

Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 213, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC.

PRESENT Marlene Caskey, Chair, Ministry of Environment
Director Lori Iannidinardo, Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay
Heather Dunn, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Tracy Fleming, Cowichan Tribes
Ken Horton, Project Engineer, Municipality of North Cowichan

CVRD STAFF Ann Kjerulf, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department
Mike Tippet, Manager, Planning & Development Department
Jessica Lendrum, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A-1 It was moved and seconded that the agenda, as presented, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M-1 It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting of September 20, 2012, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

B1 – Private Dock Application by Hylton McAlister Verbal report from Marlene Caskey, Chair, regarding the private dock application by Hylton McAlister.
Discussion took place among the Committee.

Ann Kjerulf suggested that the Committee make a motion that the Tenures Branch approve the dock application if it is in compliance with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans best practices.

B2 – DFO update The Chair reported on the email from Department of Fisheries and Oceans, regarding Hylton McAlister's dock and the enforcement issues at the Marina.
Discussion took place among the Committee.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 - Public Delegations Ken Horton, Project Engineer, Engineering Department, Municipality of North Cowichan, reviewed the CEEMC Plan and pointed out the Plans requirement for public input. He stated that along with writing and emailing, delegations and public attendance at CEEMC meetings does fulfil the public input

requirement.

The Chair indicated the following points were important regarding delegations at CEEMC meetings:

- Public notice of meetings be placed on the bulletin board outside the office;
- notice of the meeting placed on the website;
- one must apply as a delegation before the meeting;
- maximum of two delegations per meeting; and
- maximum ten minutes per delegation.

NB2 - Marine Industrial Designation and Log Handling Tenures

Ken Horton reported on the concern of damage to the Estuary bottoms and the importance of moving the leases out into deeper water where logs would not ground out.

Discussion took place among the Committee.

NB3 - Gun Cartridges

Director Iannidinardo discussed the problem with shot gun cartridges and styrofoam in the Estuary.

The Committee suggested awareness strategies and public outreach by approaching:

- Ducks Unlimited
- Cowichan Fish and Games Association
- Cowichan Land Trust as an Outreach Project
- Cowichan Community Land Trust
- Gun Club
- Putting up appropriate signage

NB4 - Pier 67 – Parking Area Expansion onto Foreshore

Ann Kjerulf communicated with Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), and reported that there appears to be infilling above the high water mark which would require DFO authorization.

Ann will be communicating with DFO to determine the final course of action.

NB5 – MoTi Storm Drain Clean Outs

Verbal report by Director Iannidinardo regarding storm drain clean outs at the Mast Head Restaurant. Quality control checks for maintenance of the Estuary and waterways need to be done. Director Iannidinardo will work together with the Engineering Department to achieve this.

NB6 - WFP

Verbal review from the Chair regarding WFP and the need to conduct a study to address the issue of log grounding.

The Chair suggested WFP be put on the next agenda.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2013, at 10:00 am in the Nanaimo Office.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary