

Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable

Harmac Pacific, 1000 Wave Place Nanaimo.

March 14th, 2017 – 1:00 pm

Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Gail Adrienne (NALT), Brad Bodnar (RFT), Paul Chapman (NALT), Bob Colclough (LSA), Ken Epps (IT), Matt Kellow (VIU), Bob Kissinger (IWFF), Julie Pisani (RDN DWWP), June Ross (VIWW), Louise Shuker (community), Bill Sims (CoN), Marjorie Stewart (community), Nicolette Watson (DFO).

1) **Approval of Agenda** - approved by consensus

2) **Review of Notes from Last Meeting, January 18th, 2017** – as amended under ToR update to read: -June suggested a number of data gaps identified in the Baseline Report could form the basis for the ongoing work of the Roundtable (i.e. filling the data gaps).

3) **Prospective New Participant** – Brad Bodnar, RFT, *BB Forestry and Clean Energy Consulting*
-Brad introduced himself and was welcomed to the Roundtable as a participant.

4) **Business Arising from Notes**

- **Committee Updates:**

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

- The website has been updated with approved meeting notes, ToR and will be linked to the RDN water region website pages.

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

- Gail circulated the 2016 year-end report and the February 2016 report.

- At the end of 2016 there were \$1,491 remaining as allocated funds and \$955 unallocated.

- At the end of February the unallocated funds were unchanged while the unallocated had dropped to \$289.

- Gail mentioned that if NALT should take on an acquisition campaign, most or all of the NALT sources of funding, thus far allocated to NRWR operations, would be redirected to the campaign.

- Some participants mentioned possible funds available for NRWR operations.

- There was general discussion about the administration and structure of the Roundtable, with suggestions of possible greater involvement of VIU departments or becoming a society or a commission of an existing entity.

- ACTION:** Include Admin/Structure as an agenda item for the next NRWR meeting.

- ACTION:** Brad will ask about the structure of the Squamish River Watershed Society

- ACTION:** Gail will circulate the January 2017 financial report to all participants.

- iii. **Education and Awareness Committee – Paul Chapman**

- 1. **Rivers Day watershed Tours**

- Deryck Cowling has indicated a willingness to assist with tour planning in 2017.

- ACTION:** Paul will email the Water2Earth poster to all participants.

- A Proposed Framework for Moving Forward as the NRWR – Julie Pisani**

 - Julie introduced an adaptive framework for watershed collaboration. The framework outlined four key features to the process: trust building, skills building, consensus building and capacity building.
 - The framework included a list of proposed tasks which includes: a situation map which seeks to identify all the rights holders and stakeholders involved in the watershed and their relationships with each other in relation to the watershed; an inventory list to summarize the ~~of~~ data gaps and issues identified in the baseline report which will then be used to collaboratively come up with a strategy for filling in those gaps; and developing a collective vision for the watershed.
 - Julie lead a situation mapping exercise, for the group to come up with all the players within the watershed. A copy of the rights-holders and stake-holders situation map will be circulated to all participants to draw and describe the lines of connection between those identified on the map.
 - ACTION:** At the next meeting of the NRWR we will combine our maps into one.
 - Several participants agreed to compile the data gaps identified in various sections of the baseline report: Julie – Water Budget, Bob C – Estuary, Matt – Recreation, Nicolette – Fish and Fish Habitat and June – Vegetation and Ecosystems.
 - ACTION:** June will send a list of identified data gaps to Paul for circulation. Participants will be encouraged to take on the data gaps of a subject area.
- May Watershed Tour**

 - The date set for the Roundtable watershed tour is May 16th. Interested participants will meet at the parking lot adjacent to the beach volley ball courts at Bowen Park at 9am. The tour will last until 2 pm or later.
 - ACTION:** A detailed reminder will be circulated nearer to the event date.

5) New Business

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

 - Tabled for next meeting.
- Attendees at Roundtable – June Ross**

 - June inquired about an additional representative from VIWW attending NRWR meetings. It was generally agreed that an additional representative of the participant would be welcomed to the Roundtable.
 - ACTION:** June to identify additional VIWW Representative.
- Managing non-watercourse water – Brad Bodnar**
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 - Brad gave a presentation about managing non-watercourse water in a watershed with particular emphasis on road construction and right of way land clearing areas.
- Indigenous Water Initiatives: Achievements and Capacity Gaps – POLIS webinar**

 - There is a webinar scheduled for March 28th.

6) Next Meeting – City of Nanaimo, Public Works Meeting Room, June 7, 1 – 3 pm.

7) Adjournment: 2:50 pm