



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

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Location: Hyde Creek Community Centre, 1379 Laurier Ave, Port Coquitlam
 Co-Chairs: Craig Orr and Neil MacEachern
 Contact: Roundtable Coordinator, coordinator@coquitlamriverwatershed.ca
 Website: www.coquitlamriverwatershed.ca

Attendees: 18 Core Committee Members + 7 Guests and Observers

Sector	Organization	Name
Local Government	City of Coquitlam (Elected Representative)	Councillor Steve Kim
Local Government	City of Port Coquitlam (Staff)	Neil MacEachern
Local Government	City of Port Coquitlam (Elected Rep)	Councillor Laura Dupont
First Nation	Kwikwetlem First Nation (Technical Advisor)	Craig Orr
Regional Government	Metro Vancouver Water Management	Dave Dunkley
Federal Government	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Scott Ducharme
Aggregate Industry	Jack Cewe Ltd. [Effective Jan, 2019]	Kirsten Wilson
Aggregate Industry	Jack Cewe Ltd. (Alternate) [Effective Jan, 2019]	Carmen Green
Development	Brook Pooni Associates, UDI	Blaire Chisholm
Arts and Culture	Arts Connect	Sherry Carroll
Arts and Culture	Arts Connect (Alternate)	Manfred Kraus
Stewardship	Tri-City Green Council	Elaine Willis
Stewardship	Rivershed Society of BC (Alternate)	Melissa Chaun
Stewardship	PoCo & District Hunting and Fishing Club (Alternate)	Mike Jensen
Stewardship	North Fraser Salmon Assistance Program	Tony Matahlja
Stewardship	Hoy-Scott Watershed Society (Alternate)	Robbin Whachell
Coordinator	Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable	Jill Dwyer
Financial Trustee	Watershed Watch Salmon Society	Trish Hall

Guests and Observers:

Role	Group/Organization	Name
Presenter	Modus	Lisa Moffatt
Presenter	Morguard	Geoff Nagle
Observer	Community resident and Outreach volunteer	Vahed Razzaghi
Observer	Community resident and Outreach volunteer	Bonnie Razzaghi
Observer	Allard Contracting	Jim Allard
Observer	Vancity	Brent Lewis
Observer	City of Coquitlam Staff	Monica Marshall

Table 1. Summary of Actions from past Core Committee meetings.

#	Action	Action By	Deadline
1.	Complete habitat restoration map	CRWR	<i>Winter 2018</i>
2.	Promote BC Hydro WUP results for Coquitlam Watershed	CRWR	<i>In progress</i>
3.	Coordinate presentations to appear as delegations before Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam City Councils, Kwikwetlem First Nation, and Metro Vancouver to communicate our request coming from the CRWR Business Proposal	Resilience and Capacity Building Sub-Committee/ Jill Dwyer <i>Coq. SEAC- July 2018</i> <i>Metro Van-June 2018</i> <i>PoCo- Feb 5, 2019</i> <i>Metro Van- June 2019</i> <i>BC Hydro- TBD 2019</i>	<i>On going</i>
4.	Invite members of the Art community to the Core Committee meetings.	Jill Dwyer and Sherry Carroll	<i>June 2019</i>
5.	Schedule a Community Roundtable planning meeting.	Jill Dwyer	<i>March 14</i>

Next Core Committee meeting (tentative):

- Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019
- Time: 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- Location: TBD
- Chair/Co-Chair: TBD

Meeting Notes

9:30 – 9:40am **Agenda Review and Roundtable Introductions**

- **Welcome**
- **Introduction of members and observers**
- **Approval of agenda**
Agenda was approved.
- **Approval of Dec 12, 2018 meeting minutes**
- Minutes were approved.

It was noted that meeting minutes should be approved by the Core Committee before being submitted to Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, and Kwikwetlem First Nation councils. The Core Committee agreed that going forward, meeting minutes will be approved via email. Core Committee members will have a two week window after receiving a draft of the meeting minutes to submit comments to the Roundtable Coordinator. Approval will be accepted by default from Core Committee members who do not respond with comments within the two week period.

9:40 – 10:00 am **Presentation**

Coquitlam Centre Redevelopment Project - Lisa Moffatt, Senior Planner, Modus and Geoff Nagle, Director of Development Western Canada, Morguard

The presenters gave an overview of Phase 1 of the development plans for the Coquitlam Centre Redevelopment Project. Phase 1 contains a 16 acres section of the site and will be a mixed-use transit oriented development with approximately 3,800 housing units plus retail and office spaces. Twelve percent of the area is planned for park and open space.

Conceptual Master Plan Vision and Principles:

- Lead Sustainable and Transit-Oriented Development
- Connect Healthy Streets
- Create an Authentic City
- Be Inclusive and Accessible
- Champion Sustainable Growth and Change

A link to the full engagement results can be found [here](#).

