

Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition
General Meeting
February 17, 2011, 7:00-9:30 pm
UFV Abbotsford
Room A225



Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Attendees:

Lance Lilley	Dick Bunbury	Marion Robinson
Terry Taylor	Steve Clegg	Wendy Bales
Clayton Arkesteyn	Ashley Peters	Mark Johnson
Al Stobbart	Helen Turner	Detmar Schwichtenberg
Monica Pearson	Mike Pearson	Birgit Gagne
David Urban	Joe Tessier	Daniel Van der Kroon
Rachel Drennan	Jill Miners	
Barb Strachan	Geoff Hughes-Games	
Kathy Peet	Phyllis Young	
Janne Perrin	Mike Diener	

Presentation:

Presenter: Marion Robinson

Presentation Title: **Conflict as an Opportunity**

Time: 7:10 – 7:50 pm

Book Draw:

- Total of tickets 50 (at \$2/each) were sold
 - Winner of Draw: Dick Bunbury
 - Selected Prize: two tickets to DUC's Unlimited Dinner and Auction
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Society Business:

1.0 Adoption of Agenda and minutes

- Motion to adopt Agenda (Birgit 1st, Barb 2nd)
- Motion to adopt minutes (from October 2010) as written - Approved (Birgit 1st, Clayton, 2nd).

2.0 Society Business

2.1 Invasive Plant Pull in Mission - Birgit

- FVWC was approached by the Mission Abbotsford nature Club regarding some invasive plants found along a new trail in Mission. The amount of invasives is still small so Birgit contacted the nature club members and organized a pull for Friday February 25th 2011. Everyone was invited to join the pull.

2.2 Conservation Connection - Ashley

- The Fraser Valley Conservancy, the Coalition, and the Fraser Valley Invasive Plant Council are looking into holding an education and networking forum, modeled after the Conservation Connection held annually on Vancouver Island. Environmental groups would be invited to have displays; there would be workshops and opportunity to network among environmental professionals and local stewards. The proposed date for this event is October 21 2011. Ashley explained where the planning for this event is, and that more funding for this event is required. Discussion around who the target audience would be, where funding could be found. Possible that a similar event may be in the works, Rachel to follow up with Mark Johnson for detail and contact info of those involved.

2.3 GW Graham Take Action Day - Rachel

- FVWC organized an event last year with approx. 45 students from GW Graham middle high school they planted shrubs along Hope Slough and did some benthic invertebrate surveys. The idea behind Take action day is for the students to get out in the community and do something beneficial. Ideas for this year's event were requested, as well as volunteers to help with planning. Take Action day is April 28th 2011.

2.4 Study on the impact of riparian vegetation (work with UFV) – Rachel

- FVWC was approached by a professor at UFV, Alida Janmaat, to participate in a North American wide study, looking at the effect riparian zones have on stream temperature. Study is still in the planning stages but FVWC has expressed interest in being a part of this, most likely with placement of data loggers and data entry.

2.5 Speaker ideas - Rachel

- FVWC is looking for ideas for Speakers for 2011. Suggestions from the floor were taken on both topics and speakers.

2.6 Spring Plantings - Rachel

- A heads up to members that we are planning some spring plantings and to keep an eye on your emails for updates as to when and where these will be.

3.0 Events announced:

- Workshop on Cultus Pigmy Sculpin – February 23 2011.
- Community Longhouse dinner for Cultus lake – will be speakers from the floor including Soowahlie Chief Otis Jasper and Marion will present the results from the survey that was completed last summer. – March 10 2011.
- SEP community Conference May long weekend

- Next FVWC meeting is April 14th 2011

4.0 Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm
