



# 2022 Annual Report

*Advancing Collaboration, Education and Advisory Action*

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Watershed Roundtable



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## Our Mission

*To preserve and enhance the health of the Coquitlam River Watershed through collaboration, education, and advisory action.*



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## Executive Summary

2022 was a year of notable advances for the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable. The Roundtable responded to renewed opportunities for outreach and education as many public events and other aspects of civic life returned. Collaborations with our partners in municipal, educational, and arts sectors helped to advanced strategies to curtail invasive species and litter. The Roundtable initiated advisory action to support Low Impact Development in the Coquitlam River Watershed. Other research focused on building the Roundtable's capacity to track progress on all aspects of preserving and enhancing the health of the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable.

Thanks to generous support from several funders, multi-year funding agreements were established, enabling the Roundtable to consider long-term approaches to the implementation of its Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan (LCRWP).

Our received funds this year totaled \$113,638. Cash expenditures totalled \$82,818.61. Both received revenue and expenditures were slightly lower than 2021. Together with a \$10,000 annual contribution to our contingency fund, there was a carry-over from 2022-2023 of roughly \$21,660.50. This amount is slightly lower than the carry-over from 2021.

Generous in-kind support in 2022 was comparable to years past, with 682.5 hours contributed in 2022, valued at \$16,969.50.

This was also a year of transition for the Roundtable. In January 2022, The Roundtable's tireless Coordinator, Sharee Dubowitz, left the role to re-locate. After a thorough recruitment process, Georgia Ohm was hired as the new Roundtable Coordinator, supported by Margaret Birch, who came out of retirement to assist with on-boarding as the interim Roundtable Coordinator. Later in the year, Trish Hall joined to support the Roundtable's refresh website update.

With funding from the Government of Canada, two summer students were hired. Kris Cu produced several videos for the Roundtable and has continued working on a part-time basis to support our social media efforts. Chris Monaghan produced an in-depth report to guide the Roundtable's effort to assess its implementation of the 2015 Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan.

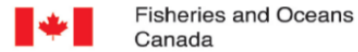
Events such as Salmon Come Home, Rivers and Trails Day, and Coquitlam's Canada Day were reignited and after a two-year hiatus during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In addition to these events, the Roundtable engaged with the public through a public art display using recovered waste, a stream-side clean-up event with Chandos Construction, and the Roundtable's Public Event: *What's Up in Our Watershed? Advancing our Vision for a Healthy Future!*

The Roundtable's Development Committee initiated an advisory research project with a new report to identify Low Impact Development (LIDS) techniques in building codes, bylaws, policies, and regulations. Researchers from UBC's Centre for Law and the Environment. Dr. Stepan Wood, and his student Paul Johnson reviewed several documents provided by the Development Committee, and staff at the City of Coquitlam and City of Port Coquitlam. The report will be reviewed and made publicly available in Spring 2023.

The collaborative relationships that are the foundation of the Roundtable's work were supported through 2022 with on-going meetings of the Core Committee and sub-committees, including a several valuable in-person meetings. These meetings included

## Acknowledgements

The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable is funded with assistance from the City of Coquitlam, the Greater Vancouver Water District (Metro Vancouver), Kwikwetlem First Nation, the City of Port Coquitlam, the Government of Canada, Jack Cewe Construction Ltd, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. We wish to thank these organizations for their generous financial support in 2022.



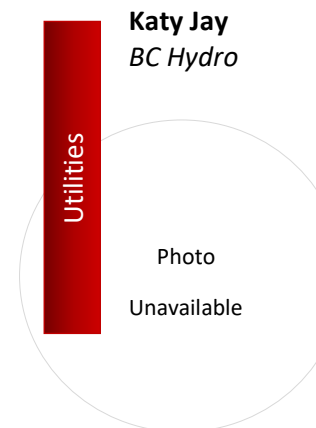
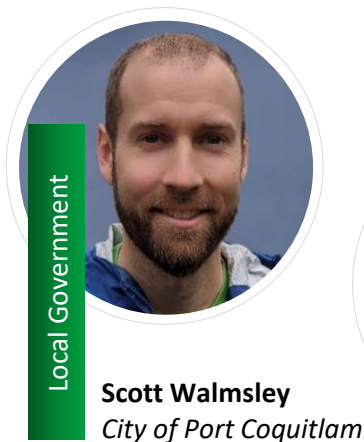
Invaluable contributions of staff and resources were provided by the following partners:

- City of Coquitlam
- City of Port Coquitlam
- Tri-City Green Council
- Morguard Construction
- North Fraser Salmon Assistance Project
- Kwikwetlem First Nation
- Watershed Watch Salmon Society
- Jack Cewe Construction Ltd.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Arts Connect
- Allard Contracting Ltd.
- Vancity Savings

Finally, our deep gratitude is extended to the many stewards and volunteers who regularly contributed their time to support the Roundtable's events activities through 2022.

## Core Committee Sectors and Representatives

The Core Committee comprises a team of 18 sector representatives from 12 diverse sectors, all of whom contribute their time in-kind to attend Core Committee and Community Roundtable meetings, sit on standing and project committees, and attend outreach events. Without their dedication and collaborative efforts, the Roundtable would not be what it is today. Each member sits on the Core Committee for 18-24 month terms, although many continue for years beyond their tenure. We wish to thank our Core Committee members for their generous contributions of time in 2022.







**Kirsten Wilson**  
*Jack Cewe*



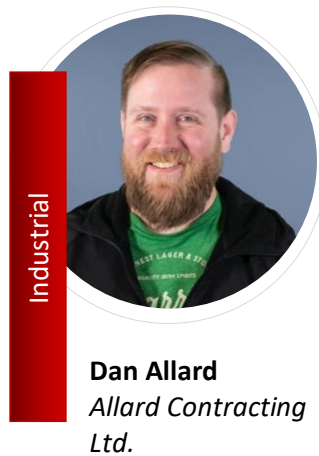
**Tony Matahija**  
*North Fraser Salmon  
Assistance Project*



**Eve Gauthier**  
*Tri-City Green  
Council*



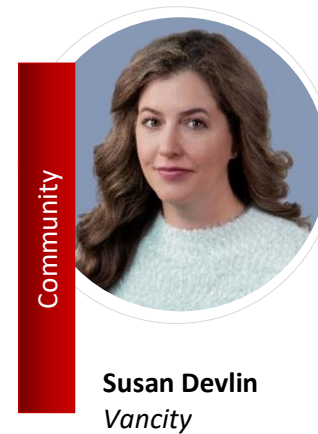
**Robbin Whachell**  
*Hoy-Scott  
Watershed Society*



**Dan Allard**  
*Allard Contracting  
Ltd.*



**Sherry Carroll**  
*ArtsConnect*



**Susan Devlin**  
*Vancity*

**Note:** For 2022 the Education seat and the Provincial Government seat remained vacant and is not represented here.



## Roundtable Representatives

The following representatives are not members of the Core Committee but provide vital services to the Roundtable. The Financial Trustee contributes a large portion of their time in-kind to attend meetings and participate in sub-committees.

Financial Trustee

**Dawn Roumieu**  
*Watershed Watch  
Salmon Society*



Social Media Support



**Kris Cu**  
*Coquitlam River  
Watershed Roundtable*

Roundtable Coordinator



**Georgia Ohm**  
*Coquitlam River  
Watershed Roundtable*

Coordination Support

**Margaret Birch**  
*Coquitlam River  
Watershed Roundtable*



Coordination Support

**Trish Hall**  
*Coquitlam River  
Watershed Roundtable*



## Subcommittees

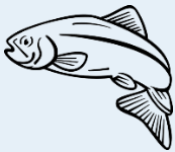


### Resilience and Capacity Building Committee

Cllr. Steve Kim, Cllr., Jesse Montgomery, Caresse Selk, Shayla Walker/Dawn Roumieu, Kirsten Wilson, Laura Dupont

### Communications Committee

Shayla Walker/Dawn Roumieu, Melissa Chaun, Shannon Wagner/Jenny Tough, Scott Walmsley



### Habitat Committee

Tony Matahlija, Isaac Nelson, Scott Walmsley, Dianne Ramage

### Development Project Committee

Melissa Chaun, Geoff Nagle, Lilian Kan, Margaret Birch



### Roundtable Public Event Planning Committees

Sherry Carroll, Roundtable Support Staff

### Stormwater Management Committee

Paul Lambert, Scott Walmsley, Eve Gauthier, Glen Joe, Melissa Chaun



### Watershed Plan Assessment Committee

Jim Allard, Eve Gauthier, Laura Dupont, Margaret Birch, Paul Lambert

### Roundtable TOR and Society Bylaws Review Task Force

Eve Gauthier, Tony Matahlija, Jim/Dan Allard, Dianne Ramage, Sherry Carroll, Caresse Selk, Kirsten Wilson, Margaret Birch



### Financial Trustee Task Group

Shayla Walker/Dawn Roumieu, Jace Harrison

### Invasive Species Project Committee

Scott Walmsley, Anne Woosnam, Sophie Mullen



### Coordinator Recruitment

Shayla Walker, Kirsten Wilson, Tony Matahlija, Dianne Ramage, Margaret Birch, Caresse Selk, Eve Gauthier, Laura Dupont

There were several changes to the membership of the Subcommittees throughout the year. Jesse Montgomery (GVWD) joined the Resilience and Capacity Building Committee as a representative of key funder Metro Vancouver. With Scott Ducharme on secondment, Isaac Nelson has stepped in as the representative from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Susan Devlin of Vancity is also on secondment, and her role has been filled by Saara Majuri.

Several updates were made to the Stewardship seats. Hoy-Scott Watershed Society, North Fraser Salmon Assistance Project, and the Tri-City Green Council are now the designated representatives for the three stewardship seats on the Roundtable.

Shayla Walker moved on from her role as Operations Director at Watershed Watch, with Dawn Roumieu stepping into the role in September 2022.

While efforts were made to seek a sector representative from the Provincial through the year, we have remained unsuccessful. The Education seat is currently open. Early in 2023, invitations to join the Roundtable will be extended to a variety of supporters and partners from educational institutions and School District 43.

## Operations



Many aspects of civic life have begun to return as the most dramatic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have begun to subside. This has allowed the CRWR to resume some in-person activities, including some in-person Core Committee and Sub-committee meetings, the first indoor Public Roundtable Event to be held since the beginning of the pandemic, as well as the resumption of several public events, such as Coquitlam's Canada Day festival. However, the pandemic resulted in many disruptions to staffing across all industries and sectors, directly and indirectly affecting schedules and availability for many people.

There have been several changes to the Core Committee and Sub-committee membership, as well as staff. Early in 2022, the previous Roundtable Coordinator left her role. Margaret Birch stepped out of retirement to assist with Coordinator duties and to assist with on-boarding a new Coordinator, Georgia Ohm, who began in April. Margaret and Georgia each worked part-time through the remainder of the year. Melissa Chaun, who was a tireless Engagement Coordinator from 2018, left this role to focus on her new employment with Tsleil-Waututh Nation. She remains a Roundtable member and continues to support the work of the Development Committee.

In September, two additional contractors were brought on board to provide a few hours of support each week. Kris Cu, a Canada Summer Jobs student, was contracted to assist with Social Media. Trish Hall offered to assist with the planning for the Roundtable's Public Event in October, as well as to support much needed technical and content updates to the CRWR website. Both Kris and Trish have provided invaluable support and will remain on-board through the beginning of 2023.



Georgia Ohm moves into her role full time in January 2023, while Margaret Birch will reduce her hours, and step back from her role following the production of this Annual Report.

## Coquitlam River Watershed Society



The *Coquitlam River Watershed Society* (CRWS) was incorporated on November 2, 2020, under the *BC Societies Act*. Concurrently at that time, a fall/winter 2020 review by a Strategy Task Force appointed by the Core Committee, reviewed and provided an updated Terms of Reference and Society Bylaws for the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable and the Society. Following an endorsement by the Core Committee December 2020, the Roundtable Terms of Reference and Society Bylaws came into effect January 2021. In accordance with the current Terms of Reference filed, these are to be reviewed annually by a volunteer task force, comprised of members of the Roundtable, to review and recommend amendments to the Core Committee.

The Coordinator has maintained the CRWS, providing regular updates to Society Directors, amending, and posting material, and ensuring comprehensive insurance is in place. The Roundtable's Annual Public Event, held on October 23, 2022, met the requirement for an AGM as specified in the *BC Societies Act*. The Coordinator provided the date of the meeting to the BC Societies Registry. No minutes were required, though meeting notes were prepared and circulated to the greater Roundtable.

A Task Force Committee was convened in Fall 2022 to meet the requirement for an annual review of Society Bylaws and Roundtable Terms of Reference.

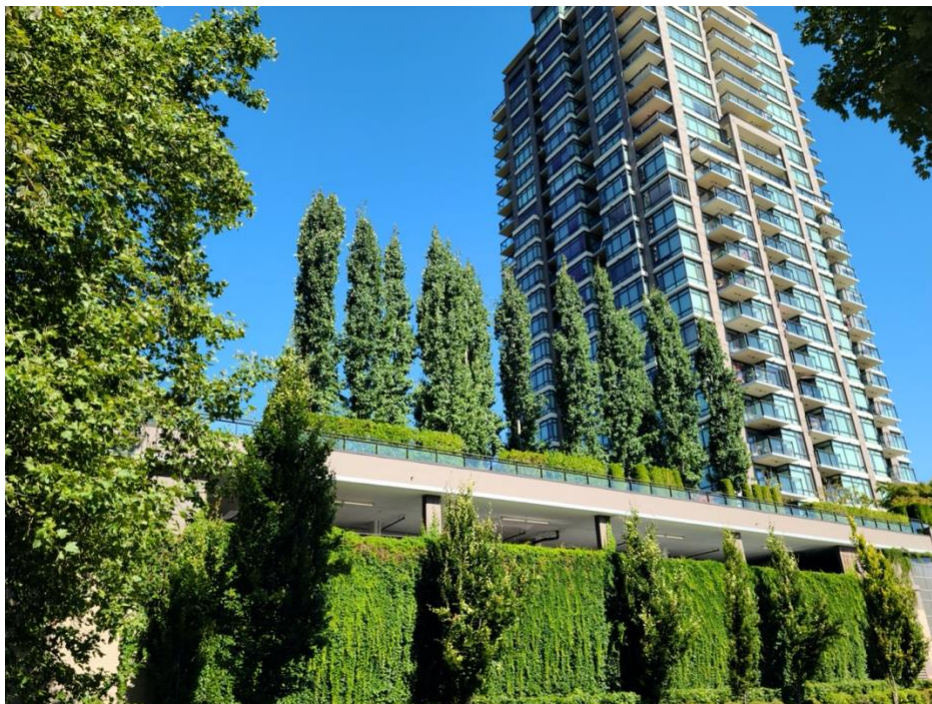
A scope of work was prepared and circulated to the Resilience and Capacity Building Committee, and the members who volunteered to serve on the Task Force and finalized in September 2022.

On November 23, 2022, The Task Force Committee began their work to review the Roundtable Terms of Reference and Society Bylaws, as amended, January 2021, and provide recommendations for consideration to the Roundtable Core Committee and Society Directors. Their work will continue through the New Year, with a final report provided to the Core Committee in March 2023.

## Projects and Public Outreach

The COVID-19 pandemic has created staffing shortages for industries world-wide. The Roundtable is pleased to report that it has been able to maintain implementation of its [Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan](#) strategies, however progress on some projects has slowed due to staffing availability of some of our partner organizations.

### Development



The Development Committee formed in 2018, in recognition that Development is the top-rated pressure in the Coquitlam River Watershed and affects the highest number of ecosystem and community components in the Watershed. Previous research and reports that the Committee commissioned including a paper titled *“The Effects of Urban Development on Watersheds, and Low Impact Development Strategies”*. This paper was finalized in 2021.



In summer 2022 a new research study to identify LID techniques and related building codes, bylaws, policies, and regulations that pertain to their implementation was contracted to researchers at UBC's Centre for Law and the Environment. Dr. Stepan Wood, and his student Paul Johnson researched several documents provided by the Development Committee, as well as other publicly available documents.