Questions and discussion following presentation:

Q: Is the Cactus Club part of the project?

A: No, it's a separate project and they'll have a chance to relocate into the mixed-use development.

Q: Will there be a review of the Coquitlam transportation plan and will you be participating in that in regards to truck use?

A: One of the City's requirements is that the project would have to create a traffic impact assessment. They are also working with UDI on it.

Comment: Hope that they will be consulting with truck operators on Pipeline Road.

A: That is the City's responsibility.

Comment: There is a dearth of 2 bedroom and up units that offer more space and bedrooms for families.

A: The City has a housing strategy that they have to follow. It is on their radar.

Comment: There wasn't any mention of accessibility in the presentation. What about universal accessibility?

A: The project has to meet City of Coquitlam's guidelines. The development project will include wide sidewalks and wider doors in the housing units and they are looking for feedback. Universal accessibility is one of the guiding principles, but the project isn't at that stage yet.

Comment: Not seeing much consideration to the environment, specifically storm water management. You have an opportunity to be a leader on this issue.

A: There is a requirement to provide a storm water management plan but the project is not at that stage yet. We received great feedback from Hoy-Scott Watershed Society about this and it is why we want to consult with organizations like the Roundtable. We're looking into a Salmon Safe designation.

Q: Any historical creeks that could be daylighted?

A: Not aware of any.

Comment: Hoy-Scott Watershed Society has concerns with that many people so close to the green space of the creek.

10:00 – 10:25 am Fulawka Creek Update- Roundtable Coordinator and Core Committee Members

A letter on behalf of the Roundtable concerning Fulawka Creek was sent to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources on January 15, 2019. The Roundtable received a response From FLNRORD on February 7th, stating that they were in the process of coordinating with the other agencies involved and that the work would be completed by the end of February. On February 14th, the Roundtable Coordinator received a copy of a letter sent to both Ministries by Joan Isaacs, MLA, Coquitlam - Burke Mountain in support of the Roundtable's letter. On March 5, 2019, the Roundtable Coordinator contact Donna Myketa from FLNRORD to get an update on the progress of the work. She did not have the information, but agreed to send an update soon.

10:25 – 10:45 am Break

- Outstanding items from previous CC meetings
 - Refer to Table 1

Items from Table 1 were reviewed. The items listed as in progress are still proceeding.

- Projects
 - Invasive Species and Water Conservation Outreach Campaign
 - Update on 2019 Invasive Species Forum

Melissa Chaun attended the Invasive Species Forum and presented a draft version of the Invasive Species and Water Conservation display in order to receive feedback from participants. She received valuable comments from Metro Vancouver. She presented the draft version of the display to the Core Committee and is looking for their feedback. Anyone who would like an electronic version of the poster for a closer review can contact Melissa.

- Committees
 - Capacity and Resilience Building Sub-Committee
 - [Jan 31] Sub-Committee meetings since last CC
 - Update on Metro Vancouver application:
The work on the Metro Vancouver multi-year funding application continues and the Roundtable is scheduled to present as a delegation at the June Metro Vancouver Committee meeting.
 - Update on City Port Coquitlam sustainable funding request:
On February 5th, the Roundtable Coordinator presented to the Port Coquitlam Committee of Council. The Committee of Council passed a motion made by Cllr Dupont at the meeting to include our sustainable funding request in the 2019 budget. Members of the Roundtable attended the meeting to support the delegation including, Neil MacEachern, Mike Jensen, Trish Hall, Sherry Carroll, Scott Ducharme, Mitch Mivehchi, Sandy Budd and Brent Lewis from Vancity. The City of Port Coquitlam Council has approved the Roundtable's sustainable funding request of \$15,000 annually for 2019 through 2021 pending a public consultation and final deliberations. Final budget approval will take place in May 2019.
 - City of Coquitlam and sustainable funding update:
The City of Coquitlam has conditionally approved the Roundtable's budget request of \$35,000 for 2019 contingent on secured funding from two of the following funders: City of Port Coquitlam, BC Hydro, and Metro Vancouver.
 - The roundtable received \$4,000 of funding from the Port Coquitlam & District Hunting and Fishing Club. Their continued support of the Roundtable is appreciated and will help to further the Strategies for Action from the Lower Coquitlam Watershed Plan.

- Development Project Sub-Committee
 - [March 5] Sub-Committee meetings since last CC
 - Development Work next steps through fall

The Sub-committee is currently planning a lunch workshop for April 5th, tentatively to be held at the City of Coquitlam. The guest speaker will be Emanuel Machado from the Town of Gibsons, who will be giving a talk on the Town of Gibsons Natural Assets Management program. The invite list will include Roundtable Core Committee members, representatives of the development community, key staff from the cities of Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam, and Kwikwetlem First Nation members. The primary audience for this presentation is city staff (e.g. engineers), elected officials, and developers.
 - SFU Student Project

Craig Orr is currently teaching a Masters Seminar at SFU and his students are looking for restoration projects. They would like to work with Kwikwetlem First Nation to look at the Northwest Burke Vision document prepared for the Roundtable by the University of Victoria Environmental Law Centre. This would include a proposal to do an assessment of natural spaces along with traditional knowledge.

- Communications Sub-Committee
 - There have been no Sub-Committee meetings since the last Core Committee meeting. The sub-committee is having a difficult time finding a time to meeting that works for all the members schedules. They will be meeting in the next month.

- Kwikwetlem First Nation Shoreline Cleanup
 - [February 7] Planning Committee meeting
 - The Roundtable will be partnering with KFN to hold a shoreline cleanup. The event will be held on April 13th at KFN. Participants will meet at the KFN Community Centre and then will walk to the shoreline location. All litter will be brought back to the KFN Community Centre where large dumpsters will be located for the event. A BBQ will follow the cleanup and possibly a tree planting in the afternoon. All Roundtable members are invited and encouraged to participate along with KFN members.

- Arts and Culture Sector Update

Sherry Carroll would like to bring members of the Arts and Culture Sector for short presentations to the Roundtable. It would be valuable for the Roundtable to meet managers from the arts and culture services, library systems, and archivists. It was agreed that Jill and Sherry will work together to send out invites.

ACTION

- The Roundtable Coordinator and Sherry Carroll will work together to invite the members of the Art community to the Core Committee meetings.

11:25 – 11:40 am **Community Roundtable Meeting**

- Potential date of May 8th
It was noted that the Lower Mainland Local Governance Association will be meeting on May 8th and therefore any elected official would not be able to attend a May 8th Community Roundtable meeting. Due to that and the May Day activities the week of May 6th in Port Coquitlam, the group decided to find an alternate date. Consensus was for a weekday, evening event.
- Format
The group decided that based on feedback from previous events, an open house style event with longer presentations would be the ideal format. Possible venues are the Evergreen studio space and Victoria Hall.

ACTION

- The Roundtable Coordinator to schedule a Community Roundtable planning team meeting.

11:40 am – 12:20 pm **Other Items, news, business**

➤ Roundtable Member Updates

Mike Jensen – Norm Fletcher is still ill, but will hopefully be back at the next meeting. Thanks to Metro Vancouver for providing assistance at the hatchery.

Tony Matahlija – He has applied for FWCP grants to do more habitat restoration, but was only approved for one of them. It was noted that part of the issue was that Fulawka Creek needs to be resolved before more restoration projects proceed.

Scott Ducharme – DFO has a meeting with BC Hydro to discuss sockeye returns. KFN wants to see movement on passage issue and how to increase return numbers. There is a potential project to cultivate Coquitlam sockeye at a Cultus Lake facility. Scott will be attending the Parksville Symposium in April.

Kirsten Wilson – Lehigh Hanson recently acquired Jack Cewe Ltd. Jack Cewe Ltd. will still maintain their construction division and still owns the land. Jack Cewe is still committed to the Roundtable and the Coquitlam Watershed. Sophie Mullen from Lehigh Hanson would like to attend a Core Committee meeting to talk about their company.

Dave Dunkley – Conducting a watershed tour with SFU graduate students in April.

Steve Kim – Looking for more ways to get involved with the Roundtable. He's on the committee for Riverview Lands and Cultural Services. If anyone is interested in learning more feel free to contact him.

Craig Orr – There are some KFN referrals coming from developers. The developers are starting to look into daylighting streams which is great to see.

Melissa Chaun – Planning a native planting with Maple Creek Streamkeepers this spring. Looking for feedback on the Invasive Species and Water Conservation poster.

Neil MacEachern – The City of Port Coquitlam just passed a new tree by-law after extensive consultation.

Robbin Whachell – Hoy Creek Hatchery's Salmon Leave Home will held on May 12th. The City of Coquitlam is working on the Hoy Creek Linear Park upgrade.

➤ Other participants, observers

Monica Marshall – City of Coquitlam is starting a Strategic Environmental Sustainability Plan and they will be engaging the Roundtable.

Vahed Razzaghi – Has created a presentation for Iranian engineers to introduce them to the work the Roundtable is doing. They were very interested and he is planning to continue these presentations.

Bonnie Razzaghi – March 20th is the Iranian New Year. There are three events in Coquitlam, March 16th at Summit Middle School 11 am to 6 pm, March 19th at Town Centre 5-9 pm, and March 31st. The Invasive Species and Water Conservation Outreach team is looking at attending March 31st Nature Day event.

11:55 – 12:00 pm **Next CC Meeting**

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- Chair/Co-Chair: TBD

12:30 pm **Adjourn**

Documents distributed for reference at the meeting:

- Meeting agenda (available [online](#))

If you wish to access these documents, please contact the Roundtable Coordinator at coordinator@coquitlamriverwatershed.ca