

Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in Lands Department Building, Cowichan Tribes, Duncan, BC

**PRESENT:**

Chair Marlene Caskey, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
Grant Bracher, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
Heather Dunn, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
Tracy Fleming, Cowichan Tribes  
Burnett Laliberte, Cowichan Tribes  
Mike Tippett, Cowichan Valley Regional District  
Ann Kjerulf, Cowichan Valley Regional District  
Lori Iannidinardo, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Cowichan Bay Director

**OTHER:**

Laura Gale, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Recording Secretary  
Kerynne Bain, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Recording Secretary-VIU Student  
Andrew Cornell, Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Derek Haupt, Western Forest Products  
Mackenzie Leine, Western Forest Products

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**The Chair noted changes to the agenda which included adding three items of New Business.**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda as amended be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**M1**

**It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting of April 18, 2013, be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

**REPORTS**

**R1 - WFP Dredging**

Derek Haupt (Operations Supervisor) and Mackenzie Leine (Communications) from Western Forest Products (WFP) were present to answer questions from the Committee. Derek updated the Committee on the planned dredging scheduled for June 19 - 28, and if needed July 17 - 25. Aqua Terra and Cowichan Tribes will be onsite during this process.

Tracy Fleming from Cowichan Tribes read a letter that would be going out to WFP regarding reducing dredging in the future.

**R2 - Hylton  
McAllister's Dock**

The Committee reviewed the application from September 2012, by Hylton McAllister. Tracy Fleming read a letter from Bonita Wallace, Ministry of Forests, Land & Natural Resource Operations to the Cowichan Tribes regarding Hylton's dock.

**Action:**

**Grant Bracher will make a recommendation to Mr. McAllister explicitly outlining environmental requirements; and specifying the depth of the dock and to not use styrofoam.**

**Marlene Caskey will send an email to Ms. Wallace on behalf of the Committee regarding conditions that the Committee feels important for this application to proceed.**

**R3 - Tankers**

Lori Iannidinardo expressed concerns from the community regarding the amount of tankers that had been in the Bay. They have since moved out. Kevin Obermeyer, President of the Pacific Pilotage Authority offered to partner with the CVRD to put Air Quality Monitors in the Bay.

**R4 - Foreshore 99 Year Leases.**

No records of Foreshore leases on the far side of Cowichan Bay (Khenipsen Road) have been found.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 - DFO Small Craft Harbours**

Andrew Cornell, from Small Craft Harbours, a Division at Fisheries and Oceans, has a project concept for the Fisherman's Wharf in Cowichan Bay which is under proposal for being developed. The mandate for this is to support commercial fishermen by making the offloading and loading a safe working space for the fish boats and to support economic development of commercial fishing.

**NB2 - DFO Participation on the Committee**

Marlene Caskey read an email from Bruce Runicman, (DFO), to the Committee regarding DFO restructuring and reducing the amount of committees that it sits on.

**Action:**

**Ann Kjerulf will prepare a letter for Marlene's signature to be sent to DFO asking for continued participation from them on the Committee.**

**Marlene Caskey will send Ken Horton a letter asking if he could appoint someone else to be on the Committee in his absence.**

**NB3 - Latest Correspondence from CERCA**

A letter from Cowichan Estuary Restoration Community Association (CERCA) regarding log boom grounding was read to the Committee. The Letter was not distributed.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 10, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in Nanaimo/Tribes (TBA)

**It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Recording Secretary