



Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

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

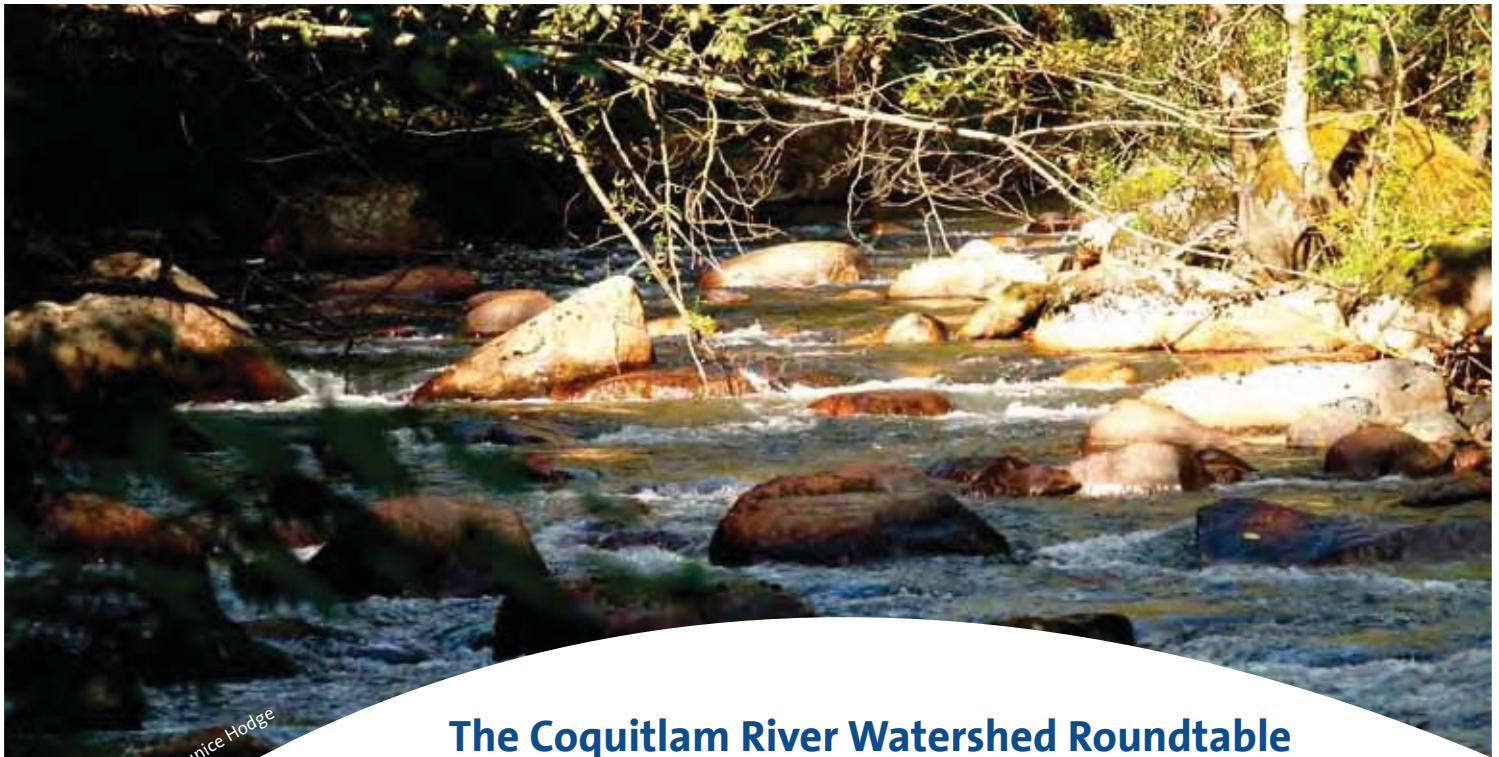


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The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

The Roundtable coordinates and implements activities which will promote the long-term sustainability of the Coquitlam River watershed based on the agreed-to mission, vision and values of the watershed. The types of activities the Roundtable might undertake, given adequate resources, include: coordinating monitoring efforts; participating in the preparation of a plan for the watershed; sponsoring educational events; or

working towards consensus on issues that affect the watershed. The Roundtable will gain credibility through its actions over time and become an important voice in support of a healthy watershed. One of the objectives of the Roundtable is to reduce conflict and facilitate decision-making based on shared values in the best interests of the watershed.

Formed in 2011, the Roundtable does not have authority to make decisions that are the jurisdictional or legislative responsibility of governments or the legal responsibility of any other entity that is participating in the Roundtable. Governments and government agencies will participate, but the Roundtable will be an independent entity, not under government direction.

Roundtable meetings are held twice each calendar year: Spring and Fall



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2012 - 2013 Funding Partners



Mission, Vision, & Guiding Principles

The mission, vision, values and guiding principles for the Coquitlam River watershed and the Roundtable were developed and endorsed by community members and organizations during the course of many community meetings which were held from 2008 to the fall of 2011. (See Phase I - IV on opposite page)

Mission Statement

The Roundtable Mission Statement states that the 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.

A Common Vision for the Watershed

A vision is a description of an ideal future that the Roundtable will contribute to. **Our common vision is:**

A healthy watershed supported and enjoyed by the community in a manner that respects our common values through:

- Partnerships and collaboration;
- Education, stewardship, and monitoring;
- Conservation and green economics; and,
- Responsible decision-making

In perpetuity.

Our Values for the Watershed

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

Guiding Principles for the Roundtable

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

The Roundtable is a Multi-Sector Body

Roundtable participants come from all sectors of interest in the Watershed including governments, non-government organizations, the private sector and individuals. Sectors and organizations which support and plan to participate in the Roundtable are:

- Aggregate Industry
- Arts and Culture
- BC Hydro
- City of Coquitlam
- City of Port Coquitlam
- Education
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Fishing and Hunting
- Kwikwetlem First Nation
- Metro Vancouver
- Outdoor Recreation
- Province of BC
- Real Estate Development
- Stewardship
- Watershed Residents

Anyone who supports the vision and values for the watershed and the guiding principles for the Roundtable can participate.

Funding Partners (2007 - 2013)

Funding for the Roundtable has been provided by:

- BC Hydro
- Bullitt Foundation
- City of Coquitlam
- City of Port Coquitlam
- Coquitlam River Watershed Society
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program
- Kwikwetlem First Nation
- Metro Vancouver
- Real Estate Foundation of BC
- Watershed Watch Salmon Society

Share Your Successes

The Roundtable is an evolving and adapting organization. Connect with us through our Facebook page www.facebook.com/coquitlamriver and share your watershed story and successes! We look forward to sharing our experiences and learning about others in our collective journey towards healthy watersheds.

"This is the beginning of a process that will need a lot of work and changes, but with all the groups at the table we should be able to overcome obstacles as they come along"

- Kwikwetlem First Nation



Phase I (2007-2008)

The City of Coquitlam and the Kwikwetlem First Nation, with the support of the City of Coquitlam's Coquitlam River Aggregate Committee, collaborated with a multi-partner project team and consultants to produce "The Story of the Coquitlam River Watershed – Past, Present and Future," a useful review of existing information on environmental activities previously conducted in the watershed.

Phase II (2008-2009)

Through a series of community workshops, a diverse and multi-faceted group of stakeholders in the Watershed developed a common vision and values for the Watershed, a draft mission statement and guiding principles to support future decision-making. The report which documents this phase is titled, "Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy Community Engagement & Visioning Phase II – Seeking a Common Vision for the Coquitlam River Watershed."

Phase III (2009-2010)

The idea of forming a Roundtable was launched and studied in depth. Over the course of several team and community meetings, participants shaped and endorsed Terms of Reference for the Roundtable, which include a description of the Watershed, a vision and values statement, and a working set of guiding principles.

