

Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC V9L 1N8

PRESENT: Chair Ron Diederichs, Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations
Ann Kjerulf, Cowichan Valley Regional District
Lori Iannidinardo, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Cowichan Bay Director
Brigid Reynolds, Municipality of North Cowichan
Tracy Fleming, Cowichan Tribes

OTHER: Laura Robertson, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting of September 11, 2014, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

BA1 Chair Ron Diederichs reviewed the Draft Motion regarding the renewal of Western Forest Products (WFP) intertidal log storage.

Action: Chair to revise the motion on the Decision Note for the Minister of Environment regarding the issue of renewal of Western Forest Products' intertidal log storage leases. To be distributed amongst the committee via email by tomorrow (September 30th) for their approval

REPORTS

R1 Staff report dated August 28, 2014, from Dana Leitch, Planner II regarding Development Permit Application 23-D-13DP/VAR for Pier 67 Marina Ltd. was received for information purposes.

The CEEMC discussed the application and came to the following response.

Response:

The committee would support the approval of this application subject to the proponents receiving authorization for the lease revision from FLNRO-Lands, as long as the additional buildings and floats will not increase shading of the sea bottom beyond 40% total of the water lot, and that grounding of floating structures is avoided. Also, that any floatation materials used underneath are consistent to DFO best practice, and if Styrofoam is used that it be properly encapsulated to ensure it won't release the Styrofoam into the environment over time.

Action item:

Chair will send a brief letter to Dana Leitch of the CVRD Planning Department regarding the decision of the committee.

R2

Discussion regarding Zoning Bylaw No. 3773.

Ann Kjerulf noted that the CVRD will bring Bylaw No. 3773 back after 3rd reading to the committee for a decision.

NEXT MEETING

TBA

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary