, Kwikwetlem First Nation, Edie Thome, BC Hydro, Ed Taje, BC Ministry of Mines & Natural Gas, Garry Elgear, Riverside Fly & Tackle, Marvin Rosenau, BCIT

**1:00 Agenda Review/Introduction**

- Introduction of observers
- Roundtable introductions

**1:10 Presentation by SFU Student Gillian Fielding - Research Project**

- Gillian will be contacting Core Committee Members to set up interviews

**1:20 Lower Coquitlam Watershed Plan** [handout: Pressure Rating Table]

Task Group (Margaret Birch/Gillian Fielding (lead), Craig Orr, Gordon Lewis, Elaine Willis, Norm Fletcher, Maurice Coulter-Boisvert, Blaire Chisholm)

- Update from the October pressure rating workshop
  - Pressures table
    - Group rated 12 of the 15 pressures
    - Other pressure ratings are in progress
  - Conceptual models
    - Abby & Michelle presented models for Development and Mainstream Cultural Norms
    - The group worked on an Invasive Plant Model
- **Next steps**
- Janis – Goal is by the end of November all pressures will be rated and conceptual modelling will begin in January.
- Janis - Everyone can take time to go over the pressures, if there is a need to revisit certain aspects of the pressures please voice:
  - Several people voiced that “Water Extraction” is a pressure on the salmon component; however, Dams and Dikes may cover this aspect for salmon. Dave Dunkley to look into this more.
  - Others also voiced their opinion that the rating for “Dams and Dikes” as a medium is too low.
  - Janis indicates her and Margaret will re-visit these, as well as the Task Group at next Task Group meeting.

#### **1:45 Fund Raising and Budget**

Standing Committee: (Margaret Birch (lead), Maurice Coultier-Boisvert, Gordon Lewis, Monte Anions)

- Update on Funding
  - Kwikwetlem First Nation - \$5,000 donation at the end of September
  - Pacific Salmon Foundation – submitted application for funding towards the Level 1 Habitat Assessment, \$5,000 awarded October 25, 2013
- Update on funding applications
  - Metro Vancouver – requested Level 1 Habitat Assessment in our \$20,000 application for Watershed Plan funding, submitted Nov. 1/13
  - Real Estate Foundation – stage 2 of the grant application submitted for \$40,000, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, notice anticipated December 2013
  - Watershed Watch (Bullitt Foundation) – into the second stage of \$25,000 application, notice anticipated for December 2013
  - Eco-Action - submitted application for \$25,000 in partnership with Clean Air Champions for two 2014 events relating to their Water-wise program

#### **Questions Raised Regarding Funding**

1. Is there any funding to allocate for a part-time coordinator?
  - Janis: Not sure about this right now, potential with Real Estate Foundation.
  - By January at next Core Committee meeting there will be a better update for the funding and how funds will be allocated.

2. It was also stressed by members that we need to make sure we are able to include volunteers being able to have access to the Habitat Level 1 Assessment training as part of the MetroVan funding requirements.

## 2:00 Communications

- Website update – Pat Morten hired to help clean up site
  - Nanaimo has created a watershed Roundtable and has contacted Janis to ask permission if they could use the template for virtual watershed tour. Janis will wait for Margaret's return prior to responding to this request.
- Facebook page (Eliminate profile page and just have the "organization" page, for simplicity sake).
  - Logistical concerns rose as reasons not to change to organization page mainly because you are unable to invite friends to events.
  - However, a personal page could be maintained but remain inactive, in order to not lose friends on the personal page.
  - Use organization page to make announcements etc.
  - **Janis – Action Item:** Quiet down personal page but keep it in order to maintain friend list and post primarily on organization page.
- Metro Vancouver – recorded a video of the City of Coquitlam's Coquitlam River Water Quality Monitoring program
  - Janis will post on website and facebook page once it is complete.
- Outdoor Recreation Council of BC – has improved their Endangered River nomination process
- *Water Sustainability Act* – public consultation finished November 15, 2013, Real Estate Foundation made a submission
- Coquitlam River Signage – Do Not Disturb Salmon Habitat
  - Signs have been printed;
  - Will be posted at recreational areas throughout rivers;
  - Temporary signs;
  - Largely for the purpose of heavy dog use in the river;
  - Possibility of larger educational signs that stay year round?

## 2:20 Water Sustainability Project

- BC Wildlife Federation and Fraser Basin Council project
  - Craig will pass along information to Roundtable members

## 2:30 Other Business

- Craig: POLIS Watersheds 2014: Towards Watershed Governance in B.C. and Beyond
  - Great connection for Roundtable (Margaret and Craig will be going)
  - Look into if there is any funding to support others from the Roundtable to attend or to present a poster on behalf of the Roundtable.
- Terry O'Neil: Coquitlam Aggregate Committee will be occurring tomorrow
  - No major problems detected
  - Terry will report back to Roundtable about Aggregate committee at next Core Committee meeting.

**2:45 Next Core Committee Meeting**

- Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Location?
- Co-chairs?