- Their report is currently in draft.
- Input received from municipal planning staff at the cities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam is currently being integrated into the report, and a Draft is expected early in 2023.
- Once the report has been finalized and reviewed by the Development Committee, Roundtable Representatives, and Municipal staff, it will be published and available to the Public.

## Stormwater Management



Stormwater is another high-rated pressure in the watershed that is associated with the introduction of foreign or excess material into hydrologic systems due to surface water loading and runoff from the built environment. With increased frequency and intensity of Climate Change related storms, flooding and associated erosion increase damage to riparian areas and streambeds.

Stressors to the watershed ecosystem may include toxins (from vehicles, pavement, roofs, etc.), fertilizers and refuse (plastics, etc.). These stressors can result in degraded water quality, altered hydrological dynamics, increased nutrient loading, and consequently, compromised human, aquatic/riparian species, and habitat health.

Since 80% of the land in the Coquitlam River Watershed is privately owned, there is significant potential for stormwater reductions through retention and diversion on private property. The demonstration Rain

Garden installed in 2021 is meant to encourage private property owners to take steps on their land to reduce stormwater runoff.

The Rain Garden has been maintained and cared for with the help of the Parks staff from the City of Port Coquitlam. Over the summer of 2022, City crews made weekly visits to ensure that saplings and young plants in the rain garden were watered. The Stormwater committee continues to work with Port Coquitlam staff to establish a nearby water source and on-site equipment for watering. Volunteer support will be sought to keep the rain garden watered and maintained through summer 2023.

With content assembled by the Stormwater Committee, a temporary sign was developed by the Roundtable. The City of Port Coquitlam contributed in-kind labour to print and install the sign on the fieldhouse adjacent to the rain garden. Plans and a budget for the development of an interpretive mural for the rain garden remain in place. This project will be re-visited in 2023.

A salmon sculpture has been installed at one corner of the rain garden. The sculpture was cast as a memorial to Norm Fletcher, a valued member of the Roundtable who passed away in 2021. Norm Fletcher is also recognized on current rain garden signage. A plan to install an official plaque in the rain garden area is proposed for a future date.



The cement sculpture was cast with in-kind labour and materials donated by Fisheries and Oceans staff. Thanks to the City of Port Coquitlam staff to provide the workspace for the project to be completed and installed.

The placement of the salmon sculpture is intended to communicate the interconnection between salmon habitat, and efforts to mitigate stormwater runoff.



## Anti-Littering and Dumping

Litter and illegal dumping along waterways put pressure on the health of the watershed by introducing contaminants to waterways. Conflict with wildlife also increases as animals are attracted to eat garbage. Wildlife may suffer from the health impacts of consuming garbage or be trapped and in some cases killed when they enter human communities. The Roundtable participated in several clean-up events.



Chandos Construction expressed interest in once again working with the Roundtable on a fall clean-up event. Web of Life, led by community member Carl Ronka, assisted the Coordinator with planning and support during the clean-up event, which was held on September 29, 2022. In total, 18 volunteers participated, removing approximately 30m<sup>3</sup> of waste from the east side of the Coquitlam River north of the Red Bridge. City of Port Coquitlam supported with waste collection and removal, as well as some equipment.

Canada Summer Jobs student Kris Cu created a short video titled “the Locals of Maple Creek”, as part of a collection of videos shot over the summer 2022. “The Locals of Maple Creek”, featured Maple Creek Streamkeeper Sandy Budd, and highlighted the impact of litter and dumping on the wildlife that relies on the Maple Creek corridor for habitat.

Litter collected during a 2021 clean-up event was used by artists Dolores Altin and Elvira Monteverde to create a public litter art piece entitled “Mutant Fish Art”. The temporary public art was installed with signage in Gates Park in March 2022 with support the City of Port Coquitlam staff. In October 2022, the installation was removed with in-kind assistance and equipment from Jack Cewe Construction Ltd.

The City of Port Coquitlam once again hosted Rivers and Trails Festival Day at Lions Park. The Roundtable participated with a booth providing educational information and clean-up equipment to members of the public. Twelve people signed up to remove trash from along the shore of the Coquitlam River. Approximately 8m<sup>3</sup> of trash was removed on the day of the event.

## Invasive Species

Invasive species are identified as a high pressure affecting Watershed Health. Many non-native and invasive plants have more shallow root systems, which can lead to greater bank and shoreline instability. Through increased erosion, the amount of sediment and pollutants carried into our waterways also increases, leading to poorer water quality. Other plants simply out-compete other species that can be beneficial to wildlife and the ecosystem.



As part of the Watershed's plan to address this pressure through communication, Canada Summer Jobs student, Kris Cu, created a video titled "The Good and the Bad Batch", an educational video that focused on several invasive plants, and suggested tips for identification and removal. Leveraging coordinated networks, several organizations contributed information and interviews this videos and other short videos on invasive species. Resources, information, and interviews on invasive species were provided by partner organizations, including the Invasive Species Council of BC, Marvin Rosenau from the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program at BCIT, and Julie Kanya from City of Coquitlam, and other members of her team in the Department of Urban Forestry.

During public events such as Canada Day and Salmon Come Home, the Roundtable booth offered activities and educational resources on Invasive and Native Plant species identification.

