



**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
COASTAL MARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES
WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE, CEDAR ROOM
TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2019**

Working Group Members: L. Williams (Chair), A. Nock, M. Naderi, B. Walker, B. McAllister, L. Gill, G. Wharton.

Council Liaison: Councillor B. Soprovich

Staff: M. MacKinnon, District Environmental Manager; C. Ambor, Parks Stewardship Manager; A. Mooi, Director Parks, Culture and Community Services; N. Beissner, Recording Clerk

Absent: Andrew Banks

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

The Chair introduced and welcomed John Barker, President of the West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society. He is also involved in various District foreshore projects.

2. REPORTS/ITEMS

Item 4.1 Presentation: J. Barker, President, West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society

- J. Barker acknowledged B. McAllister, Coastal Marine Management Plan Working Group member, who is also Treasurer of the West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society.
- J. Barker provided an overview of West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society and their projects:
 - They have 266 members and are the largest all-volunteer salmon stewardship group in the province.
 - Their most significant project was the rearing pond for juvenile Coho salmon in Memorial Park. Funds of \$100,000 were raised. The District managed the project, with support from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The project was very successful.

- They also undertook a project at the mouth of Lawson Creek, utilizing natural materials to help define a channel into the ocean from the creek. The intent was not to create habitat for fish, however, that was one of the project results.
- J. Barker commented on other projects by the West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society.
- Discussion ensued regarding:
 - The project's positive impact to the community, enhancing the habitat not just for the salmon, but also for other marine flora and fauna including herring, kelp, smelt;
 - Importance of salmon as a critical part of the ecological web of this province;
 - Shoreline Protection Plan 2012 – 2015 works completed;
 - Protection of watercourses, especially prevention of dumping, in creek corridors and the education of elementary students.
- Councillor B. Soprovich noted the five creek storm water diversion project will soon commence; British Pacific Properties and the District are working together to enhance storm drainage and provide long-term benefits to the community.
- Councillor B. Soprovich suggested inviting Isabel Gordon, Director of Financial Services, to a future meeting so she is informed of the Working Group's discussions and possible implications.
- L. Williams (Chair) thanked J. Barker for attending.

5.1 Presentation: Fiona Beaty, Project Director, Howe Sound/ATL'KITSEM Marine Reference Guide

- L. Williams (Chair) introduced and welcomed Fiona Beaty, Project Director of Howe Sound/ATL'KITSEM Marine Reference Guide and UBC Marine Biology grad student of the Department of Zoology.
- F. Beaty provided an overview of their three-year project:
 - The main purpose of the project is to convene conversations throughout Howe Sound jurisdictions and to assist local governments, marine groups, tourism and recreation groups to make informed decisions due to increased pressures by population growth.
 - One of the outcomes will be an interactive map. It will be similar to a map on marineguide.ca.

- The project is currently in the data gathering and gap identification phase at this time.
- Discussion ensued regarding:
 - The collaborative nature of the project and working with the Squamish Nation and local communities.
 - F. Beaty noted that the sharing of information of related studies, best practices on foreshore topics such as docks and walls, would be helpful.
 - Upon completion of the project in 2021, this map would transition to a different agency.
 - Several protected areas exist in the Howe Sound, including the Whytecliff Marine Protection Area, Porteau Cove, Plumper Cove, nine rockfish conservation areas and the new glass sponge protection areas recently announced.
 - F. Beaty noted it would be valuable to have access to an inventory of the West Vancouver coastline if available.
 - The Working Group requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation by F. Beaty, who agreed to forward it.
- L. Williams (Chair) thanked F. Beaty for attending.

The Chair called for a 10 minute break.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

L. Williams (Chair) noted that she proceeded with the presenters immediately as they were waiting.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

The Coastal Marine Management Plan Working Group approved the February 26, 2019 meeting notes as presented.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- L. Williams (Chair) distributed a list of upcoming speakers to the Working Group, and suggested allocating reading and research tasks for the Working Group over the summer so the Group is well-positioned in the fall. The Chair asked for feedback on the proposed timing. Discussion ensued regarding:

- Timing to provide Council with recommendations, and noted recent flooding and storm surge events, and that the Working Group is currently one-third through its one-year mandate;
 - Establishing a timeline is important. An understanding of the circumstances is required to establish the timeframe;
 - Where the Working Group can find further information on best practices and learning outcomes from other jurisdictions.
 - L. Williams (Chair) commented that some aspects of the work could be referred to a separate, future process; this happened with invasive plants during the Parks Master Plan process.
- Discussion ensued on using the categories in the Terms of Reference to assist in distributing reading and research. After further discussion, it was proposed that the categories of Ecology and Habitat, Coastal Dynamics, Utility and Infrastructure, Public / Private interface be utilized. Volunteers to select two groups each with a minimum of two people per group.
 - L. Williams (Chair) commented on a values discussion for the Working Group. There is potential to discuss further on May 7, 2019. A field trip also suggested for that date.
 - There was discussion regarding a field trip via land and / or water. Staff will investigate and report back to the Working Group.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019. Jim Bailey, Director of Planning & Land Development will be in attendance.
 - LOCATION CHANGE FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Raven Room at City Hall (same location as the first meeting).
 - Earth Day clean-up will be on April 27, 2019.

6. PRESENTATION:

District of West Vancouver Governance Review related to the Working Group – postponed.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

West Vancouver Shore Preservation Society to present on May 21, 2019 on the Working Group's activities and provide suggestions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the March 26, 2019 Coastal Marine Management Plan Working Group meeting at 8:30 pm.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Recording Clerk