

Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Cowichan Valley Regional District, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT:

Chair Ron Diederichs, Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations
Tracy Fleming, Cowichan Tribes
Ann Kjerulf, Cowichan Valley Regional District
Peter Law, BCCF Living Rivers
Lori Iannidinardo, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Cowichan Bay Director
Cheri Ayers, Cowichan Tribes (Consultant)
Eamon Gaunt, Cowichan Tribes (Lands & Treaty Department)
Hilda Paige, Cowichan Tribes

OTHER:

Laura Robertson, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair noted changes to the agenda.

It was moved and seconded that the agenda as amended be approved with the addition of three items of Business Arising and the deletion of the delegation.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting of May 1, 2014, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

BA1

Cowichan Tribes, Tracy Fleming reporting on a response from the Minister of FLNRO regarding R1 (Unused Industrial Tenures).

It was moved and seconded that the Chair request Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) staff to respond in writing, regarding the letter from Chief Seymour, dated January 10, 2014 to the Minister of FLNRO.

MOTION CARRIED

BA2

Renewal of stilt home leases (Hylton McAllister) was resolved.

BA3

It was moved and seconded that the Chair invite Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to attend each meeting, and request that their attendance at these meetings be a high priority.

MOTION CARRIED

BA4

It was moved and seconded that the Chair invite Tom Rutherford from DFO to attend each meeting, and request that his attendance at these meetings be a high priority.

MOTION CARRIED

BA5

Tracy Fleming from Cowichan Tribes noted that item C3.4 on Minutes from May 1, 2014 has not been carried out.

Action item. Chair to reiterate in a letter that the provision was not met by CERCA to have an Archaeology member onsite during the digging process to monitor activities as per the Minutes from May 1, 2014, item C3(4).

DELEGATIONS**D1**

The Delegation from Western Forest Products regarding 2013 and log boom lease renewals cancelled.

Action item: The Chair will receive a legal opinion regarding the impact study and the original plan.

CORRESPONDENCE**C1**

Verbal report by Tracy Fleming regarding letter to Mark Harvey regarding "indefinite" moorage replacements was tabled.

That the Chair request FLNRO to respond to the letter that Cowichan Tribes sent to Mark Harvey (FLNRO) by the next CEEMC meeting to be held early in July.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS**R1**

Verbal report by Peter Law of BCCF Living Rivers regarding Living Rivers Salmon Smolt update.

R2

Discussion on Cowichan Bay Fisherman's Wharf replacement/upgrade was tabled.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS****UB1**

Verbal Lands update on Lease 103103 and other tenures by Mark Harvey, MFLNRO was tabled.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting July 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary