

# Minutes for the CLRSS Re-visioning Part 1 and Board Meeting

**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**5:00 p.m. at Country Grocer Meeting Room.**

**In attendance:** (secretary will delete names as appropriate) **Board members:** Jean Atkinson, Judy Brayden, Rick Bryan, Chantelle Carden, Diana Gunderson, Parker Jefferson, Lyndon Keeping, Mike Patrick and Ken Traynor. **CLRSS Members:** Sandy Cumming, Jim Deck, Carrol Patrick, Peter Noble, Maureen Quested, Katharine Staiger, Leroy Van Wieren, Craig Wightman, **Guests:** CWB Executive Director, Tom Rutherford, and Lake Cowichan Mayor, Rod Peters.

**Absent with Regrets:** Lois Atchison, Rosemary Danaher, Karen Deck, Bee Greenway, CVRD Area I Director, Klaus Kuhn, Lyle Kuchmak, Cate MacNeill, CVRD Chair, CWB Co-Chair and CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison, Joe Saysell, Genevieve Singleton.

Item	Action: What? By Whom? When?
<p><b>Re-visioning Event - Part 1</b>  <b>4:45 Convene in the Country Grocer Meeting Room. Attendees will be given a lettered nametag.</b>  <b>5:00 Round 1</b>  <b>5:30 Round 2</b>  <b>6:00 Dinner – Coffee, soup and sandwiches generously provided by the Country Grocer deli</b>  <b>6:15 Reporting out</b></p>	<p><b>17 CLRSS members and guests attended. Jean Atkinson, Judy Brayden and Katharine Staiger will collate the results and distribute to all of the 35+ invitees and to the facilitator, Beth Page. Attendees will be asked to add other thoughts and as they are collected, they will be added to the file to be used for the day-long session on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>
<p><b>6:45 Introductions of members with reminder about our meeting conduct guideline.</b>  Using the Fourfold Way we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respect each other by having just one speaker at a time</li> <li>• expect people to speak from the heart with passion</li> <li>• expect people to show up to solve problems and</li> <li>• expect people to speak without blame.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Agenda:</b>  <b>RMS Mike Patrick/Judy Brayden that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b>  <b>RMS Judy Brayden/Diana Gunderson that the minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 CLRSS Board meeting be accepted as printed. CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>Business Arising from the Minutes and Old Business:</b>  <b>1. Jet Ski issue on the Cowichan River:</b> Lake Cowichan Mayor, Rod Peters, reported that the existing bylaw states that jet skis are not allowed on the river below the weir and that the speed limit is 7.5 MPH, and the size limit of the motor is 9 HP. Patrolling and enforcement is still an issue. He has met with the temporary</p>	

CAO of the RCMP, who seemed receptive to the need for enforcement.

- 2. CLRSS Annual River Clean-Up Report:**  
Discussion about the proposed Mission Statement: CLRSS Annual River Clean-up: *It is the goal of this event to provide an opportunity for members of the larger community to share in the care and cleanliness of our heritage river, experiencing the camaraderie and shared, public responsibility for this precious asset.*
- 3. Oliver Park a project of the Salmonid Society, BCCF and TLC Fire Department:** Ken Traynor and Diana Gunderson reported that a late October date is still being planned.
- 4. Water levels update:** Tom Rutherford reported that the flows are now 12 cubic metres per sec. and that 4000 chinook salmon have come up the river (of a DFO target of 6500). We are ahead of the curve to reach that target. If rains abate, the river may have to go on control again. Tom asserted his plan to support development of a flows decision making framework this winter in advance of potentially tough decisions next spring. The CWB Speaker series scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month, begins again this month.
- 5. 2019 Water Monitoring final report:** Bee Greenway  
CLRSS Lake Monitoring Report, October, 2019  
We have finished lake monitoring for 2019.

Summary

- of our Season:
- a. 80 Total Volunteer hours.
  - b. We took 13 readings, commencing May 5<sup>th</sup> and ending Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. (The Ministry asks us to do minimum of 13.)
  - c. This year, we made an effort to get interested friends involved. 14 enthusiastic people, (5 of them non-members) took advantage of the opportunity to learn and help with this data-collecting project.  
Many thanks to members Katharine Staiger, Jean Atkinson, Mike Patrick, Nancy Nelles, Lyle Kuchmak for crewing.
  - d. We used the boats of Hugh and Diann Sutherland (5 times); Sandy Cummings (3 times), and myself (5 times).
    - i. Our readings reflected similar temperatures and great levels of clarity and oxygenation as in the past number of years. If anyone would like to see the actual data, I

**2. The consensus was that a mission statement is welcome. Jean will send possible edits to Diana and they will craft a final recommendation to come to the November meeting.**

**3. Board and members will be notified when the date is known.**

**4. CWB Speaker's Series:**

<http://cowichanwatershedboard.org/content/cwb-viu-speakers-series/>

**5. Judy Brayden will contact Bee Greenway, requesting the names of those to whom the \$10 per trip, fuel stipend will be paid. Further to this: Bee Greenway has confirmed that all of the volunteers would like to waive the stipend this year. The Board will express their gratitude thru Bee.**

<p>will gladly send to them. Lowest temperature in May at 12.1 degrees; and 21 degrees ever since July 28<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>ii. Oxygenation level highest, as expected in May at 10.8 mg/litre of water. Lowest but still fabulous August 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.1 mg/litre of water.</p> <p>iii. As expected, secchi disc readings (visibility) varied with the water surface condition. Highest reading was August 4<sup>th</sup> at 14.5 Metres, which was a very calm, bright summer day. Lowest was 8.6 Metres, partly due to rough water on overcast September 8<sup>th</sup>. We are the envy of all our visitors who admire the clarity of our lake.</p> <p>We are indeed fortunate to live near this great resource!</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Bee Greenway</p> <p><b>6. CSSP report:</b> Diana Gunderson reported on the status of the CSSP work. A meeting is required with Program Manager, Christine Brophy, and the new BCCF staff member to outline what is the expectation of CLRSS involvement for the next two years for which funding has been secured. Unfortunately, this meeting will not have been convened before the second phase of our revisioning process. The conclusions from the recent report on success of the program (plant survival only) was discussed. Ten properties were identified and specific recommendations for follow-up work was identified.</p> <p><b>7. Social report:</b> Thank you cards sent three for the RCU, and one Get Well card for Lois Atchison.</p> <p><b>RMS Ken Traynor/Chantelle Carden that the above report be accepted. CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>6. Ken Traynor will convene a face-to-face meeting with Domenico Iannidinardo, Vice President, Forest &amp; Sustainability and Chief Forester of Mosaic Forest Management to discuss the issue of intrusions into the foreshore below 164m and to request that a warning letter be written to this landowner. This is seen as an educational effort to raise awareness about the need for MOSAIC to take action to deter such activity on Cowichan Lake.</b></p> <p><b>Judy Brayden will convene a Landowner Education Meeting to discuss the possibility of CLRSS involvement in the implementing the recommendations for the 10 properties mentioned in the report.</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion Items:</b></p> <p><b>1. Riparian infraction:</b> Ken reported on the infractions at the Pine Point, Youbou property. We discussed the issue of the involvement of Mosaic Forest Management in jurisdictional disputes</p>	<p><b>1. Ken Traynor will convene a face-to-face meeting with Domenico Iannidinardo, Vice President, Forest &amp; Sustainability and Chief Forester of Mosaic Forest Management to discuss the issue of the</b></p>

<p>regarding lakeshore docks. The opinion was that this is a low priority for the company and yet there are obvious incidents of disputes between neighbours about this practice. One particular frustrated resident has asked for our support. The question of involving CLRSS in this issue was debated and consensus was reached.</p> <p><b>2. Weir update:</b> The position of project Manager has not yet been filled. Requests for proposals for the two major contracts will be issued soon. Craig Wightman commented on the Riparian Video that CLRSS recently produced.</p> <p>Feedback on WR campaign. Pressure up until the next step: the licencing.</p> <p><b>3. River's Day:</b> Tom Rutherford expressed his thanks for the assistance of CLRSS with the day's events.</p> <p><b>4. Paddle Sports Presentation to the CWB:</b> Board member, Rick Bryan, recently presented a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of the paddle sports community, requesting inclusion of recreational features in the design of the new weir.</p> <p><b>5. Technical Advisory Committee for the Watershed Protection Plan.</b> Parker Jefferson has been appointed to this committee. The work is time sensitive so formal input from our organization is not possible at this time. The terms of reference will be circulated, and Parker will keep this Board apprised as he proceeds thru this work. Congratulations, Parker.</p>	<p><b>management of this jurisdiction and to request that a warning letter be written to this landowner. This is seen as an educational effort to raise awareness about the need for this corporation to take its legal responsibility more seriously.</b></p> <p><b>2. Judy Brayden will add an item to the Landowner Education meeting: making contact with the Province to publicize/ distribute the recently produced CLRSS riparian education video.</b></p> <p><b>4. Rick has agreed to show this 20 minutes, PowerPoint presentation at the November Board meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>Motion to Adjourn at 8: 07p.m.</b></p>	
<p><b>Important dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 Landowner Education Meeting – at Judy Brayden's home – 5658 Riverbottom Rd. W.</b></li> <li>• <b>Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> CLRSS - Re-visioning and regular Board Meeting – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - location TBA, includes dinner, followed by the regular Board meeting.</b></li> <li>• <b>Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 daylong re-visioning session with facilitator, Beth Page – time TBA - location Curling Lounge at the Lake Cowichan Sports Arena.</b></li> </ul>	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room.</b></li><li>• <b>Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Tentative - CLRSS Annual Christmas Party.</b></li></ul> |  |
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