



Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

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Watershed Wake-up! Meeting of the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable November 5, 2011





Media and Documentation

- To keep our communications current and high-quality:
 - Note taker, Dawn Steele
 - SNAP Coquitlam Community Newspaper
 - TV stations
 - Photographer, Elizabeth Norton
 - Meeting feedback form
 - Comment form



Objectives

- Provide participants with an update on what the Roundtable's Core Committee has been doing.
- Gather ideas from participants for watershed projects to build into the Roundtable work-plan, looking forward.
- Through presentations and discussion, inform one another about what's going on in the watershed.



Agenda

9:45	The Virtual Environmental Watershed Centre
10:00	Putting the Centre to work
10:30	Stretch break
10:45	Report on other Core Committee work for the Roundtable
11:30	Keynote: Presentation by Dr. Rob Butler, President of the Pacific WildLife Foundation
11:45	Roundtable projects or activities for the coming year: How we move ahead
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Potential Roundtable projects or activities for the coming year: Feeding into the workplan
1:15	Building the workplan
1:30	Share your story



Displays

- Thank you to the people who have set up displays!
 - City of Coquitlam
 - Coquitlam RiverWatch
 - Burke Mountain Naturalists
 - Tri-City Green Council
 - Watershed Watch Salmon Society
- Everyone, be sure to check them out during the breaks!



Putting the Centre to work

- 5 minutes discussion of the following questions in groups of 3
 - How might an organization or project that you are involved in benefit from the virtual centre?
 - How can we make the most out of the potential of the center?
- 15 minutes full group discussion of answers to the above questions



QR Code contest

You can win a Coquitlam River Watershed thermal mug!

A QR Code is displayed on two posters in the room.

The QR Code leads you to a link on the current Coquitlam River Watershed Web site.

The first 12 people to show Dave Peterson (at the registration desk) the link to the page will win a mug.



Report on other Core Committee work for the Roundtable

- **Introduction** – Gordon Lewis
- **Current Core Committee** – Maurice Coulter-Boisvert
- **Mission** - George Turi
- **Administration and Funding** – Margaret Birch
- **Operational Guidelines** – Dave Dunkley



Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable Mission

The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable will:

- facilitate collaborative resolution of urban growth and natural resource use pressures consistent with agreed community objectives and values,
- inform and educate people about these matters and the watershed, and
- promote and support conservation of a sustainable, healthy watershed environment.



Administration and Funding

- April 2011 – March 2012 Funding - Total cash budget of \$75,575.
Fraser Salmon and Watersheds Program
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Grant funding provided was designated to support specific activities
- In-kind support provided by several organizations and interests furthered work
- Some adjustments since work plan was prepared
- Funding was dedicated to complete one major project, few smaller ones



Roundtable Evaluation Framework

- Need for Evaluation
 - As the Roundtable learns and evolves its work, review of its performance can help make it effective
 - Importance of measuring the success of the Roundtable will make it accountable to its Vision and Values, but also those who support its effort through financial and in-kind support
- An Evaluation Technique
 - The Roundtable, guided by its Core Committee needs to identify success criteria to meet, and indicators to determine its being met
 - A three-part framework started, those who are interested are welcome to participate.
 - Types of questions - What are our factors for success? The results of the work? Are we following our guidelines?
- A Core Committee Task Group
 - A small group will guide work into the new year
 - Aim to report back on a draft evaluation framework at the next Roundtable meeting



Our Common Vision

- A healthy watershed supported and enjoyed by the community in a manner that respects our common values through:
 - Partnerships and collaboration;
 - Education, stewardship, and monitoring;
 - Conservation and green economies; and,
 - Responsible decision making.



Our Values for the watershed

- Spiritual qualities;
- Ecosystem integrity;
- Natural beauty;
- Native bio-diversity;
- Natural resources;
- Public access;
- Home/Heritage/Culture;
- Responsibility to protect;
- Recreation;
- Protected areas; and,
- Sustainability.



How we move ahead

- At meetings the Roundtable sets priorities and Roundtable participants consider joining project teams.
- The Core Committee takes the ideas and draws up workplan and budget. *There is no guarantee that the Roundtable can deliver any particular project. There are budget limitations.*
- Roundtable project teams form to carry out projects.
- The Core Committee meets to monitor projects, do administration, and supervise coordination.



Characteristics of suitable projects

- helps to pursue the watershed vision, consistent with shared values
- has broad relevance to the watershed
- complements existing projects – fill gaps between existing activities (coordinating, energizing those already responsible for projects)
- is readily achievable, to build a record of success and experience in working together
- creates buzz about the watershed and the Roundtable
- builds community awareness and involvement; provides educational opportunities



Project Categories

1. Planning
2. Public Awareness, Education and Art
3. A CRW Resource Centre
4. Stewardship
5. Monitoring
6. Other Ideas



Projects or activities for the coming year: Feeding into the workplan

1. What the project would look like – the steps involved and the product/outcome
2. The resources it would require: funding; supplies; human resources – expert/paid and volunteer
3. Possible sources of funding
4. Whether and how a group of Roundtable participants could themselves carry out and achieve a project



Building the work-plan

- Which are the most vital projects?
- Staging the development of the RT – how would you like to see us move forward?
- In between meetings how do you share information and collaborate?

You are welcome to use this space for an hour after the meeting to continue discussions.



Sharing watershed Stories

News and views – Issues of interest
and/or concern in the watershed –

- Generate priority stories to share with other participants – consider how your statement, project or issue relates to the mission and values of the Roundtable.



Sharing your stories

- Please provide your name and where you reside, for the record
- Keep your topic to five minutes or less
- The Roundtable will not have all the answers; it's about sharing information and getting connected with those who have the answers.



Sharing your stories – follow-up

- Who in the room would like to link up with this project/concern? Meet here!
- Who knows where to go to get question _____ answered?
- Email a question that we didn't have time for to info@coquitlamriverwatershed.ca



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