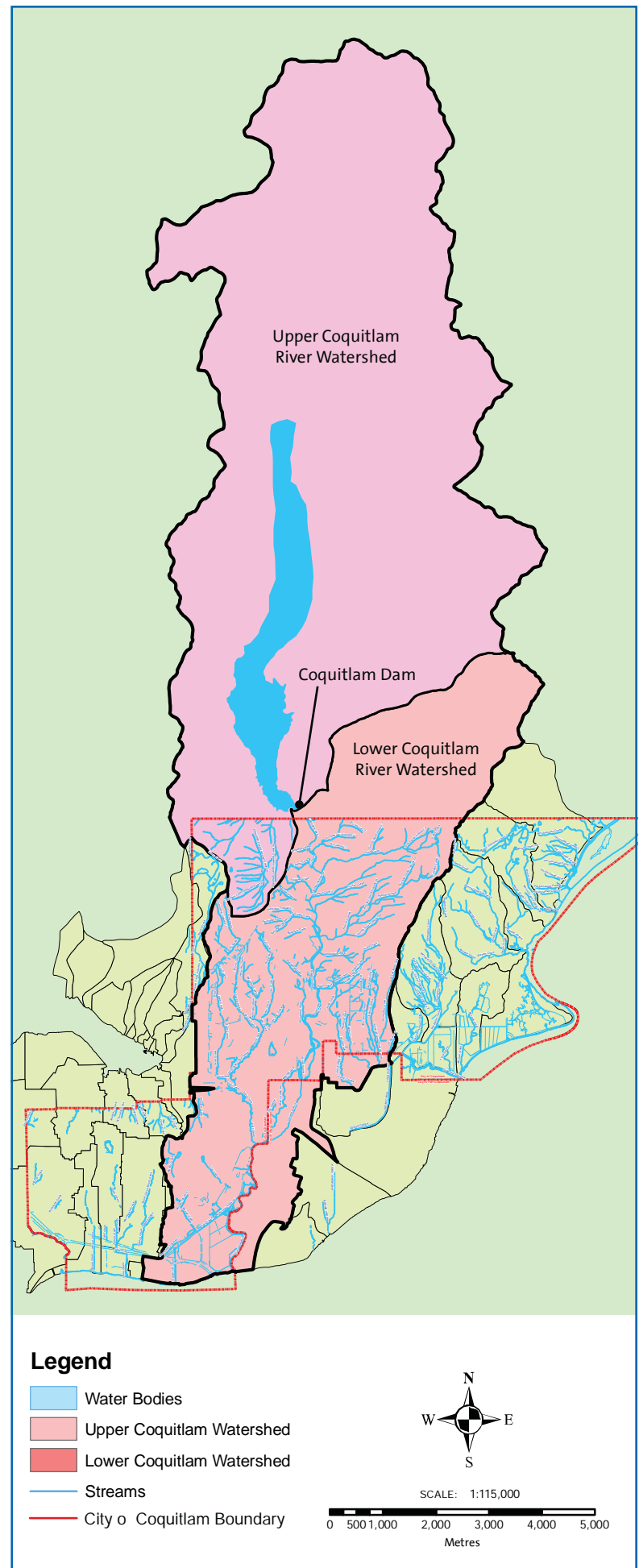
In considering what type of new organization would best serve the interests of the Coquitlam River watershed, participants studied the effectiveness of approaches used in other watersheds, such as the Cowichan Stewardship Round Table on Vancouver Island, the Salmon River Watershed Project in the Interior, and the Nisqually River Council in Washington State.

The report which documents this phase is titled, "Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy - Public Assemblies on Phase III Governance Strategy and Direction Setting: The Watershed is Calling Us to Order!"

Phase IV (2010-2011)

Following the recommendation of participants at the last community meeting in Phase III, the Project Team and consultants formed a transition planning team to plan the first Roundtable meeting and draw up a slate of individuals who would be willing to serve on a Core Committee for the Roundtable.

