

Fraser Valley Regional Watersheds Coalition
Board of Directors Meeting
Sept 19, 2007, 7:00-9:00 pm
UCFV Abbotsford
Room A225



Attendees:

Lance Lilley (FVRWC/FVRD)
Brad Whittaker (UCFV, FVRWC)
Dick Bunbury (FVRWC/Fraser Valley Naturalists)
Margaret Bunbury (FVN)
Mike Pearson (FVRWC/Pearson Ecological)
Jo Pearson
Tom Cadieux (FVRWC/DFO)
David Urban (FVRWC/FVRD)
Daniel van der Kroon (McLennan Watershed Alliance)
Clayton Arkesteyn-Vogler (CVN)
Lisa Fox (F.V. Conservancy)
Andrea Lawseth (LEPS)
John Kupp (Chilliwack Vedder Restoration Society)
Brett Kupp
Jack van Dyke
George Duffy

This Month's Presentation:

“Watershed Protection and Stewardship – RSBC’s Project Rivershed”

By: Fin Donnelly & Janis Olsen
Rivershed Society of BC

Discussion:

- RSBC only interested in applying Project Rivershed in community's that want it
- More work is needed with Chilliwack community to get required buy-in, but project is supported by many members of the Chilliwack River Watershed Strategy Project Team, who see it as a way to help implement CRWS recommendations.
- Lisa Fox noted that during her landowner contact program in Ryder Lake, there is definite support there for this type of project in their community.
- RSBC is planning on trying to secure funding as first step.
- Brad noted the potential of using the See-it Tool to help track progress of CRWS implementation.
- **ACTION:** When appropriate, Lance will coordinate connections between RSBC and CRWS.

Book Draw and Break:

- Total of 31 tickets were sold
- Winner of Draw: Daniel van der Kroon
- Selected Prize: 'Bugs of BC' by John Acorn and Ian Sheldon (Lone Pine Publishing)

Thanks to Wild Bird Habitat Store for providing book draw prizes

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General Meeting Minutes

(1) Project Review

- Lance provided an overview of ongoing FVRWC Projects, including Stave River, Pierce Ponds, Stoney Creek, and CRWS.
- For Stoney Creek's upcoming community replanting, it was recommended that a weekday is preferred over a weekend in order to attract school children to the event (via a class field trip). Therefore the event will be held on a weekday and efforts will be made to involve a school group as a class field trip or project.
- **ACTION:** Lance to follow-up with LEPS on their 'dogs-for-salmon' program on ways to keep pets out of fish-bearing streams.

(2) Upcoming AGM

- Tentatively set for Nov 21 2007 (since moved to Nov 28).
- Notices are to be sent to all members with at least 1-month notice
- Brad announced he will not be re-running for Chair.
- Will have nominations for 5-9 Director positions.

(3) Announcements:

- Daniel announced a Rail for the Valley campaign and rally to restore interurban rail between Chilliwack and Surrey. Date: Sept 23, 2007 2:00 pm. Location: 8550 Young Road.
- Tom announced Nov 15-16 as the dates of the upcoming Fraser Valley Eagle Festival at 15 sites throughout the valley. Events will include an eagle release, speakers, Fraser River safari tours, wildlife cameras, etc.

(4) Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.
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