



**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
COASTAL MARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES
GLENEAGLES CLUBHOUSE, THE GREAT HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**

Working Group Members: B. McAllister, B. Walker, G. Wharton, L. Williams (Chair),
M. Naderi

Working Group Members: (via WebEx): A. Nock

Council Liaison: Councillor B. Soprovich

Staff: A. Banks, Senior Manager of Parks; C. Ambor, Parks Stewardship Manager;
M. MacKinnon, District Environmental Manager; E. Hughes, Recording Clerk

Guests: Councillor S. Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Coastal Marine Management Plan Working Group (CMMPWG) approved the
September 29, 2020 agenda as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

The CMMPWG approved the June 23, 2020 meeting notes as circulated.

4. COASTAL MARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMMP) DRAFT REVIEW

L. Williams (Chair) presented the draft CMMP and noted the Subgroups have made
good progress and thanked them for their dedication.

In reviewing the document, L. Williams asked Working Group members to keep the
CMMP as a high level guidance document, and to be cognizant of the District's
requirements for this document.

L. Williams noted that further work on the formatting and organization of the draft CMMP is required to keep the document logical. This could include consideration of timelines and how Objectives and Recommendations are connected to the timelines, particularly as some of the Objectives are very long-term.

4.1 Coastal Dynamics & Habitat Enhancement Subgroup

The Coastal Dynamics & Habitat Enhancement subgroup reported on their updates and perspectives on how the draft CMMP can be enhanced.

The Objectives in this section were reviewed. Objective 3 was removed as it is captured within Objective 6.

Discussion ensued about the nature of the management of climate change and its impact on the coastlines of West Vancouver.

Discussion ensued about whether the Objectives inform the Recommendations and that some sections may be repetitive. Restructuring the document may help improve its readability.

4.2 Utility and Infrastructure Subgroup

Discussion ensued about Objective 2. It was decided that Objective 2 was too broad and did not capture the urgent need to protect low lying areas, and the issue was generally captured by Objective 3. The Working Group agreed that the sections related to Objectives require further clarity.

Discussion continued on Objective 4 regarding a soft shores approach to help mitigate erosion. One group member suggested this may actually be a Recommendation rather than an Objective.

Objective 7 involves a response plan to possible oil spills. Multiple Working Group members noted this is out of the scope of the CMMPWG and not under the District of West Vancouver's jurisdiction. There was discussion about retaining this content as a public education Objective.

The Working Group agreed that Objectives 7, 8 and 9 require further clarifications.

4.3 Public / Private Interface Subgroup

It was noted that the Planning Department is developing a foreshore Development Permit Area that may influence the CMMP.

Objective 1 states that a biologist is to be engaged to provide an expert opinion. It was noted that the professional designation should perhaps be broader and may include an ecologist or coastal engineer. Discussion ensued whether the District would be undertaking these projects or if an external organization would be required.

It was agreed that Objective 3 be removed and its intent be integrated with Objective 1. Objective 1 also acknowledges previously completed works, as well as possible future projects.

Objective 7 is to be reworded to simplify the language.

Objective 8 is a direct recommendation from the Union of BC Municipalities. It is based on projects implemented by the State of Washington and the government of Nova Scotia, and are examples of successful shoreline protection.

L. Williams asked the Working Group if an advisory group would be helpful for implementing the CMMP. Discussion ensued about time considerations and completing capital works.

Discussion ensued regarding erosion of beachfront properties, decreased public access to beaches, and encroachment upon privately owned land.

5. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

District staff noted that the public engagement timeline has been postponed due to Covid-19. Public engagement is now planned for late October or November. The Working Group is to review the Neighbourhood Character Working Group page, as an example of online engagement.

6. UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

The next CMMPWG meeting is scheduled for October 6. The location will be subsequently determined as the Gleneagles Clubhouse Great Hall is unavailable.

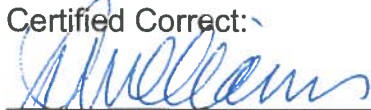
7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Two members of the public addressed the Working Group, with clarifications about the Shoreline Preservation Society's previous works, and questions about ecological considerations in the Coastal Marine Management Plan.

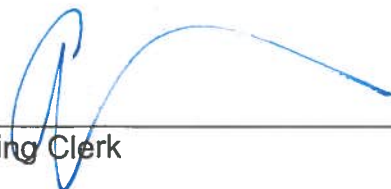
8. ADJOURNMENT

L. Williams (Chair) adjourned the September 29, 2020, CMMPWG meeting at 7:30 pm.

Certified Correct: ✓



Chair



Recording Clerk