## Watershed Plan Assessment

The Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan (LCRWP) was developed in 2015 through the coordinated efforts of over 60 municipal, provincial, regional, federal and First Nations governments aggregate industry, arts and culture, education, outdoor recreation, real estate development sectors and

stewardship groups. Over the seven years since it's development, the Plan has provided a guiding vision that:

- Addresses a comprehensive and integrated scope of issues;
- Recognizes the important linkages between ecological health and human well-being;
- Identifies measurable and achievable goals;
- Complements other studies and fill information gaps;
- Involves the community;
- Helps track improvement in watershed health; and
- Remains feasible in cost.

Despite the significant advances in implementing the Plan, the Roundtable's capacity to reliably measure progress toward desired outcomes remains limited.



To develop this capacity, Masters student, Chris Monaghan was hired with funding from the Government of Canada through Canada Summer Jobs. Chris' research included a review the 2015 LCRWP to reconsider how the Roundtable is assessing our progress in implementing the Plan. In addition to the Report that he produced, Chris Monaghan provided a video executive summary of the report, which has been shared with the Core Committee. The Watershed Plan Assessment Committee received the Report and Summary video during the fall, and highlights of the work and summary videos were presented to the Core Committee during December. Implementation of the findings of the Report will be considered in work plans for 2023.



## Roundtable Community Event

As part of our Society requirements to hold an AGM, and to engage with and seek feedback from the public, the Roundtable held a Community Event on October 20, 2022, titled *What's Up in Our Watershed? Advancing our Vision for a Healthy Future!* 32 participants attended, including 17 Core Committee members and 15 community members.



The Meeting featured presentations from the Roundtable Coordinators, including a slideshow presentation of Roundtable activities in 2022, acknowledgement of our funders, and a screening one of the short video, *"The Locals of Maple Creek"*.

A short survey was completed by most participants that provided positive feedback on the topics and the reports circulated, and comments on the refreshments, venue, and meeting format. The majority heard about the event through word of mouth, Core Committee members and e-mail, a few from Facebook, no one via local news and online media.

- It was recommended we engage more youth and students to help with the event.
- In the future we may want to plan on some breakout sessions, but this wasn't one of the things that the polls had indicated participants wanted.
- Some members have suggested the next community Roundtable Event be held in springtime when it's lighter out better weather. The September-October months is a busy time for Roundtable watershed activities and outreach.
- A springtime event would allow for an outdoor component.

Minutes of the event are available on our website and here: [Click here to access meeting minutes](#)



## Meetings and Presentations

As a collaborative governance organization, meetings and presentations are a key component of the success of the Roundtable. As the pandemic recedes, there remain mixed feelings with regarding meetings held in-person or via zoom. While there is acknowledged value to holding in-person meetings, some participants remain hesitant to resume in-person meetings to the extent that they occurred prior to the pandemic. An approach has been struck to hold some meetings in person, with the majority on zoom. This approach has also resulted in reduced expenditures associated with in-person meetings, compared to previous years.

While the Roundtable Event provided an opportunity to connect with partner organizations and share our work, presentations to other organizations did not occur in 2022. This is an area for renewed effort in 2023.

**Water Use** Who can see your viewing activity? X

**COQMON-7 Fish Productivity Index**

- Objective: compare anadromous fish production under two experimental flow treatments
- Monitor adult escapement, redd counts, and juveniles
  - Steelhead, Coho, Chum and Pink salmon
  - Sockeye outmigration data collected to inform KSRP
- Annual field work
  - Steelhead redd counts February to June
  - Smolt enumeration (RST) March to June
  - Juvenile counts (night snorkel) September
  - Spawner surveys September to January
- Annual reporting shared at Coquitlam Monitoring Committee fall meeting

Rotary screw trap, Coquitlam River

Presentations from Community Partners to the Core Committee during meetings included:

- City of Coquitlam Community Planning
- BCIT Fish and Wildlife
- BC Hydro Monitoring Update
- City of Port Coquitlam Climate Plan Update

On May 3, 2022, a meet and greet was held between Roundtable Coordinators and Kwikwetlem Councillor Chaffee and staff. During the meeting Roundtable Coordinators provided an update on the Raingarden project, clarified roles of staff members, and sought guidance on priorities to apply funds contributed by Kwikwetlem First Nation.

Letters of Support were provided to the City of Coquitlam and Kwikwetlem First Nation to assist them in their ability to access recognition for the environmental achievements and funding opportunities, as their work aligns with our mission and vision for a healthy watershed.

## Core Committee and Subcommittee Meetings

The Core Committee met for five two to three-hour meetings in the months of January, April, June, September, and December. These meetings discussed projects and conditions in the Watershed relevant to the LCRWP, funding agreement renewals, budgeting issues, project updates, outreach campaigns and issues of watershed health.

## Subcommittee Meetings

Subcommittees include standing committees for

- Resilience and Capacity Building Committee
- Communications Committee
- Habitat Committee

ad hoc project committees for

- Coordinator Recruitment Committee
- Development Project Committee
- Roundtable Community Event Planning Committee
- Stormwater Management Committee
- Invasive Species Project Committee
- Roundtable Terms of Reference and Society Bylaws Task Force

The Resilience and Capacity Building committee met three times to discuss funding agreement renewals and strategies for increasing Roundtable capacity and contracting staff, business plans, prioritizing strategies.

The Communications committee met twice to discuss communications strategies and publications, social media, and Canada Summer Jobs video projects.

