



# Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

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## Community Roundtable Meeting — Agenda

### Building Capacity to Ensure Implementation of Action Plans in the Coquitlam River Watershed

**Location:** Workroom, at The Outlet at Leigh Square, #1100-2248 McAllister, Port Coquitlam, BC  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2017

**Purpose:** To participate in discussions about the future of the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable and watershed initiatives in BC, with key outcomes:

- Discuss Roundtable's need for sustainable funding;
- Obtain public feedback on draft Business Proposal;
- Provide update on implementation stage of Watershed Plan and outline next steps; and
- Learn about potential opportunities for watershed groups under new *Water Sustainability Act*.

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8:30 am	Doors open, Registration, Networking, Refreshments
9:00 - 9:20 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:20 - 9:50 am	Keynote Address <i>Presented by: Kim Stephens, Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC</i>
9:50 - 10:30 am	<b>Session 1.1</b> Business Proposal Review and Panel Session <i>Panelists: Steve Litke, Fraser Basin Council Zita Botelho, Sustainable Funding for Watershed Governance Initiatives Julie Pisani, Regional District of Nanaimo</i>
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 - 11:15 am	<b>Session 1.2</b> Breakout Groups: Exploring Sustainable Funding Mechanisms
11:15 - 12:00 pm Plan	<b>Session 2</b> Progress Report and Next Steps: Lower Coquitlam River Watershed <i>Speaker: Deborah Carlson, West Coast Environmental Law</i>
12:00 - 12:30 pm	<b>Session 3</b> Open Roundtable Discussion
12:30 - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 - 2:20 pm	<b>Session 4</b> Conversation on the Water Sustainability Act <i>Speakers: Coree Tull, Canadian Freshwater Alliance Rosie Simms, POLIS Project on Ecological Governance</i>
2:20 - 2:30 pm	Closing Remarks
2:30 pm	Adjourn

*Please note that photographs and video footage will be taken throughout the meeting and may be used as a visual in materials by the Cities of Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam and the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable. If you do not wish to have your photograph taken, please see the Roundtable Coordinator or event volunteer.*



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#### Speakers

##### *Keynote Speaker*



**Kim Stephens** is an engineer-planner and the Executive Director of The Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC. His four decades of experience cover the spectrum of water resource and infrastructure engineering issues. He specializes in public policy and its implementation, and has played a leadership role in a series of initiatives in British Columbia related to water sustainability, rainwater management and green infrastructure. Since 2003, Kim has been responsible for developing and delivering the Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia, the partnership umbrella for an array of ‘top down & bottom up’ initiatives that promote a water-centric approach to community planning and development. Kim Stephens

has received international recognition for his pioneering efforts and has been invited to speak on ‘the British Columbia experience’ and make keynote presentations at forums in Australia and throughout North America.

##### *Panelists*



**Zita Botelho** is an independent consultant with deep experience in environmental and water public policy development. Prior to working in consulting, Zita was the Manager of Strategic Water Initiatives at the BC Ministry of Environment where she led the development of *Living Water Smart- B.C.’s Water Plan* and the initial phases of the *Water Sustainability Act* development. She also worked with Environment Canada and on various international projects. She is currently the Project Manager of the Sustainable Funding for Watershed Governance Initiative.

**Julie Pisani** coordinates the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection (DWWP)



program at the Regional District of Nanaimo. Her background is in environmental communications and interpretation, with a specialty in water and watershed management. With her strength in public speaking, communicating technical concepts, meeting facilitation and collaborative processes, she leads the implementation of the DWWP Action Plan in the RDN. She is a graduate of the University of Victoria's Environmental Studies program in 2010 and the Watershed Management Certificate program at UBC in 2016, with 6 years of local government experience.



**Steve Litke** graduated from Simon Fraser University in 1995 with a Master's Degree in Resource and Environmental Management. Steve has worked with the Fraser Basin Council since 1998 and is the Senior Manager responsible for the Council's Watersheds and Water Resources Program. He has worked with many collaborative watershed groups across BC and he has overseen the development of guidance documents on watershed planning and governance as well as financial mechanisms to support watershed governance.

### ***Guest Speakers***



**Deborah Carlson** is a staff lawyer for the Green Communities program at West Coast Environmental Law. Her current work focusses on collaborative governance and planning, and enabling ecosystem-based management in an urban context.

**Coree Tull** is the Organizing Director for the Canadian Freshwater Alliance. Coree is an engagement specialist, working with communities to be collaborative stakeholders in the decisions that impact their lives. She has been leading social and environmental issue-based campaigns, electoral campaigns and community building initiatives for a decade.

Coree has a B.Tech in Ecological Restoration from British Columbia Institute of Technology, and a B.A in Environmental Geography and International Relations from The University of British Columbia.



**Rosie Simms** has been the Water Law & Policy Researcher and Coordinator at the POLIS Water Sustainability Project since 2015. Rosie holds an MA from the Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability at UBC and a BA&Sc. from McGill University. Throughout her studies, Rosie's work focused on water and Indigenous governance.



*Thank you to all speakers for sharing your expertise and knowledge, and to contributing to the Community Roundtable meeting!*

**For more information on the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable, visit:**

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