



Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy

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Governance for a Healthy Coquitlam River Watershed (CRW): Getting started on Terms of Reference for a new CRW team – Workshop # 1, February 2, 2009



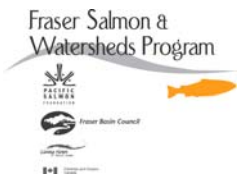
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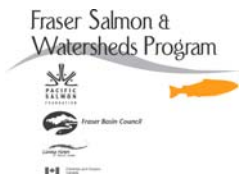
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Review of latest steps – Phase III Highlights



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Phase III - 2009-2010

- Year 3 – Development of a Governance framework for the Coquitlam River Watershed
- Phase III follows through with the development of a watershed governance strategy, including building the foundations for watershed governance and stewardship planning.
- Aim is to get agreement on terms of reference for a watershed planning team or coalition.
- Project aims include:
 - Review results of earlier phases, inform by example
 - Through stakeholder engagement workshops, discuss/refine/draft a framework
 - Communicate and consult on a draft terms of reference with key stakeholders to seek input and support
 - Based on stakeholder support and resources, move forward
- Delivery of the multi-phased Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy project is through a working Project Team.



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Phase III – Fall 2009 Start-up

- *“Governance for a Healthy Coquitlam River Watershed: Getting Ready for a New Form of Collaboration,”* October 30, 2009
 - Phase I & II review, aim of Phase III
 - Showcase presentation: Cowichan Basin Stewardship Roundtable
- *Communities of Practice in Watershed Management: Lessons Towards a Governance Strategy for the Coquitlam River Watershed,”* October 31, 2009
 - Overview on what “Governance” is...
 - Presentations & group discussions on governance models: Cowichan Basin, Nisqually River, Salmon River
 - Experiences elsewhere provided input to develop a model for the Coquitlam River watershed



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Phase III - 2009-2010

Progress being made:

- ✓ Review results of earlier phases, inform by example – **October 30-31, 2009**
- Through stakeholder engagement workshops, discuss/refine/draft a framework – **Feb 2 & March 18 workshops**
- Communicate and consult on a draft terms of reference with key stakeholders to seek input and support – **Spring 2010**
- Based on stakeholder support and resources, move forward – **2010 - 2011**



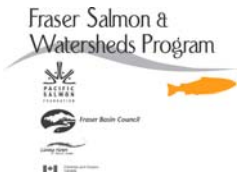
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Agenda and Process overview



Agenda

6:30 Opening remarks, Mayor Stewart, City of Coquitlam

6:35 **Review** of latest steps in the Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy and **Introduction** to tonight's tasks

6:45 (Lobby) Ingredients of **Terms of Reference** for the new CRW governance body

Proposed Draft **Summary description** of the CRW

7:15 **Overall Direction**

Completed components: Review Vision, Values
Draft component: Confirm Mission

7:30 Overall Direction

New component: Develop Guiding Principles

8:00 *Stretch break*

8:15 **Goals** for the new body: Generate a draft list of goal categories

8:45 **Structure** of the new body: Consider pros and cons of options

9:15 Next steps

9:30 *Close*

Consider the terms of reference:

- Is the list/outline on the front page appropriate? (leave aside the goals categories for now)
- Are the four main headings OK?
- Are the sections under Structure and Operation on track? What would you change?



Draft Summary Description

Coquitlam River Watershed is...

... one of a number watersheds on the north shore of the Fraser River's lower reach in British Columbia's Lower Mainland region. This mountain and valley region is characterized by a varied natural, rural-agricultural, urban and industrial landscape, with cultural, recreational and natural resources values, including habitat for Pacific salmonids. The Coquitlam watershed includes a vast headwater wilderness including Coquitlam Lake above the Coquitlam Lake Dam. From this catchment area, at least thirty watercourses flow into a developed lower watershed that drains into the Fraser River, just above its estuary on Georgia Strait. The two largest tributaries of the Coquitlam River are Or Creek and Hoy/Scott/Pinnacle Creek. The Coquitlam River watershed is part of the traditional territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation.

In its lower reaches, during modern times, the Coquitlam River has been the site for industrial, agricultural and land use activities that are associated with urban development. From the 1880s, Coquitlam Lake served to provide drinking water to New Westminster and the surrounding area. Through the early 1900s the River was dammed for water supply and power generation to support growing communities in the Lower Mainland. Gravel operations began in and along the Coquitlam River in the 1950s, and commercial logging in the watershed developed in the 1960s and 1970s. Over time, land use and urban development has evolved to meet the needs of residents, businesses and others in the community, which continues to thrive today. The accumulation of these activities, combined with a history of major flooding events, has caused the once plentiful salmon populations of the watershed to dwindle significantly over the last century.

The Coquitlam River watershed remains about 'people and fish.' Through the formation a Coquitlam River Watershed governance body, it is envisioned that a healthy watershed is possible.



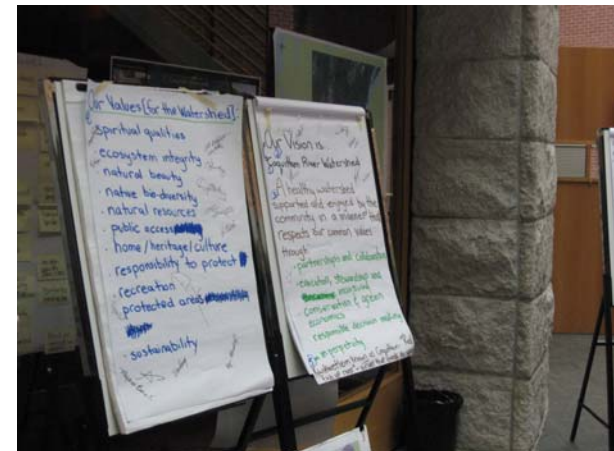
Overall Direction - Vision

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.