Given changes to the Committee membership this year, and Scott Ducharme's secondment, the Habitat Committee did not meet. However, matters concerning fish or wildlife habitat were addressed with the context of core committee meetings, or at times over email.

The Roundtable Public Event Planning committee was comprised of support staff including Margaret Birch, Georgia Ohm, Kris Cu, and Trish Hall. CC member Sherry Carroll also sat on this committee to assist with the planning of the Roundtable Public event. The Committee met four times over September and October 2022.

The Development project committee met twice to discuss the UBC's Centre for Law and the Environment department, who is assisting with writing the assessment of codes, regulations, policies, and bylaws.

The Stormwater committee met three times during the year to discuss maintenance and additions to complete the Raingarden.

The Coordinator Recruitment Committee met once and communicated electronically between February to April to recruit a new Roundtable Coordinator.

The Roundtable TOR and Society Bylaws Task Force met twice to discuss the nature of the relationship between the Roundtable and the Society and consider updates to the Terms of Reference and Bylaws. A report with recommendations from the Task Force will be presented to the Core Committee in Spring 2023. Updates will be voted on by the Roundtable membership.

## Social Media and Website

The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable maintains a website at [www.coquitlamriverwatershed.ca](http://www.coquitlamriverwatershed.ca) to provide details about watershed history, the Roundtable and Core Committee, event and media promotions and contacts. Over the year, the site was modified to feature the Roundtable's growing library of videos. This year, significant efforts have begun to update website content, remove any broken links, and ensure accuracy of information. Much progress in updating content has been achieved, however, late in the year, a malware issue arose with the website, required significant effort from coordinators and support staff, as well as website support from New Earth Marketing. As a result of repairs, the website appearance has altered, and while functional, additional effort will be required in 2023 to restore its appearance.

Possibly as a result of technical issues, website analytics show a slight decline in users from 2021 to 2022. This year, 6,916 users visited the site, down from 7,553 with some spikes in traffic in May and December.



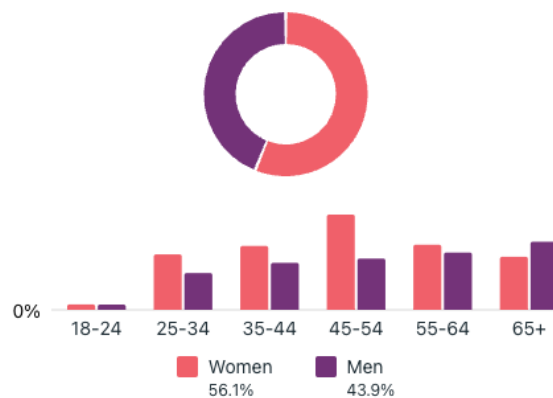
## Social Media

- Some shifts in social media use were noted over 2021 – 2022.
- Facebook likes increased from 816 at the end of 2021 to 919 by the end of 2022.
- In keeping with trends established in 2021, Instagram showed significant growth, with followers increasing from 591 in 2021 to 673 in 2022.
- For Facebook: trend towards an older demographic > 45 years old and has videos for the most popular posts.
- For Instagram: average around 25-35 years old and has reels for the most popular posts.

Facebook Page likes ⓘ

919

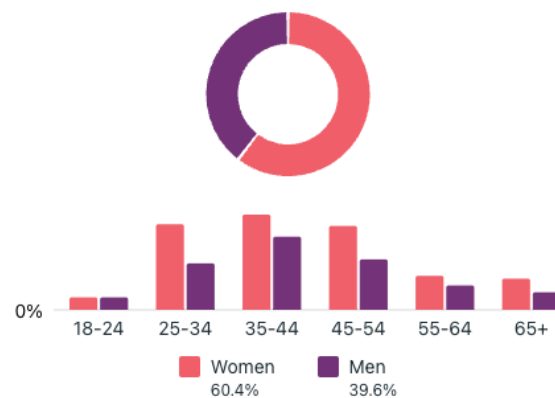
Age & gender ⓘ



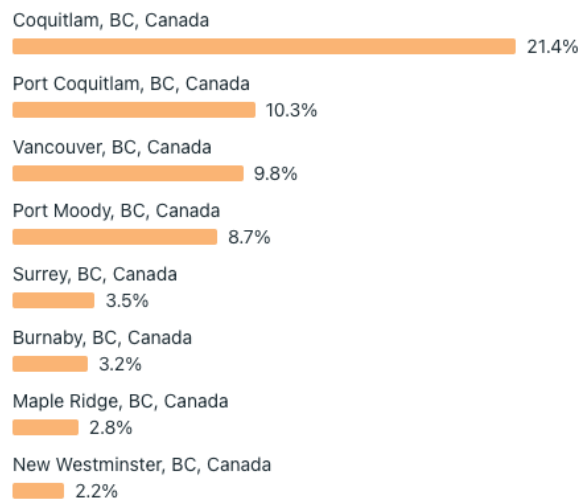
Instagram followers ⓘ

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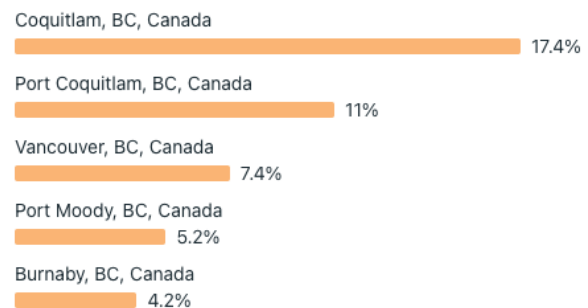
Age & gender ⓘ



Top cities



Top cities



## Print Communications



Regular publications are intended to keep the community apprised of the Roundtable’s activities and provide an avenue for open dialogue and feedback. This year, two (summer and fall) Backgrounders and a Fall Lower Coquitlam Watershed Plan Implementation Update were produced.

