



# Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

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

## Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable Core Committee Meeting Notes (Final)

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, *Wednesday, April 13, 2016*; 9:30 am - 12:30pm  
**Location:** [Kwikwetlem First Nation Meeting Hall](#), 2-65 Colony Farm Rd, Coquitlam  
**Co-Chairs:** Craig Orr/ Leanna Milburn, Kwikwetlem First Nation  
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### Attendees:

Sector	Organization	Core Committee Member	Attendance
Local Government	City of Coquitlam (Staff)	Steffanie Warriner	Present
Local Government	City of Coquitlam (Alternate)	Margaret Birch	Present
Local Government	City of Coquitlam (Elected Representative)	Councillor Chris Wilson	Present
Local Government	City of Port Coquitlam (Staff)	Steve Brown	Regrets
Local Government	City of Port Coquitlam (Elected Representative)	Councillor Darrell Penner	Regrets
First Nation	Kwikwetlem First Nation	Sue Lizotte	Regrets
First Nation	Kwikwetlem First Nation (Alternate)	Leanna Milburne	Present
First Nation	Kwikwetlem First Nation (Technical Advisor)	Craig Orr	Present
Regional Government	Metro Vancouver Water Management	Dave Dunkley	Regrets
Provincial Government	Ministry of Energy and Mines	Jim Dunkley	Regrets
Federal Government	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Maurice Coulter-Boisvert	Present
Utilities	BC Hydro	Karen Popoff	Regrets
Education	BCIT	Marvin Rosenau	Regrets
Aggregate Industry	Jack Cewe Ltd.	Kirsten Wilson	Regrets
Aggregate Industry	Jack Cewe Ltd. (Alternate)	Carmen Green	Present
Real Estate Development	Brook Pooni Associates, Urban Development Institute	Blaire Chisholm	Regrets
Arts and Culture	Arts Connect	Sherry Carroll	Present
Stewardship	Tri-City Green Council	Elaine Willis	Present
Stewardship	Port Coquitlam & District Hunting and Fishing Club	Norm Fletcher	Present
Stewardship	North Fraser Salmon Assistance Program	Tony Matahlija	Present
Stewardship (Alternate)	GMaintenance	Gordon Lewis	Present
Roundtable Coordinator	Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable	Marni Turek	Present

### Guests and Observers:

Guest Presenter	Watershed Watch Salmon Society	Trish Hall, Operations Manager
Observer	Public Member and Volunteer	Sarah Boutillier
Observer	GMaintenance	Stephanie Dowdell
Observer	ARTicipation	Florencia Christoffanini

### Summary of Actions from April 13, 2016:

Action	Action By	Deadline
1. Gillian's Master's Defense PowerPoint presentation will be circulated.	Marni Turek	Circulate with Core Committee Meeting Notes.
2. POLIS Workshop Meeting Notes will be circulated.	Marni Turek	Circulate with Core Committee Meeting Notes.
3. <b>MOTION: A motion was brought forward by Elaine Willis that the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable respectfully decline at this time potential funding from Kinder Morgan. Seconded by Chris Wilson. Motion approved.</b>		
4. Next Meeting: <b>Wednesday, June 22, 2016</b> <b>9:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> Location: Kwikwetlem First Nation Meeting Hall	ALL	June 22, 2016

### Status on Actions from Previous Meetings:

Action	Action By	Status
1. Submit an application to the REFBC grant.	Marni Turek Trish Hall	<b>COMPLETED:</b> February 24, 2016
2. Follow up on the status of the City of Coquitlam "Artists for Salmon Project" RFP.	Sherry Carroll	<b>ON TRACK FOR:</b> May 2016
3. Establish a Habitat Restoration Subcommittee.	Maurice Coulter-Boisvert, Tony Matahlija, Margaret Birch	<b>ON TRACK FOR:</b> June 2016
4. Core Committee members will determine what opportunities they have to report out on the status of the LCRWP, whether it be a presentation to senior management, City Council, their board, or membership.	ALL	<b>OUTSTANDING:</b> To be discussed at subsequent Core Committee meeting or Communications Standing Committee meeting.
5. A Public Consultation Committee will be formed to facilitate the development of an online survey to obtain feedback on the LCRWP. This committee will invite the Core Committee to provide input into the development of the questions.	Elaine Willis	<b>OUTSTANDING:</b> To be discussed following completion of the Watershed Plan edits.

6.	Reporting Out – Core Committee members will share communications pieces with their respective organizations and networks, and identify opportunities to provide updates on the Roundtable activities, progress and needs.	ALL	<b>OUTSTANDING:</b> Was not discussed at the April 13 Core Committee meeting.
7.	A Communications Standing Committee will be formed.	Marni Turek	<b>ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION:</b> June 22.
8.	An orientation package for new Core Committee members is being prepared. This package will help new Core Committee members become familiar with the Roundtable and identify ways to maximize effectiveness on the Roundtable.	Marni Turek	<b>OUTSTANDING:</b> Draft completed, but needs work prior to circulating for review.

## Meeting Notes

9:30 am **Agenda Review and Roundtable Introductions**  
Roundtable introduction of members and observers.

9:35 am **Roundtable**  
Roundtable members to share their ideas, projects, etc.

