



Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

Kwikwetlem, known as “Red fish up the river.” A living river that reveals its spirit.

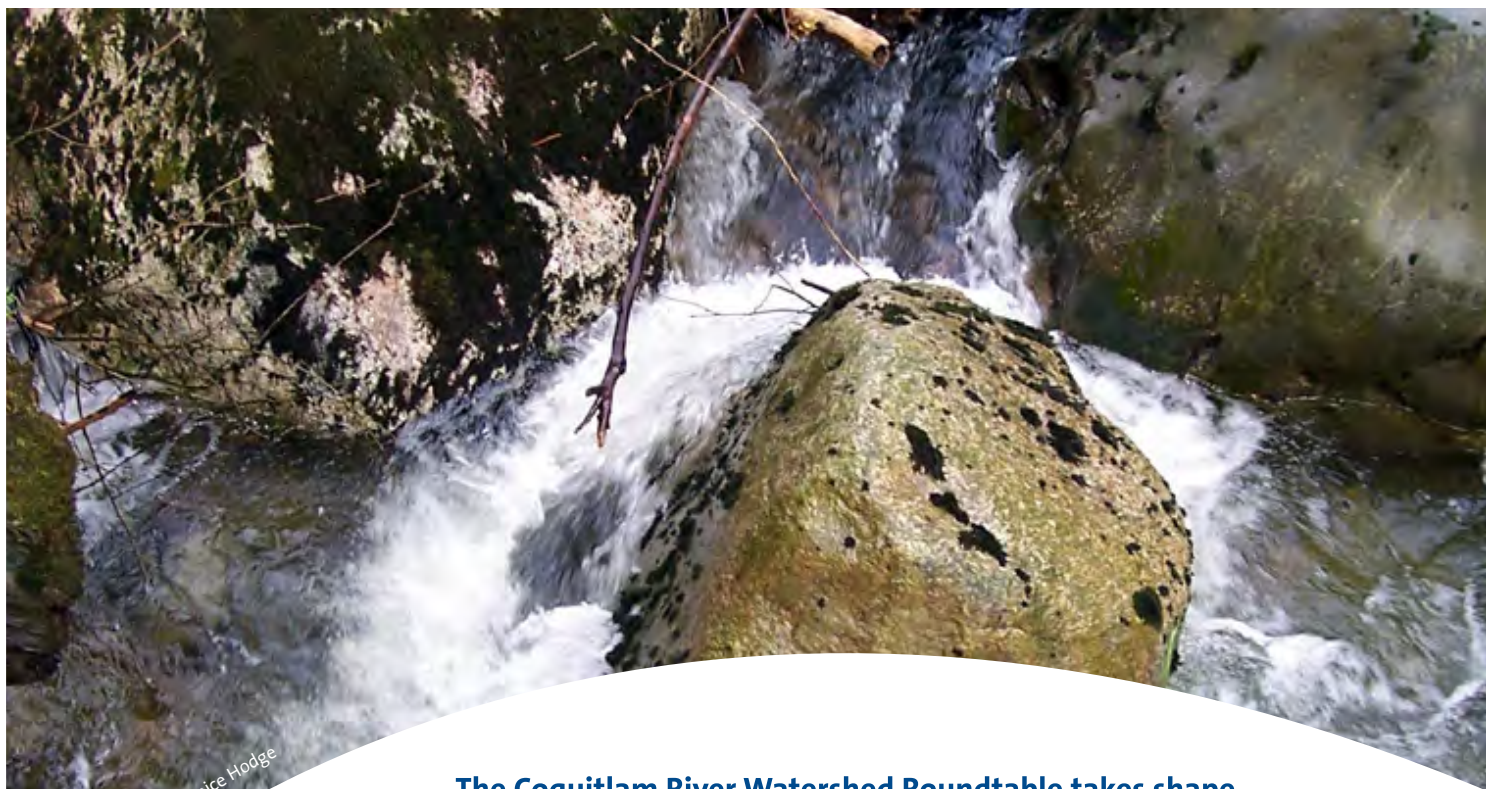


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The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable takes shape - the Watershed is Calling Us to Order!

The Roundtable will coordinate and implement activities which will promote the long-term sustainability of the Watershed based on the agreed-to values and vision of the Watershed. The types of activities the Roundtable might undertake, given adequate resources, include coordinating monitoring efforts, participating in the preparation of a plan for the watershed, sponsoring educational

events, or working towards consensus on issues that affect the Watershed. The Roundtable will gain credibility through its actions over time and become an important voice in support of a healthy Watershed. One of the objectives of the Roundtable is to reduce conflict and facilitate decision-making based on shared values in the best interests of the Watershed.

The Roundtable will not have authority to make decisions that are the jurisdictional or legislative responsibility of governments or the legal responsibility of any other entity that is participating in the Roundtable. Governments and government agencies will participate, but the Roundtable will be an independent entity, not under government direction.

