

Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable

City of Nanaimo Public Works Meeting Room, 2020 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo.

June 7th, 2017 – 1:00 pm

Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Gail Adrienne (NALT), Erica Blake (DFO), David Bramley (Harmac), Paul Chapman (NALT), Bob Colclough (WRC & Assoc), Ken Epps (IT), Molly Hudson (TW), Bob Kissinger (IWFF), Julie Pisani (RDN), June Ross (VIWW), Bill Sims (CoN), Dave Stewart (CoN), Marjorie Stewart (community), Lauren Van Achen (CoN)

1) Approval of Agenda – approved as amended to include Budget Cuts to the Salmon Enhancement Program under New Business.

2) Review of Notes from Last Meeting, March 14th, 2017 – approved as circulated.

3) Business Arising from Notes

- **Committee Updates:**

- i. **Communications Committee – Bob Colclough**

- The meeting notes and agendas are uploaded to the [website](#) after they are approved.

- Bob has also added photos from the May watershed tour.

- ACTION:** June will send additional images for the website.

- There are now links to some of the Roundtable participants on the website.

- ACTION:** Paul will send a notice to participants encouraging them to send organization links for inclusion on website.

- ii. **Budget Committee – Gail Adrienne**

- Of the \$2,192 in the Roundtable account as of May 31, 2017, \$1,491 is allocated by donor intent for things other than Roundtable administration. The outstanding admin fee is \$2,000. Funds available for NRWR admin are \$-1299.

- 1. **Admin/Structure**

- There were general discussions about other ways to provide NRWR admin as NALT may soon have to reallocate most of its resources dedicated to the Roundtable (financial and personnel) to other activities. Concerns were expressed about the Roundtable maintaining its independence and approachability.

- Two possibilities were discussed, either the admin function being taken on by the VIU MCIP or under the auspices of the RDN DWWP.

- Participants are encouraged to consider these and other possibilities for discussion.

- ACTION:** Gail to contact Pam Shaw at VIU re: possible admin role.

- ACTION:** Roundtable participants are asked to think about these and other models and prepare one sentence ideas for the next meeting.

iii. Education and Awareness Committee – Paul Chapman

1. Rivers Day Watershed Tours

-Paul reported that Deryck Cowling is reprising his role coordinating watershed tours for Rivers Day.

- **Situation Map – Julie Pisani**

-Julie presented another draft of the situation map showing some of the rights holders and stakeholders relationship to the watershed and each other.

-This is a 'living document', participant feedback is sought to identify any gaps in the mapping with the hope that this may someday be linked via the website.

ACTION: Julie will add suggested additions edits and bring back to the next meeting of the Roundtable.

- **May Watershed Tour – Bill Sims**

-Participants on the tour expressed their thanks to the CoN, IT, RDN and TW partners in the tour.

-Participants will include trip reports in their social media if appropriate.

- **Data Gaps from Baseline Report – June Ross et al**

-June presented the data gap document and asked for participant support in addressing areas identified.

-Julie presented the data gaps in a spread sheet identifying the areas of interest and breaking out the risks and impacts, information gaps, opportunities and recent/current action.

ACTION: Paul to circulate the spreadsheet to participants to fill in fields.

-A letter from Louise Shuker outlined her concerns with some of the proposed mapping activities described to address data gaps. There was general agreement that the letter raised some good points and that further discussion would be needed.

ACTION: Paul to circulate Louise's letter.

-The Roundtable agreed with Louise about the merits of the proposed Biodiversity for Small Property workshops.

-There was general agreement that the Roundtable needs to prioritize which activities it would undertake to address data gaps. Some tools to assist with this prioritization were suggested such as the DFO risk assessment template.

4) New Business

- **Governance – Treasurer, need for funding – June Ross**

-Tabled awaiting direction on NRWR admin.

- **Budget cuts to the Salmon Enhancement Program**

-There was a discussion about concerns arising from cuts to the Salmon Enhancement Program. It was agreed that the habitat restoration and enhancement work, educational programs and community connections to watersheds supported by this program are vital.

-The cost to DFO seems well worth it for the habitat and community outcomes achieved.

ACTION: The Roundtable will draft a letter in support of continuing funding for SEP.

5) Next Meeting – September 13th 1 – 3 pm, CUPE Boardroom 11/12 1850 Northfield Rd.

6) Adjournment: 2:50 pm