

Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition
General Meeting
July 15, 2010, 7:00-9:10 pm
UFV Abbotsford
Room A225



Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Attendees:

Lance Lilley
Dick and Margaret Bunbury
Jim Taylor
Monica Pearson
David Urban
Jill Miners
Rachel Drennan
Barb Strachan
Kathy Wilkinson
Kathy Peet
Steve Clegg

Janne Perrin
Helen Turner
Mike Pearson
Kevin Deboer
Marlyn Cram
Annie Dempster
Chantelle Neufeld
Connor Ford
Alyssa Zucchet
George Feddes
Marg Tramah

Presentation:

Presenter: Dr. Mike Church

Presentation Title: **Saving Fraser River: Can it be done?**

Time: 7:15 – 8:30 pm

Book Draw:

- Total of tickets 40 (at \$1/each) were sold
 - Winner of Draw: George Feddes
 - Selected Prize: “ Think Salmon” Hat
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Society Business:

1.0 Adoption of Agenda and minutes

- Motion to adopt Agenda (Dick 1st, Jim 2nd)
- Motion to adopt minutes (from March 2010, and May 2010) as written - Approved (David 1st, Barb 2nd).

2.0 Society Business

2.1 Charitable Status update

- We are considering a rewording of our Constitution so as to highlight the “charitable” nature of our group (based on recommendations by the Charities Directorate). The changes would be:
The purpose(s) of the Society is (are):

- To organize and participate in environmental projects designed to preserve, protect, and restore watersheds in the Fraser Valley.
- To increase community understandings about Fraser Valley watersheds by providing seminars and training on watershed management.
- To undertake activities ancillary and incidental to the attainment of the aforementioned charitable purposes.

- Motion to change Constitution as suggested by charities directorate (Jim 1st, Barb 2nd)

2.2 Update on Mission Compensation project – Jim

- Work at Silverdale is going very well. A fish and amphibian salvage was completed and the large machines have started working on the wetlands. A member of the Kwantlen First Nations Band is working on site for a week. Work is expected to be finished by July 30th.

2.3 City of Abbotsford Compensation project -Lance

- The City of Abbotsford is upgrading its water intake on Norrish creek and approached the coalition regarding the compensation for this work. Lance will meet with them next Friday to discuss the details.

2.4 Stave River project -Lance

- DFO redoing an intake on a side channel of Stave river. The project will be completed this August and will take approximately two weeks. The first week of July Lance and Rachel met with all the partners on the project at the site to discuss what will take place and any concerns. Lance will be away for this project so Rachel will attend the project for photo documentation and assist wherever possible.

2.5 Invasive Plant removal in Harrison – Rachel

- Miami Stream Keepers would like to remove yellow flag iris behind the building where they meet and replant with native plants. How to remove the iris, length and requirements of the job were discussed. This may be a multi year project, because of the difficulty of removing all the rhizomes of the plant.

3.0 Events announced:

- Next FVWC meeting is September 16th 2010 – Mission UFV Campus.
- Mike Pearson announced that he purchased 14 acres on the Fraser River in Agassiz and that there will be a planting happening there in the fall.
- FVWC will be attending Mission celebration of Community and is looking for people to help “Person” the booth.

- Monica announced that the Cheam Band would like to reopen the Cheam Slough to the Fraser, as the slough is already outside the dyke this shouldn't cause any problems and would enhance this waterway.
- Lance mentioned Knotweed problem in at Eaglepoint in Harrison hot springs, Tom Cadieux has initiated a plan to help educate his strata members about how to reduce the spread of this plant and the Coalition may be involved in replanting this site once removal has occurred.

4.0 Meeting Adjourned at 9:10pm