Roundtable Meeting - November 5, 2011 - Victoria Drive Hall, Coquitlam



Vision, Values & Guiding Principles

The vision, values and guiding principles for the Coquitlam River watershed and the Roundtable were developed and endorsed by community members and organizations during the course of many community meetings which were held from the fall of 2008 to the spring of 2011. (See Phase I - IV on opposite page)

A Common Vision for the Watershed

A vision is a description of an ideal future that the Roundtable will contribute to. **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.

Our Values for the Watershed

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

Guiding Principles for the Roundtable

Guiding principles are proactive statements about the way the Roundtable will operate to achieve its mission. **The guiding principles are:**

- Accountable
- Adaptive
- Consensus-based decision-making
- Effective and Credible
- Efficient with Capacity
- Inclusive and Respectful
- Influential and Responsible
- Proactive approach
- Relationship-building

The Roundtable is a Multi-Sector Body

Roundtable participants come from all sectors of interest in the Watershed including governments, non-government organizations, the private sector and individuals. Sectors and organizations which support and plan to participate in the Roundtable are:

- Aggregate Industry
- Arts and Culture
- BC Hydro
- BC Ministry of Environment
- BC Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations
- City of Coquitlam
- City of Port Coquitlam
- Education
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Fishing and Hunting
- Kwikwetlem First Nation
- Metro Vancouver
- Non-government Organizations
- Outdoor Recreation
- Real Estate Development
- Stewardship
- Watershed Residents

Anyone who supports the vision and values for the Watershed and the guiding principles for the Roundtable can participate.

Mission Statement

During Phase II and III of the Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy, participants at the community meetings discussed and worked on a draft mission statement and agreed that the Core Committee should finalize the wording. This Mission Statement will be presented at the Roundtable meeting on November 5.

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.

Funding Partners (2011 - 2012)

Funding for the Roundtable has been provided by:

- City of Coquitlam
- City of Port Coquitlam
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program
- Kwikwetlem First Nation

Phase I (2007-2008)

The City of Coquitlam and the Kwikwetlem First Nation, with the support of the City of Coquitlam's Coquitlam River Aggregate Committee, collaborated with a multi-partner project team and consultants to produce "The Story of the Coquitlam River Watershed – Past, Present and Future," a useful review of existing information on environmental activities previously conducted in the watershed.

Phase II (2008-2009)

Through a series of community workshops, a diverse and multi-faceted group of stakeholders in the Watershed developed a common vision and values for the Watershed, a draft mission statement and guiding principles to support future decision-making. The report which documents this phase is titled, "Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy Community Engagement & Visioning Phase II – Seeking a Common Vision for the Coquitlam River Watershed."

Phase III (2009-2010)

The idea of forming a Roundtable was launched and studied in depth. Over the course of several team and community meetings, participants shaped and endorsed Terms of Reference for the Roundtable, which include a description of the Watershed, a vision and values statement, and a working set of guiding principles.

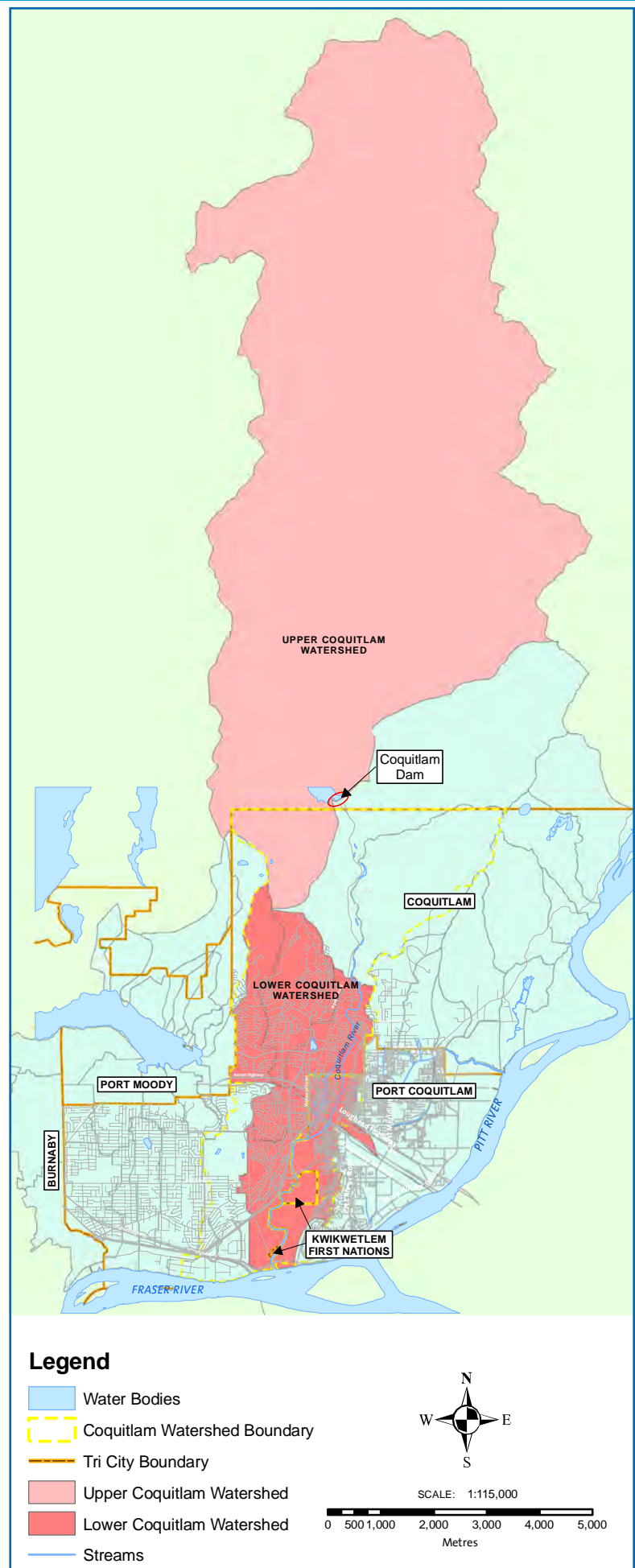
In considering what type of new organization would best serve the interests of the Coquitlam River watershed, participants studied the effectiveness of approaches used in other watersheds, such as the Cowichan Stewardship Round Table on Vancouver Island, the Salmon River Watershed Project in the Interior, and the Nisqually River Council in Washington State.