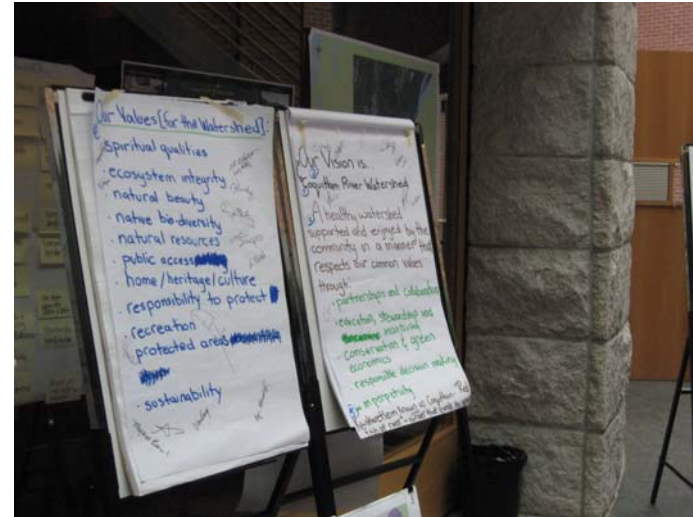




Overall Direction - Values

Our Values for the watershed

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



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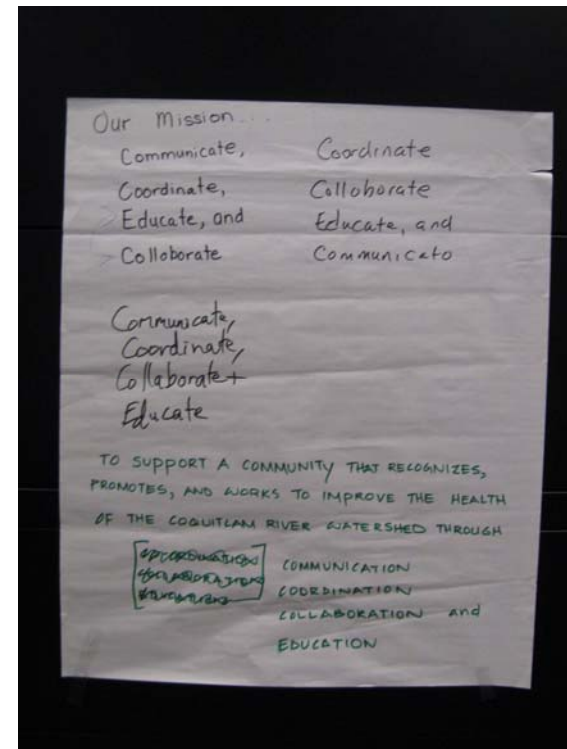


Overall Direction – Draft Mission

Our Mission is

To restore and improve the health of the Coquitlam River Watershed by creating and supporting a community that recognizes and promotes [the watershed] through:

- Communication,
- Coordination,
- Collaboration, and,
- Education.

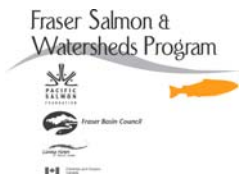




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COQUITLAM RIVER WATERSHED GOVERNANCE: IDEAS ON GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR CONSIDERATION



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Sources of ideas on principles:

- Desirable qualities of governance listed in past Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy discussions, especially Phase II public meetings
- Principles of good governance advanced by various federal and academic organizations
- Salmon River Watershed Round Table principles
- Chilliwack River Watershed Strategy working principles

Themes for Principles

1. Direction
2. Coordinating
3. Relationship-building
4. Open/ Inclusive
5. Accountable/ Responsive
6. Fair, equitable
7. Effective/ Credible
8. Influential/ Self-determining
9. Clear niche
10. Adequate capacity
11. Efficient
12. Adaptive

Considering Draft Principles

Each table has poster with draft list of possible principles.
Each table focuses on the first 6 (1-6) or second 6 (7-12).

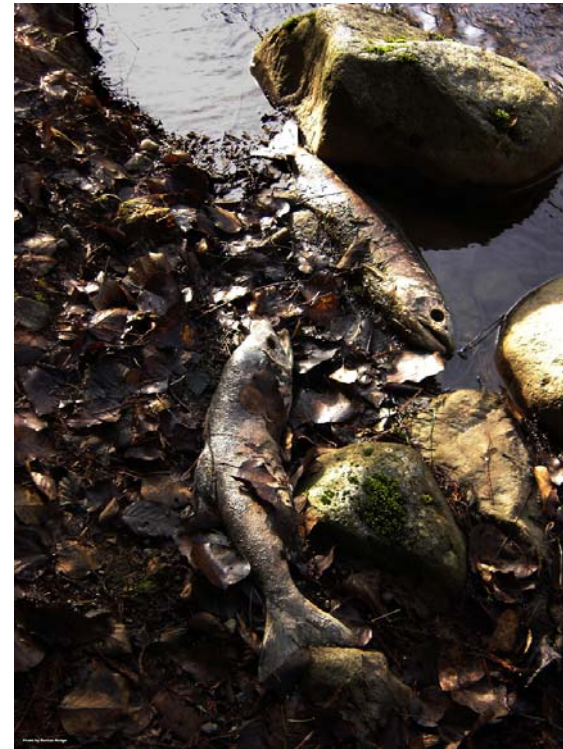
- review the ingredients of the poster
- choose any principle-theme of interest, referring to the first column
- highlight desired words to keep in the key words or related statements columns
- cross out words/phrases to delete
- insert missing key words, if any
- repeat for another principle-theme of interest, and so on



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