The Roundtable was launched on February 19, 2011, the Project Team and the transition planning team were disbanded and the work of the Roundtable and its Core Committee began.

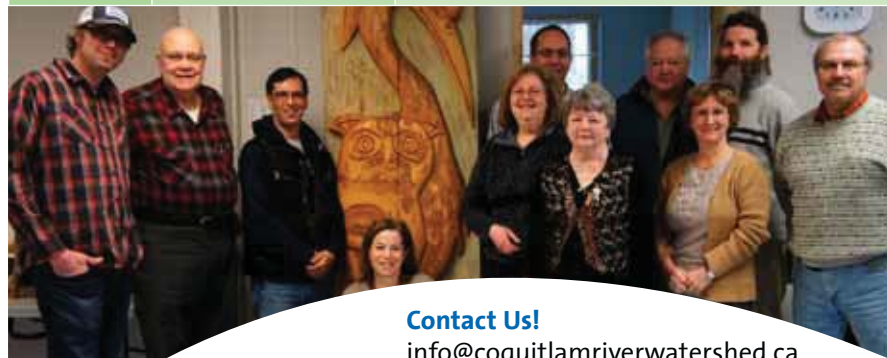


The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable...Going Forward

Roundtable Core Committee

The Core Committee is the administrative body which serves the interests of the Roundtable. Between Roundtable meetings, the Core Committee meets six times a year to move forward on projects and activities proposed by the Roundtable. Members work on a volunteer basis or their participation is supported by their organizations. Their considerable in-kind donation of time is appreciated. The slate of members through 2012 - 2013 will be finalized during the fall of 2012 Roundtable Meeting. These are the current 2011 - 2012 Core Committee members and alternates:

Sector	Organization	Core Committee Member	Core Committee Alternate
Local Government	City of Coquitlam	Councillor Selina Robinson Steffanie Warriner	Margaret Birch Verne Kucy
	City of Port Coquitlam	Councillor Darrell Penner Allen Jensen	
First Nation	Kwikwetlem First Nation	Councillor Fred Hulbert Craig Orr	
Regional Government	Metro Vancouver, Water Management	Dave Dunkley	Ken Juvik
Utilities	BC Hydro	Judy Dobrowolski	
Federal Government	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Maurice Coulter-Boisvert	Matt Foy
Provincial Government	BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas	Ed Taje	
Aggregate Industry	Jack Cewe Ltd.	George Turi	
Real Estate Development	Brook Pooni Associates, Urban Development Institute	Blaire Chisholm	
Outdoor Recreation	ATV/Off Road/Trails Groups/Fishing	Garry Elgear	Tom Adlington
Fishing and Hunting	Port Coquitlam & District Hunting and Fishing Club	Norm Fletcher	
Stewardship	North Fraser Salmon Assistance Program	Tony Matahlija	Gordon Lewis
Stewardship	Tri-City Green Council	Elaine Willis	
Education		To be determined at a future date by the Core Committee.	
Roundtable Coordinator	Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable	Krista Englund	



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Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable (2011-2012)

During the this operational year, the Roundtable Core Committee were actively implementing the ideas put forward by participants at the first Roundtable meeting in February 2011. Committee members have formed Task Groups to work on a variety of issues, including: creating an enhanced Web site for the Roundtable, including a virtual tour of the watershed; developing operational guidelines for the Roundtable and Core Committee; finalizing the Mission Statement for the Roundtable; and writing proposals to secure funds for future Roundtable projects.

Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable (2012 - 2013)

Now entering its second year, the Roundtable Core Committee began work on new projects and hired a part-time Coordinator. Over the fall/winter 2012, an educational watershed café series and the first steps to a Coquitlam River Watershed Plan will be developed. Work will continue through the fall to complete and launch the website redevelopment and virtual tour project, started last year. Ongoing administrative work to update Terms of Reference, provide progress reports to funders, while seeking new funding opportunities will also continue. A watershed plan-themed public Roundtable meeting will also be organized for Saturday, November 3, 2012 in Port Coquitlam.



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