

# Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable

TimberWest, 648 Terminal Avenue, Nanaimo.

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 1:00 pm

## Meeting Notes

**In Attendance:** Gail Adrienne (NALT), Tyler Brown (RDN), Paul Chapman (NALT), Bob Colclough (LSA), Ken Epps (IT), Domenico Iannidinaro (TW), Matt Kellow (VIU), Bob Kissinger (IWFF), Wilf Luedke (DFO), Julie Pisani (RDN), June Ross (VIWW), Louise Shuker (community), Marjorie Stewart (facilitator), Nicolette Watson (DFO).

### 1) Approval of Agenda – approved as amended:

#### New Business:

- ~~UNESCO World Heritage Site, Salish Sea – Laurie Gourlay~~
- Review of Roundtable Terms of Reference – Paul Chapman

### 2) Review of Notes from Last Meeting, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – approved as circulated.

### 3) Business Arising from Notes

- **Committee Updates:**

- **Communications Committee – Bob Colclough**

-No update at this time.

- **Budget Committee – Gail Adrienne**

-Gail circulated a Roundtable financial report for January – August of 2016.

-Although the bank balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 is \$3,182, almost all of it is allocated by donor intent to specific items other than Roundtable administration. \$18 remains for admin. NALT has deferred admin two months of fees (\$1,000/month) until more funds are available.

-Report was received by consensus.

**ACTION:** Domenico will look into funds available from TimberWest.

**ACTION:** Paul to email to all participants a reminder of funding needs.

- **Education and Awareness Committee – Gail Adrienne**

-Gail spoke of the need to find volunteers to populate this committee now that Deryck Cowling has reduced his role with the Roundtable.

- Matt Kellow suggested he might be able to reach out to VIU staff and students.

**ACTION:** Paul and Matt to discuss.

- **Rivers Day Activities**

-Gail described the tours of various values supported by the watershed and the other activities planned for the City of Nanaimo-led event.

-The Roundtable recognized Deryck Cowling's efforts over the years to make the watershed tours a successful component of Rivers Day celebrations in the Nanaimo area.

**ACTION:** Paul will email the Rivers Day poster and other info to the Roundtable.

**ACTION:** Bob Colclough will post the info on the Roundtable website.

- **Collaborative Watershed Governance – Julie Pisani and Paul Chapman**

-Paul described the first meeting of the committee as a sharing of ideas and models of collaborative watershed governance.

-The second meeting of the focused on discussions of increased participation on the committee, with inclusion of First Nations rights holders as a top priority. Tyler Brown has put the committee in contact with Snuneymuxw First Nation Councilor Erralyn Thomas who has agreed to attend.

-The committee also explored whether there was a need for committee Terms of Reference (ToR) or whether the Roundtable ToR would suffice. It was agreed that review of the ToR should be an agenda item for Roundtable discussion.

-There was also discussion about the need to focus on the purpose of the Roundtable as stated in the ToR and to build on the ongoing collaboration between sectors with an emphasis on improving the sharing of information.

-Julie presented a draft diagram showing an overview of the current watershed governance structure in the Nanaimo River watershed.

-Discussion included additional regulators of water and land use being added such as Ministry of Agriculture, expanding the list of the governing Acts, about the inclusion or exclusion of private landowners from the governance diagram and how does the roundtable fit into the existing structure and how would it fit into a Watershed Board.

- **Streamkeepers update – Gail Adrienne**

-Gail described some of the stewardship groups that have formed after attending Streamkeepers training (e.g. Departure Creek. Wally Creek)

-There is a list of people interested in attending a fall Streamkeepers session. Gail is working on instructor availability and a suitable location.

**ACTION:** Gail to schedule a weekend Streamkeepers session in late fall.

- **RDN DWWP, Water quality monitoring – Julie Pisani**

-Julie described the partners involved in the seasonal monitoring of water quality in several waterways in the region including the Nanaimo River.

-The monitoring collects data on water temperature, turbidity, conductivity and dissolved oxygen during summer low flow and fall flush. Data trends can help direct resources for further investigation where needed.

-Detailed reach by reach stream assessments have been carried out on Holden Creek in the Nanaimo River water region, Millstone River, Grandon Creek in Qualicum Beach and French Creek through the DWWP program with Dave Clough RPBio and local Streamkeepers.

-School field trips for grades 4 & 5 are beginning next week, with three scheduled in the Nanaimo river watershed.

#### 4) New Business

- **Review of Roundtable Terms of Reference (ToR) – Paul Chapman**

-As suggested by the first ToR document, it is time for the Roundtable to review their ToR (every three years).

-Gail suggested a committee be tasked with the review and report back at the next meeting of the Roundtable.

-June Ross, Bob Colclough, Wilf Luedke or Nicolette Watson, Paul Chapman and Molly Hudson will undertake this review. The meeting of the committee will be scheduled just prior to the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Collaborative Watershed Governance Committee.

**ACTION:** Paul to circulate Roundtable ToR to NRWR participants and seek feedback for the committee's consideration.

#### 5) Next Meeting – VIU January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### 6) Adjournment: 2:30 pm.