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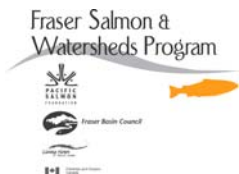
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## Welcome to Phase III - Workshop # 2 !

Please take this time to view our displays which highlight:

- Coquitlam River watershed maps & reports from previous phases
- This watershed’s land uses, its governance & ‘boots in the stream’ assets
- Our web site: [www.coquitlamriverwatershed.ca](http://www.coquitlamriverwatershed.ca)
- Examples of other successful watershed governance bodies

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## Continuing the Dialogue on the Terms of Reference for a Coquitlam River Watershed Governance Body *The Watershed is Calling Us to Order!*

Workshop # 2, March 18, 2010



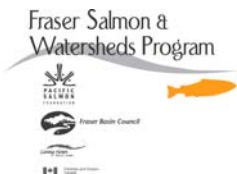
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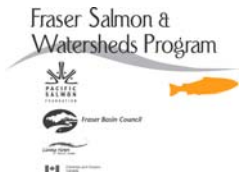
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## BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC)

Provides Community Investment support towards Phase IV Implementation



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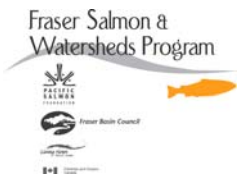




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## Agenda and Process overview



# Agenda

- 6:30 **Opening remarks**, A/Mayor Stewart, City of Port Coquitlam  
Glen Joe, Kwikwetlem First Nation  
**Community Investment** presentation
- 6:50 **Review** of latest steps in the Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy and  
**Introduction** to tonight's tasks
- 7:00 **Review** of latest Terms of Reference components for the new CRW  
governance body
- 7:15 Introduction to **Governance Structure**
- 7:30 Introduction to possible **Activities** for the new body
- 7:45 *Stretch break*

# Agenda continued

8:00 **Governance Structure** concurrent discussion groups

8:00 **Activities** concurrent discussion groups

8:30 Sharing and discussing the results

9:00 **Next steps**

9:30 *Close*



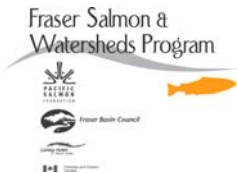
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## Review of latest steps in the Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy



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# Phase III - 2009-2010

- Year 3 – *“Development of a Governance framework for the Coquitlam River Watershed”*
- Phase III follows through with the development of a watershed governance strategy.
- We are building on much work done to date and steadily moving forward.
- Aim is to get agreement on terms of reference for a new Coquitlam River Watershed governance body.
- Delivery of the multi-phased Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy project is through a working Project Team.



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# Phase III – Activities

## Public Meeting – Conference – Workshops

### October 30-31, 2009 Public Meeting & Conference

- Phase I & II review, aims of Phase III
- Overview on what “Governance” is...
- Presentations & group discussions on governance models: Cowichan, Nisqually, & Salmon watersheds
- Experiences elsewhere provided input to develop a model for the Coquitlam River watershed

### February 2, 2010 – Workshop # 1

- Gathered input on three parts of the terms of reference for a new watershed governance body
- Guiding Principles: building on Phase II work to develop general guidelines for how the body should operate
- Goals: discussed a draft list of six goal categories
- Structure: provide pros and cons of different options



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## Planning & Funding Efforts – current & future

- Phase III Project Team planning meetings
- Updates to key stakeholders through reports on project progress
- Phase IV funding applications – Fraser Salmon and Watersheds Program, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, BC Transmission Corporation
- Web site maintenance



# Phase III - 2009-2010

Progress being made:

- ✓ Review results of earlier phases, inform by example – **October 2009**
- ✓ Through workshops, discuss/refine/draft terms of reference for new governance body – **Feb 2 & March 18 workshops**
- Communicate and consult on a draft governance body with key stakeholders to seek input and support – **Spring 2010**
- Based on stakeholder support and resources, move forward to Phase IV – **2010 - 2011**



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# Review of latest draft terms of reference for new body

- Summary description of the Coquitlam River watershed
- Vision, Values and Mission
- Guiding Principles



## We are here, in the Coquitlam River Watershed...

The Coquitlam River watershed is one of a number of watersheds on the north shore of the Fraser River's lower reach in British Columbia's Lower Mainland region and is mostly located within the municipalities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam. The watershed is part of the traditional territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation.

This mountain and valley region is characterized by a varied natural, rural-agricultural, urban and industrial landscape, with cultural, recreational and natural resources values, including habitat for Pacific salmonids. The Coquitlam watershed includes a vast headwater wilderness including Coquitlam Lake Reservoir above the Coquitlam Lake Dam. From this catchment area, at least thirty watercourses flow into a developed lower watershed that drains into the Fraser River, just above its estuary on Georgia Strait. The two largest tributaries of the Coquitlam River are Or Creek and Hoy/Scott/Pinnacle Creeks.

In its lower reaches, during modern times, the Coquitlam River has been the site for industrial and agricultural activities, and land uses associated with urban development. From the 1880s, Coquitlam Lake served to provide drinking water to New Westminster and the surrounding area. Through the early 1900s the River was dammed for water supply and power generation to support growing communities in the Lower Mainland. Gravel operations began in and along the Coquitlam River in the 1950s, and commercial logging in the watershed developed in the 1960s and 1970s. Over time, land use and urban development has evolved to meet the needs of residents, businesses and others in the community, which continues to thrive today.

The accumulation of these expanding, diverse land uses, combined with a history of major flooding events, has caused the once plentiful salmon populations of the watershed to dwindle significantly over the last century. Pressures and impacts such as the salmon decline have been addressed by numerous volunteer, government and private sector initiatives, projects and plans. Yet progress towards a healthy, sustainable watershed has been too slow and inefficient. Better coordination through development of a new governance body, guided by a common vision, will allow us to collectively address the long-term sustainability of the Coquitlam River.

The Coquitlam River watershed remains about 'people and fish.' Through the formation of a Coquitlam River Watershed governance body, a healthy watershed is possible.

***The Watershed is calling us to order***





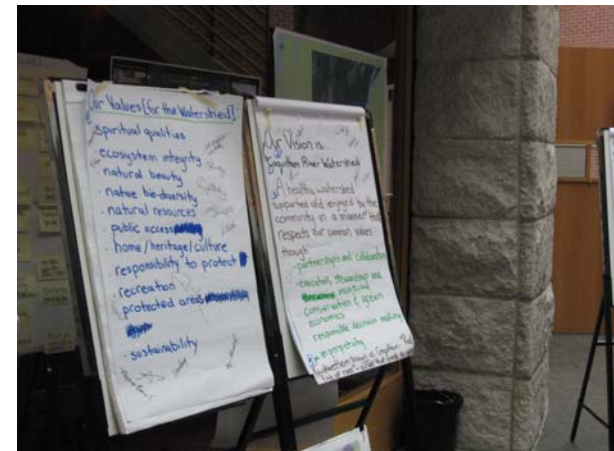
# Vision

## Our Common Vision is

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 economics; and,
- Responsible decision making.

In perpetuity.

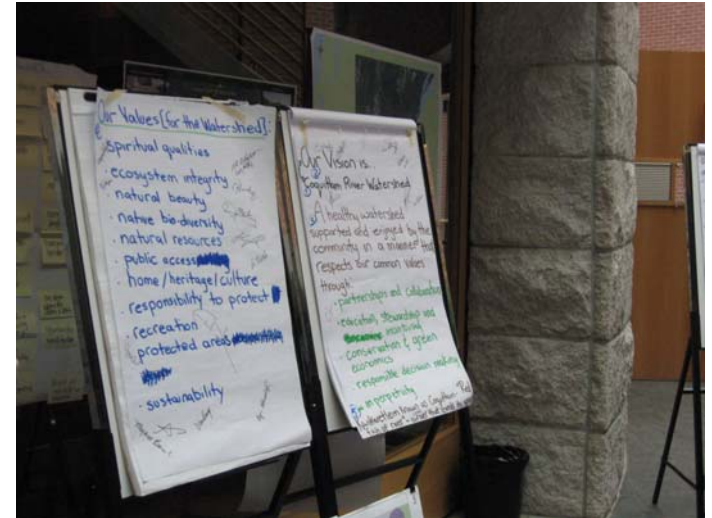




# Values

## 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.



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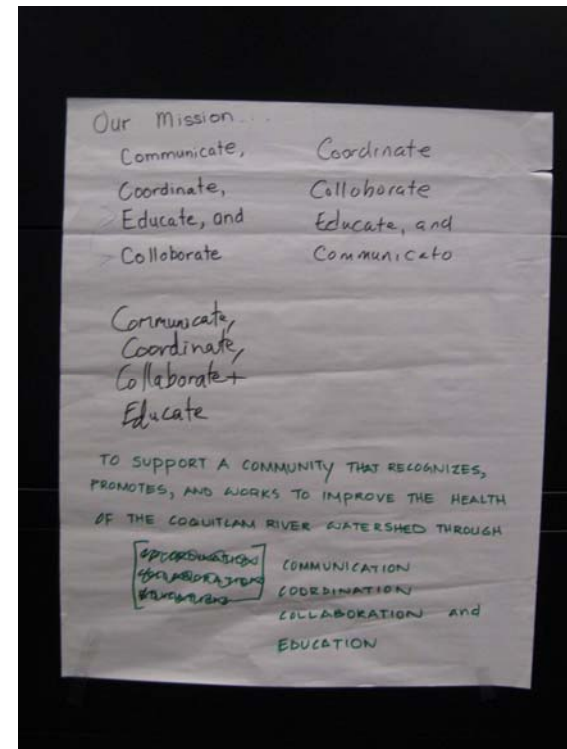


# Draft Mission

## Our Mission is

To restore and improve the health of the Coquitlam River Watershed by creating and supporting a community that recognizes and promotes [the watershed] through:

- Communication,
- Coordination,
- Collaboration, and,
- Education.





# Possible new Draft Mission

## Mission

The new Coquitlam River Watershed governance body will, through communication, coordination, collaborative planning and education, exercise *[or 'meet', 'realize', or 'act on']* our shared responsibility to sustain and protect the values of the Coquitlam River watershed, namely: spiritual qualities, ecosystem integrity, natural beauty, native biodiversity, natural resources, public access, home/heritage/culture, recreation, and, protected area areas.





# Guiding Principles

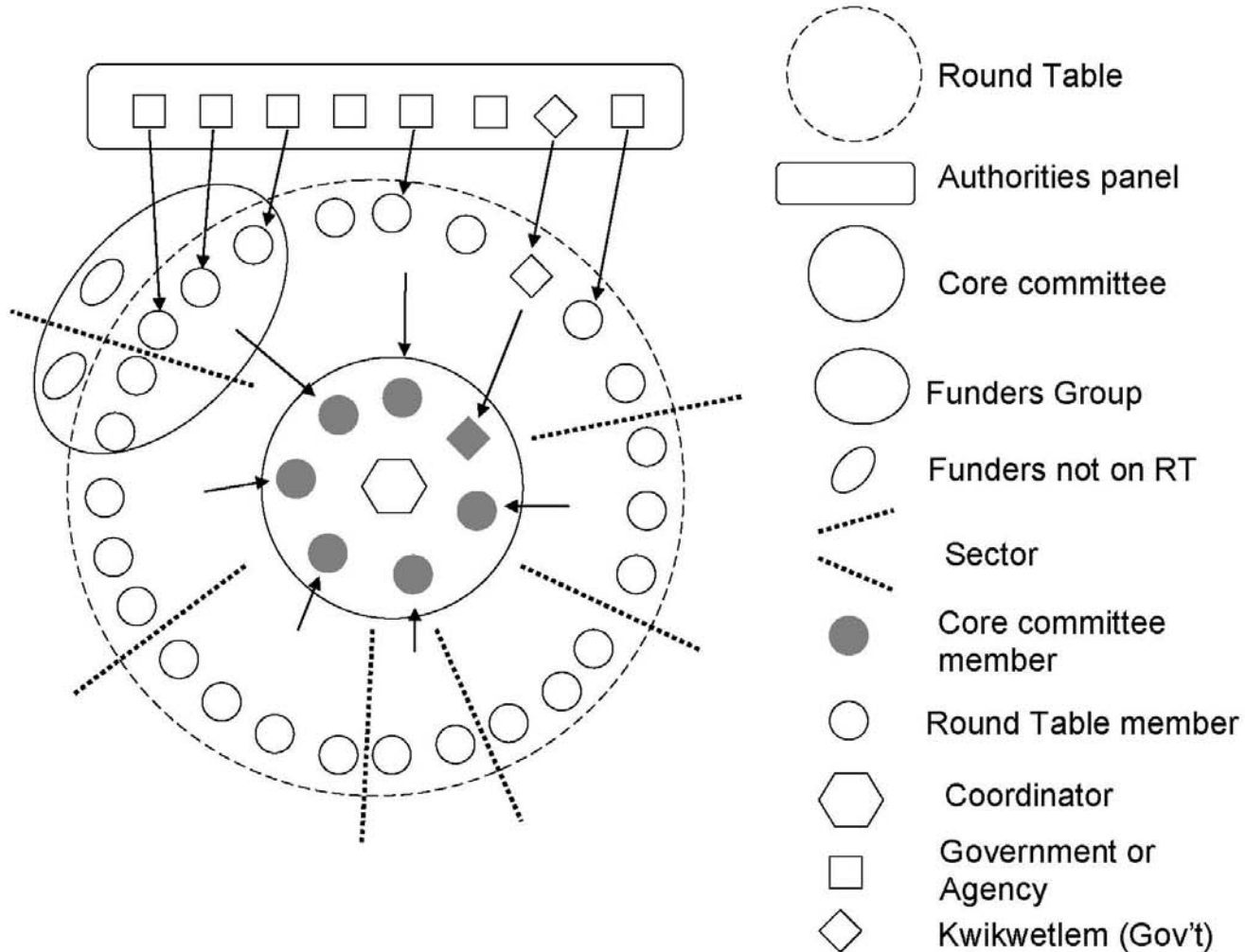
## Themes

- Proactive approach
- Accountable
- Influential and Responsible
- Inclusive
- Relationship-building
- Consensus decision-making
- Effective and credible
- Efficient, with capacity
- Adaptive



# Governance Structure

Round Table for Coquitlam River Watershed Stewardship and Sustainability





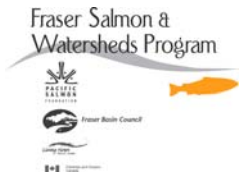
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## Activities for the new body

### Categories

- Coordinating players (also in other categories)
- Coordinating information
- Education
- Stewardship
- Monitoring
- Planning
- Other





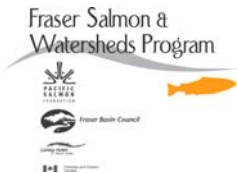
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## Work Group Discussions

What changes have to be made to the proposed elements of the Governance Structure, if any?

Any further advice?



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# Next Steps

- Summarize workshop results and complete Phase III reporting and wrap up – **March – April 2010**
- Communicate and consult on a draft terms of reference with key stakeholders to seek input and support for Phase IV – **Spring - Summer 2010**
- Based on stakeholder support and resources, move forward – **Through 2010 and beyond** Phase IV Implementation
- Check out web site for updates of Phase III and next steps through Spring 2010

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