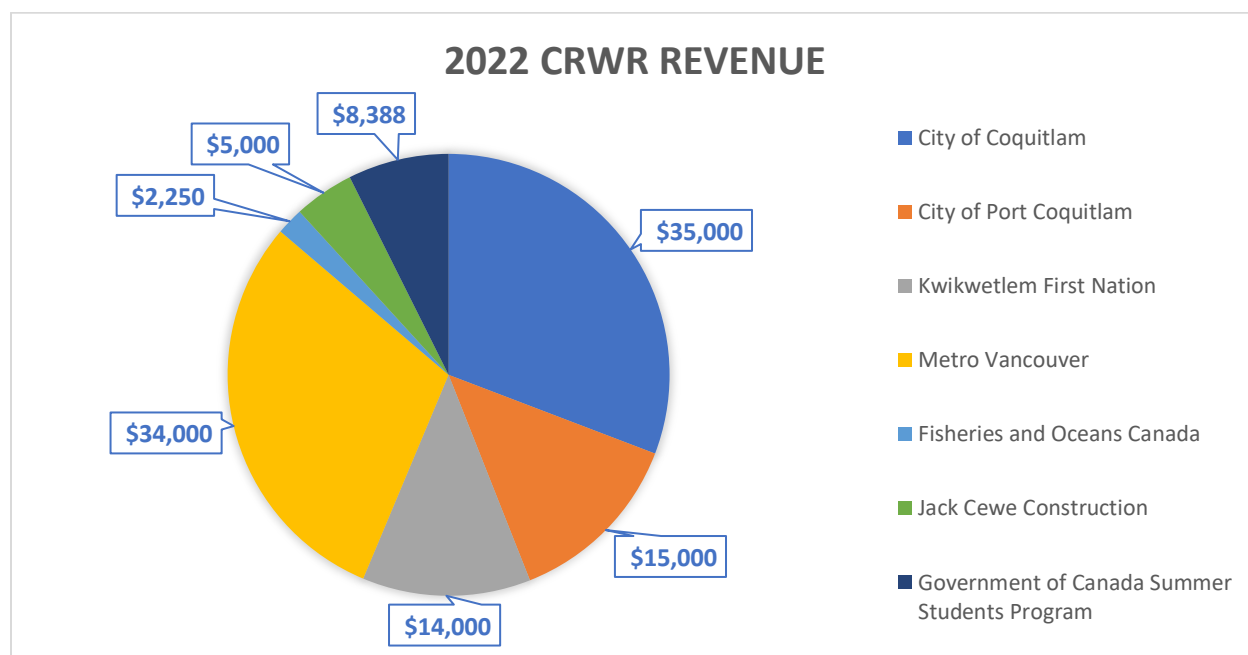
## In-kind Contributions

The Roundtable’s success relies heavily on the generous contributions of time, staff resources and venue, event and refreshment supplies. In-kind contributions were valued at an incredible **\$16,969.50** including **682.50 hours** of time.

## Financials

### Revenues

In 2022, the Roundtable received \$113,638.



2022 saw several financial accomplishments. In 2022 a number of significant multi-year funding agreements were put in place. These agreements, lasting until 2026 include funding partners:

- City of Coquitlam
- Kwikwetlem First Nation
- Greater Vancouver Water District (Metro Vancouver)

Stable funding will allow the Roundtable to pursue projects and initiatives that are valuable, but which may not be eligible for additional outside funding.

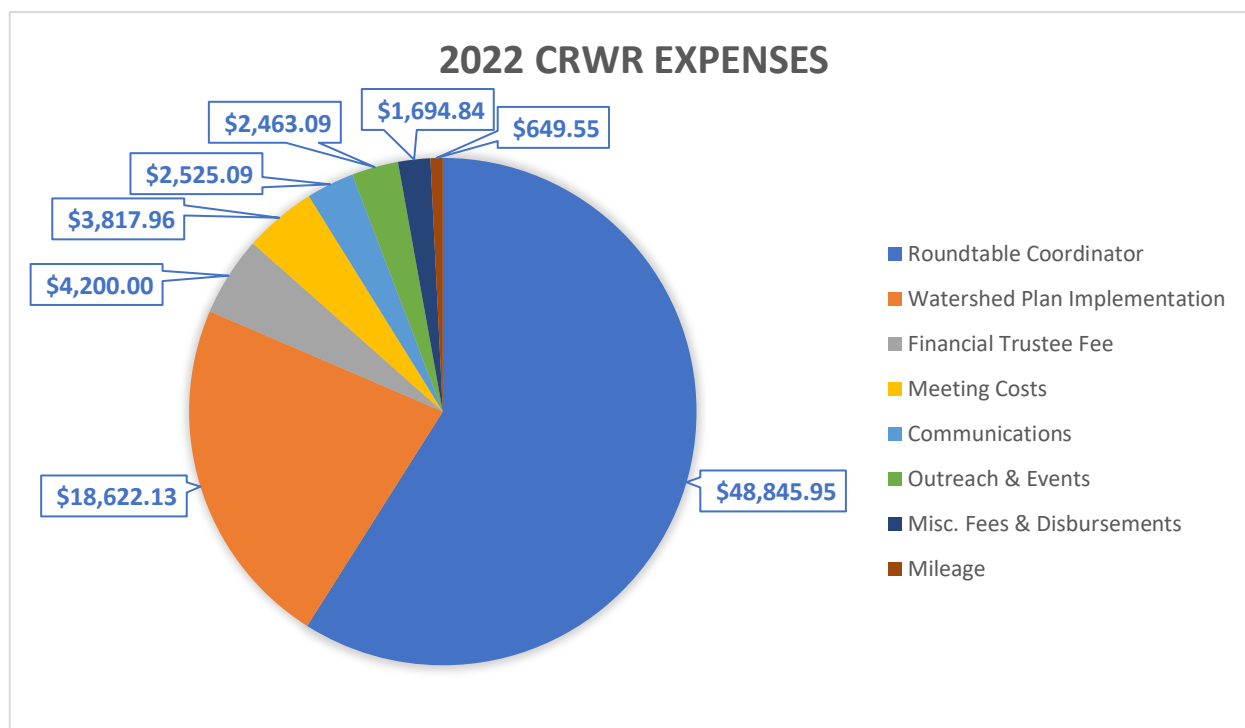
In addition to multi-year agreements, donations from other funders, such as City of Coquitlam, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Jack Cewe Construction Ltd. Ensure that the Roundtable is on solid financial footing moving forward.