### **Gillian Fielding’s Master’s Defense at SFU (Margaret Birch)**

- Margaret Birch and Marni Turek attended Gillian’s Masters Defense, titled: "Evaluating the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable Planning Process and the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation Framework".
- **ACTION:** Gillian’s Master’s Defense PowerPoint presentation will be circulated. (Marni Turek)

### **Kwikwetlem Salmon Restoration Program (KSRP) April 12 Meeting Update (Craig Orr)**

- The Kwikwetlem Salmon Restoration Program has been underway for 13 years now and though it wasn’t originally part of the Water Use Plan (WUP), it evolved from the WUP process. Kwikwetlem First Nation was concerned about the length of the process and very concerned about the amount of time it has taken to get to an engineering design for a ladder. Really want to see a self sustaining wild population.
- 6000 fry will be released below the dam. The roadblock is that they can't get the smolts out. Raising sockeye in hatchery is tough. Feasibility study to get the juveniles out first. Funding - who is going to pay for the study? The process is tiring.

### **Salmon Art Project Status (Chris Wilson)**

- 42 entries have been received for the 12 salmon sculptures. In the process of shortlisting and will announce within the next month.

### **BC Hydro Monitoring Committee Update (Craig Orr)**

- Flushing Flows and Stranding: The recommended flushing flows in the WUP have not been achieved. There has been flooding in the graveyard. BC Hydro will respond to problems regarding ramp down and stranding fry in the river. BC Hydro have indicated

the DFO request has gone in requesting the ramp down.

#### **Pendulum Gallery Exhibit (Sherry Carroll)**

- The Riverview Exhibit at the Pendulum Gallery was a success and include many artists and groups. Reviews and pictures were shared.

#### **Natural Resources Planning Using the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation, SFU Faculty of the Environment (Craig Orr)**

- One-day watershed governance course instructed by Craig Orr and Abby Hook. July 15, 2016 at SFU Wosk Centre for Dialogue. [Details](#).

#### **Local Newspaper Columnists (Margaret Birch)**

- Craig Orr and Melissa Chaun both have columns in the local newspaper.

#### **Ugly Bug Ball (Maurice Coulter-Boisvert)**

- Ugly Bug Ball is going to be held June 18, 2016: A day to give back to SEP volunteers from the Lower Fraser area.

### 10:00 am **Budget and Fundraising**

#### **Update on REFBC Multi-Year Funding Application (Trish Hall/ Marni Turek)**

- The multi-year funding application to the REFBC was presented. Watershed Watch Salmon Society submitted the application on behalf of the Roundtable. A spreadsheet outlining all in-kind and cash from 2007 -2016 was circulated. A decision will be made by the REFBC Board of Governors on June 11, 2016.

#### **February 24, 2016 POLIS Workshop Debrief (Margaret Birch)**

- The UVIC POLIS Project for Ecological Governance hosted a “Coquitlam River Watershed Capacity-Building Workshop” on February 24, 2016. The workshop started off with a background on the Roundtable followed by presenters from POLIS and Fraser Basin Council regarding, an engaging funding exercise and wrap up. This workshop was one of three throughout the province with the broad goal to increase the capacity and effectiveness of existing collaborative watershed-based groups that seek to improve local watershed decision-making. A follow-up webinar was held to recap on lessons learned and share amongst the three participating communities.
- **ACTION:** POLIS Workshop Meeting Notes will be circulated. (Marni Turek)

#### **Other Funding Opportunities**

- **Shred-a-thon (Margaret Birch):** June 18 Vancity Shredathon. All proceeds to the Roundtable.
- **Current Funds and Funding Applications Submitted (Margaret Birch):** Updated on current funds and what is anticipated over the year. FCWP debrief - not funded. The Roundtable is on the shortlist for DFO PIP funding over the next three years.
- **Grant Writing Workshop (Sherry Carroll):** Has been writing grant applications for years and success rate dropped from 85% to less than 50%. She is attending a 2-day workshop and will share information with everyone.

#### **Kinder Morgan (Chris Wilson)**

- Though the City of Coquitlam doesn't have a formal letter or offer, there is a potential funding opportunity from Kinder Morgan. The City of Coquitlam is interested in the Roundtable's opinion on whether this is something that should be pursued. Discussion followed with varied perspectives and aspects considered (optics and social license; ensuring that the Roundtable stays true to its values of respect and inclusivity; timing).
- Some questions were raised as to the timing and whether there is enough information to make a decision, and if it is too premature for this at this point given there hasn't been a formal offer to the Roundtable.
- **MOTION:** A Motion was brought forward by Elaine Willis that the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable respectfully decline, at this time, potential funding from Kinder Morgan, until Kinder Morgan is a stakeholder in the watershed. Motion not seconded.
- **NEW MOTION:** A motion was brought forward by Elaine Willis that the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable respectfully decline at this time potential funding from Kinder Morgan. Seconded by Chris Wilson. Motion approved.

#### **UVIC Law Student Research with Watershed Watch Salmon Society (Craig Orr)**

- Watershed Watch Salmon Society has had a relationship with UVIC law for years and were approached by a student looking at doing some work on green bylaws in the city. Craig Orr provided a tour. She is looking at invasive species, stormwater and development. Will share updates and the outcome with the Roundtable.

#### **12:00 pm Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan**

- Revisions to finalize the plan are underway.
- Developing a community feedback survey will remain on hold until the revisions are complete.

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