Working Together- Cowichan

Cowichan Tribes, City of Duncan
& Cowichan Valley Regional District

Speakers

- Chief Lydia Hwitsum (Cowichan Tribes)
- Mayor Phil Kent (Duncan)
- Gerry Giles (CVRD Chair)

Background

- Chief Lydia Hwitsum
- Mayor Phil Kent
- Gerry Giles (CVRD Chair)

Major Partnerships

- 2005 BC Seniors Games
- Cowichan 2008 NAIG Games
- Working Agreement for Infrastructure (2008)
- Local Leaders Meetings (2007-present)
- Cowichan Watershed Board (2010)
- Integrated Flood Management MOU (2011)

2005 BC Senior Games

- Major event for local government and Cowichan Tribes
- Partnerships carried through to host the most successful NAIG games in 2008

NORTH VAN. ISLAND - ZONE 2

Kiwanis Club
OF DUNCAN
NATIVE PRIDE

Cowichan 2008 NAIG

- Held in August 2008
- Cowichan Tribes, with the support of the CVRD and neighboring municipalities was the first First Nation government to host these games.
- Most successful games to date- over 40,000 athletes and visitors
- Over 2000 aboriginal and non-aboriginal volunteers from the Cowichan region
- Social legacies include the Cultural Connections Council and the Walk of the Nations Festival (now in its 4 year!)

YUKON

Tribal Journeys 2008
Over 100 canoes participated
Paddled to Cowichan Bay the week before Cowichan 2008 NAIG

Spirit Pole
Carved by over 10,000 British Columbians
Symbol of NAIG games
Gifted to the CVRD in 2009 by Cowichan Tribes

Walk of the Nations Festival- A Legacy of Cowichan 2008
A Celebration of Acceptance, Understanding and Reconciliation of all Peoples
First held in October 2008. The 4th Annual Walk will be this October.
www.walkofthenations.ca

Working Agreement- 2008

- Signed by local government leaders
- States that governments will work together to provide better water and wastewater infrastructure for entire Cowichan Region.
- Committees include: Joint Utilities Board and the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan Committee (Chief is the Chair)

JUB Sewage Lagoons are on CT lands.
Leased by the JUB from CT.
JUB is North Cowichan/Duncan.
CT and CVRD are customers.

Local Leaders Meeting (2007-present)

- Chief Lydia Hwitsum initiated the Local Leaders meeting in 2007.
- Includes leaders from all local governments as well as their CAOs and General Managers
- Meet on a quarterly basis- sometimes more often
- Discussions include infrastructure, dyking, flood management.

Cowichan Watershed Board (2010)

- The CWB's mandate is to provide leadership for sustainable water management to protect and enhance environmental quality and the quality of life in the Cowichan watershed and adjoining areas.

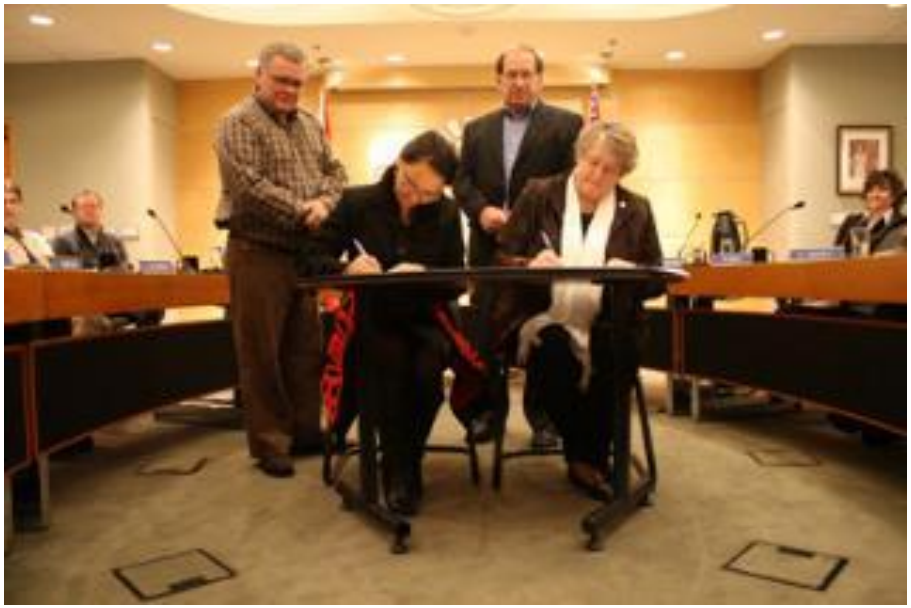
- Board consists of 12 members including the Chief and one (1) CT Councillor, Mayor of Ladysmith, Mayor of Lake Cowichan, two (2) CVRD Area Directors, staff from CT, CVRD, DFO and the Ministry of Environment.

Quamichan Lake Watershed

Integrated Flood Management MOU (2011)

- The MOU was signed on January 12, 2011 by CT, Duncan, CVRD and North Cowichan. The 4 governments committed to working as a team on integrated flood management as well as social and economic development in Cowichan.

MOU Signing
January 12, 2011



Cowichan Flood
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Huy tseep qa- Thank you everyone