Since 2020, \$10,000 has been contributed annually to a contingency fund. The fund now has a balance of \$30,000.

During this year, a revised the Financial Trustee Agreement was discussed with Watershed Watch. Discussions began in 2022, and a signed agreement finalized in early 2023. Watershed Watch has provided assurance of continued willingness to support the Roundtable through acting as our Financial Trustee.

## Expenditures

In 2022, the Roundtable's cash expenditures totaled **\$82,818.61**. When combined with in-kind contributions of **16,969.50**, the organization's operating costs totaled **\$99,788.11**.



At \$48,845 Salaries for Roundtable Coordination, divided this year largely between two part-time positions, as well as part-time Roundtable support for website and social media capabilities, are the most significant expense.

This amount is followed closely by Watershed Plan Implementation, which includes fees paid to researchers, honoraria, and equipment, transportation and other expenses associated with project work.

The Roundtable spent \$82,818.61 of the \$113,638.00 funding that was contributed in 2022. This left a remaining \$10,000 annual contribution to the Roundtable's contingency fund. \$21,660.50 was carried-over from 2022 - 2023. The amount carried over from 2021 – 2022 was \$23,220.66. With some contributions arriving late in the year, the carry-over is not unexpected. With stable, multi-year funding in place, it is expected that the amount of carry-over will decrease from 2023-2024.

## Year in Review

In 2022 the Roundtable met several challenges and emerged with renewed capacity. Having weathered the most dramatic upheavals presented by the pandemic, the Roundtable continues to demonstrate its ability to engage effectively with its community partners and funders. Through collaboration, education, and advisory action, we have continued to advance the Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan and support the priorities of our partner organizations. With multi-year funding in place, the Roundtable can move forward with greater security to implement long-term projects.

The transition to a new coordinator this year was facilitated with the energetic support and dedication of the several Roundtable members, most notably, Margaret Birch, who came out of retirement to on-board Georgia Ohm as the Roundtable's new full-time Coordinator. With continued part-time support for website updates and social media from the Roundtable Representatives, there is sustainable capacity to complete projects of 2022, and advance further in implementing the Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan.

## Moving Forward

On February 1, 2023, a Strategic Planning session was convened to take stock of recent successes and challenges in implementing our Mission and set our approach and priorities for 2023. At the time of publishing this report, work planning for 2023 is still in progress. However, during recent meetings, several themes emerged, and we anticipate that in 2023 efforts will be made to advance our Mission in several key areas.

At the Strategic Planning session, a top priority was identified to enhance the Roundtable's relationship with Kwikwetlem First Nation. Discussions recognized that members and staff from the KFN have many demands on their time, resources, and capacities. In 2023, The Roundtable Coordinator will reach out to KFN partners to discuss how to enhance our relationship while respecting limits to the time, capacity, and resources of our FN partners.

Development continues to be a key pressure on the watershed, and there was interest in continuing to explore its effects on the watershed and wildlife.

Collaboration was noted as one of the Roundtable's strengths: the Roundtable has the ability to foster constructive, respectful dialogue across divergent perspectives. In 2023, we will continue to leverage this strength while broadening the community organizations and sectors that we engage with.

Advisory action was identified as another area where the Roundtable has credibility and contributes value. In 2023, we will work to align research with the priorities of partner organizations, and to communicate and share the research that is undertaken by the Roundtable.

While there is recognition that our education and outreach activities are valuable tools in achieving the goals laid out in the LCRWP, The Roundtable is currently without an Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, and there have been calls to recruit for such a role.

On-going and operational work will comprise a large proportion of Coordinator time and effort through 2023. Bringing projects such as the Rain Garden, the Low Impact Development (LIDS) research project, and website updates, to successful completion were identified by our membership as high priority items.

With a clear direction provided by community Roundtable members, the CRWR will continue to advance its Lower Coquitlam River Watershed Plan.

The Roundtable would like to express its deepest gratitude to all partners, volunteers, and contributors for their ongoing support. The diversity of our partners across multiple sectors provides a solid foundation for the Roundtable. We look forward to working with all our partners and supporters for years to come.

