

Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable

VIU Room 444, Building 305

January 18th, 2017 – 1:00 pm

Agenda

1) Approval of Agenda

2) Review of Notes from Last Meeting, September 14th, 2016

3) Presentation: Ehren Lee, *Watershed Governance, The Cowichan Experience*

4) Business Arising from Notes

- **Committee Updates:**

- i. **Collaborative Watershed Governance Committee**

- a. **Committee Recommendation:**

- Through committee member discussions, it has become apparent that for the Nanaimo River watershed The Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable and the Roundtable Governance Committee's lack of full understanding of Snuneymuxw First Nation's role in the watershed is our most clearly defined problem. The committee suggests that further study of alternative governance models within the Nanaimo River watershed is unproductive until Snuneymuxw is actively involved on their own terms as rights holders in developing a potential alternative governance model to address management decisions in the Nanaimo River watershed.*

- Therefore, the Governance Subcommittee recommends to the Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable that the committee be suspended at this time and that further discussions be handled at the Roundtable level.*

- b. **A Proposed Framework for Moving Forward as the NRWR (Julie)**

- c. **Terms of Reference (ToR) Update**

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

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

- iv. **Education and Awareness Committee**

- **Streamkeepers Update – Gail Adrienne**

5) New Business

- **VIU Outdoor Recreation in the Watershed**
- **Other**

6) Next Meeting - Where and When?

7) Adjournment