

DELEGATION REQUEST

Name of person speaking: Meaghan Cursons

Organization you are representing: Comox Valley Conservation Partnership (CVCP)

Primary purpose of the organization: CVCP brings together local community groups to provide a unified voice for the value of conservation in our natural areas

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Subject matter:

- Brief introduction to the Comox Valley Conservation Partnership;
- Introduce the 3rd Annual Vancouver Island Symposium: Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate
- Climate Change, Collaboration and Landscape Restoration. April 22 - 24, 2020 Courtenay BC.

Presented by the Comox Valley Conservation Partnership, Partnership for Water Sustainability in British Columbia, Cumberland Community Forest Society, and Nanaimo & Area Land Trust. This symposium is part of an ongoing series that highlights the power of collaboration between local government, elected leaders and industry professionals. This collaboration is essential to mobilize and respond effectively to the impacts of climate change and to reconnect the ecology and hydrology in the built and natural environments that surround us.

Requested meeting date: Committee of the Whole Dec 10th, 2019

Audio-visual equipment needed: PowerPoint

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**Changing Climate
Public Event**
Florence Filberg Centre
Special Guest Speakers TBA

APR 23

**Water, Place and
Reconciliation**
Opening Session

**Regional Collaboration toward
Natural Asset Management**

**Engaging Community in
Climate Strategies -
Projects and Tactics**

**Stitching Together Altered
Landscapes: Conservation,
Community and Resilience**

Symposium Social
Courtenay and District Museum
and Paleontology Centre
4-7 pm

APR 24

**BC's Climate Reality, In-
ter-Regional
Collaboration &
Actionable Visions**

**Natural Assets as
Ecological Systems and
Services**

**International Year of the
Salmon – Will Lightning
Strike Twice?**

To register, please visit:
<https://www.cvlandtrust.ca/2020-symposium/>

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The Florence Filberg Centre
411 Anderton Ave, Courtenay, BC, V9N 6C



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Opportunity for the CVRD

2020 Symposium on Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate

- Public engagement and education events (leading up to symposium)
- Profile local climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives
- Share watershed protection and water conservation projects and activities
- Highlight local leadership
- Highlight strategic partnerships w/community sector
- Showcase local/regional collaborations
- Showcase inter-regional collaborations
- Site visits and tours
- Media
- Linkages with SD #71/youth
- Build on successes



Water, Place and Reconciliation

What is the starting place for our work in water sustainability, landscape scale restoration, collaboration and facing the impacts of a changing climate?

It starts with an understanding of the culture, land, water and stories of the places where we do our work. Join us for this welcome to the territory of the K'omoks First Nation.



Regional Collaboration toward Natural Asset Management

The Comox Valley has never witnessed the scale of cross sector collaboration and cross jurisdictional work toward land and water sustainability than we have in the past 5 years.

From Municipal Natural Assets Initiatives, Integrated Rainwater Management, Official Community Plan processes and Watershed Protection action this session will explore the complexities and opportunities in regional collaboration.

Engaging Community in Climate Strategies

Local government leadership is making it clear that meaningful community engagement is critical to all levels of community planning.

But how does this happen without just paying lip service to the idea of engagement? What tactics make a real impact? What kind of projects help to deepen interest, collaboration and engagement.

From K-12 programs and OCP Updates to Urban Forest Strategies and Citizen Science, community engagement is on the top of the agenda.



Stitching Together Altered Landscapes: *Conservation, Community and Resilience*

Over the past 170 local landscapes has been transformed by settlement, logging, coal mining, agriculture, road building, industry and development.

These altered landscapes are where the local impacts of climate change - flooding, erosion, and loss of biodiversity - first become evident. But these altered landscapes also hold the greatest potential for building resiliency.

The Courtenay Estuary, Morrison Headwaters, Perseverance Watershed, Comox Lake - these places are at the heart of our local climate story.



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