

# Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable

Timber West Office, Port Place Mall, 201-648 Terminal Avenue.

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 1:00 pm

## DRAFT Meeting Notes

**In Attendance:** Gail Adrienne (NALT), Paul Chapman (NALT), Don Cohen (VIU), Bob Colclough (LSA), Deryck Cowling (NALT), Ken Epps (IT), Dean Gaudry (NALT), Molly Hudson (TW), Domenico Iannidinaro (TW), Bob Kissinger (IWFF), Joe Materi (Ursus Environmental), Julie Pisani (RDN), Louise Shuker (community/landowner), Bill Sims (CoN), Marjorie Stewart (community), Nicolette Watson (DFO).

**1) Approval of Agenda** – approved with addition of Coal Tenure under New Business

**2) Review of Notes from Last Meeting, June 11th, 2014** – approved

-N.B. Still awaiting Chum Management Plan Review for distribution from Dave O'Brien.

**ACTION:** Nicolette Watson to remind Dave.

**3) Business Arising from Notes**

- **Committee Updates:**

- **Communications Committee – Bob Colclough**

- Website update:**

- V3 Media Works (Jamie Penner) is working to launch the NRWR website.

- It will take about 3 weeks to design, provide information and launch the website

- [www.nanaimoriverwatershed.com](http://www.nanaimoriverwatershed.com)

- The cost is \$75 to launch and \$50/year to maintain

- Participants reminded Bob of the Coquitlam River Watershed website as the ideal; asked to consider how an online forum might work; need for timely responses to queries to maintain website relevance; and to consider an expanded list of contacts.

- **Budget Committee – Gail Adrienne**

- REW fundraising update**

- In a Facebook fundraising contest, NALT and the Roundtable garnered the most votes for the month of July. A total of \$3,000 will be donated by Real Estate Webmasters to the Roundtable, to be allocated as follows: for the NRWR website - \$1,000, Streamkeeper Workshops - \$500, and Rivers Day events - \$1,500.

**-Smilecard update**

-NALT has been approved for a new round of Thrifty Foods Smilecard funding— up to \$2,500 to be used for the NRWR website. Smilecards were distributed at the meeting and are available from NALT.

**-Participant Contributions**

-In addition to NALT contributions and in-kind contributions by participant hosts, the NRWR account has now received the following cash contributions: TimberWest \$2,000, Island Timberlands \$800, and VIU Outdoor Recreation \$250.

○ **Education and Awareness Committee – Deryck Cowling**

**-Rivers' Day planning**

-Tours planned for Rivers Day include: all day

- September 26<sup>th</sup> - Nanaimo River Watershed Tour with timber companies and City
- September 28<sup>th</sup> (Rivers Day)
- two Morden Colliery Park Tours,
- two Nanaimo Hatchery Tours,
- two guided estuary walks,
- two estuary rafting tours, and
- two Nanaimo River Regional Park tour

-Deryck is working to ensure guide(s) for estuary walk.

-Deryck, Deb Beck (City) and Dean Gaudry (NALT) will do a piece about Rivers Day for the Shaw TV *Go Island!* Program. Hopefully other media opportunities will happen.

-Guidelines for promotion of NRWR – pending.

-Need more participant involvement on the committee.

**ACTION:** Need to correct the location of Morden Park on NRWR brochure – Paul

**ACTION:** Email Rivers Day poster to NRWR participants – Paul

• **Draft letter to School District 68 –**

**Motion: to move the meeting in camera Moved: Deryck, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob. Passed.**

**In camera session ended at 2:05 pm**

**ACTION:** NRWR to draft a letter to School District 68 Education Committee introducing the Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable and educational opportunities/resources of the Roundtable available to the District.

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- **Nanaimo River Watershed Baseline Report – Paul Chapman**
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the *Nanaimo River Watershed Baseline Report – Social, Environmental and Economic Values* has been printed.
  - Copies were distributed at the meeting. Contact NALT for additional copies. Also available as a download at [http://nalt.bc.ca/web\\_documents/nanaimo\\_river\\_baseline\\_2nd\\_edition.pdf](http://nalt.bc.ca/web_documents/nanaimo_river_baseline_2nd_edition.pdf)
  - New chapters include a distilled version of the RDN Water Budget, pertaining to the Nanaimo River watershed, a Fish Habitat Survey update, and biogeoclimatic and terrestrial habitat surveys of some specific properties in the watershed.
  - Suggestion: that copies be made available for Regional Libraries and elected representatives.

#### 4) New Business

- **NALT Acquisition update – Gail Adrienne**
  - NALT has met with the RDN and it has been agreed that NALT pursue purchasing up to three Couverdon properties (Lot 11, 12 and 13) to become RDN Park.
  - NALT has also met with Couverdon and TimberWest in preliminary discussion about purchase.
  - NALT and RDN have both prioritized acquisition of lot 11 as highest, followed by lot 12 and then lot 13.
  - NALT plans to meet with VIU president Ralph Nilson and other VIU representatives to discuss mutual interest in these properties.
  - NALT is optimistic it can develop a proposal and announce an acquisition campaign before the end of 2014.
  - NALT welcomes participation and partnerships with any other Roundtable participants.
- **Spawning Day info – Paul Chapman for Brian Banks**
  - Spawning Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 am – 3 pm, is an important awareness and fund-raiser for the hatchery.
  - ACTION:** Paul to email poster to NRWR list
- **Coal Tenure in Watershed**
  - Asked by Fraser Wilson (NALT Board Director) to add to agenda. Fraser unable to attend.
  - Concerns arise from a Skyland Resources application for mineral rights in the watershed.
  - Participants have questions regarding process of consideration of tenure application, the relationship between mineral rights and landowner rights, protection of surface and ground water etc.
  - ACTION:** Bob Colclough to invite Skyland Resources and Ministry of Mines to present to a future Roundtable meeting.

5) **Next Meeting** – TimberWest office, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 pm

6) **Adjournment:** 2:40 pm