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## NATURE AND HABITAT FUND

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES

Thursday, February 28, 2013,      Youbou Community Hall

Present: Director Pat Weaver, Floyd Augustine, George DeLure, Lorne Scheffer, Pat Foster  
Also present: Members of the public

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. **Agenda:** Moved: Lorne Scheffer    Seconded: Pat Foster that the agenda be approved.  
Carried

2. Elections: Chair as appointed by CVRD: Pat Weaver  
Vice-Chair: Floyd Augustine  
Secretary: Pat Foster

3. Director Weaver read the appropriate portions of the By Law for the information of those present.

Director Weaver stated that a fund had been established a few years ago in the amount of \$20,000. It had grown to \$23,000 with the interest collected.

Director Weaver shared the issue for the Committee to decide and recommend to the CVRD. The mud and dust issues from the traffic coming from the West of Youbou on the gravel road affecting the townspeople of Youbou causing a cleanliness issue, hazardous due to slippery conditions on Youbou's main road, deitrous flowing into the lake.

Brooke Hodson presented a video of the affect the mud on Youbou Road and the resulting run-off into the lake.

3. R1    The Secretary read the proposal from TimberWest proposing a closed loop truck wash station 2 miles west of Youbou. This includes clearing the site, site prep, paving and ballasting. A well will be installed to supply water and power will also be run to the site.

Capital costs are \$100,000. TimberWest will bear the majority of the capital costs including supplying the land and the ongoing maintenance costs.

Director Weaver reported that they felt it was important for the community to pay a small portion of the costs.

The Truck Wash could be installed in 6 weeks.

George DeLure read out the questions he had prepared.

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Comments from the public were accepted by the committee.

Lorne Scheffer asked for a show of hands from those in attendance if they would like the Truck Wash Station installed. The majority of townspeople raised their hands.

Questions raised will be forwarded to TimberWest for clarification and the committee will meet again to make a recommendation to the CVRD Board.

Moved: Lorne Scheffer                      Seconded: George DeLure that this committee meet with TimberWest and appropriate staff from the CVRD as soon as possible.

Carried

Negotiations will take place between TimberWest and the committee re the funds in the Nature and Habitat Fund.

It was stated that it was important for a minimum 10 year commitment from TimberWest re the Truck Wash Station.

R2 Gerald Thom presented the proposal from the Cowichan Lake & River Stewardship Society. They are asking for \$10,000 to present courses on Riparian Area Restoration, Best Practices for Lakeshore Development, Lake Studies Course and Lake shore Riparian Restoration Program demonstration Site. The work done would be for the Youbou/Meade Creek Area only.

A decision will be part of the agenda at the next committee meeting.

Moved: Lorne Scheffer                      Seconded: George DeLure that the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Highways re their responsibility to the Cowichan Lake Area.

Carried.

Moved: Lorne Scheffer                      Seconded: Pat Foster that the meeting adjourn.