The report which documents this phase is titled, "Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy - Public Assemblies on Phase III Governance Strategy and Direction Setting: The Watershed is Calling Us to Order!"

Phase IV (2010-2011)

Following the recommendation of participants at the last community meeting in Phase III, the Project Team and consultants formed a transition planning team to plan the first Roundtable meeting and draw up a slate of individuals who would be willing to serve on a Core Committee for the Roundtable.

The Roundtable was launched on February 19, 2011, the Project Team and the transition planning team were disbanded and the work of the Roundtable and its Core Committee began.



The Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable...Going Forward

“Thank You” To the Core Committee!

The Core Committee is the administrative body which serves the interests of the Roundtable. Between Roundtable meetings, the Core Committee meets regularly to move forward on projects and activities proposed by the Roundtable. Members work on a volunteer basis or their participation is supported by their organizations. Their considerable in-kind donation of time is appreciated. These are the current Core Committee members and alternates:

Sector	Organization	Core Committee Member	Core Committee Alternate
Local Government	City of Coquitlam	Councillor Selina Robinson	Margaret Birch
		Steffanie Warriner	
	City of Port Coquitlam	Councillor Sherry Carroll	
		Allen Jensen	
First Nation	Kwkwetlem First Nation	Councillor Fred Hulbert	
		Craig Orr	
Regional Government	Metro Vancouver, Water Management	Dave Dunkley	Ken Juvik
Utilities	BC Hydro	Judy Dobrowolski	
Federal Government	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Maurice Coulter-Boisvert	Matt Foy
Provincial Government	BC Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations	Ed Taje	
Aggregate Industry	Jack Cewe Ltd.	George Turi	
Real Estate Development	Brook Pooni Associates, Urban Development Institute	Blaire Chisholm	
Outdoor Recreation	ATV/Off Road/Trails Groups	Tom Adlington	
Fishing and Hunting	Port Coquitlam & District Hunting and Fishing Club	Norm Fletcher	
Stewardship	North Fraser Salmon Assistance Program	Tony Matahlija	Gordon Lewis
Stewardship	Tri-City Green Council	Elaine Willis	
Education		To be determined at a future date by the Core Committee.	



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Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable (2011-2012)

During the first half of this operational year, the Roundtable Core Committee has been actively implementing the ideas put forward by participants at the first Roundtable meeting in February 2011. Committee members have formed Task Groups to work on a variety of issues, including: creating an enhanced Web site for the Roundtable, including a virtual tour of the watershed; developing operational guidelines for the Roundtable and Core Committee; finalizing the draft Mission Statement for the Roundtable; and Writing proposals to secure funds for future Roundtable projects. During the balance of this operational year, the Core Committee will prepare a work plan for the next year and continue to develop new projects and activities for the Roundtable.

Developing the Idea of the Roundtable

The Coquitlam River Watershed (CRW) Strategy is a watershed planning process aimed at improving collaboration and problem-solving among the many stakeholders in the watershed. Launched in 2007, the CRW Strategy has been coordinated by a multi-sector Project Team led by three partners, the City of Coquitlam, the City of Port Coquitlam and the Kwkwetlem First Nation with the aim to develop a collaborative body to collectively address the long-term sustainability of the Watershed.



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