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Horsefly River Roundtable (HRR) Regular Meeting Minutes  
 December 18, 6:30 pm  
 Senior Activity and Wellness Society, B.C. (SAWS)

Present	Regrets	
Leonard Halwas	Ray Englund	Kirsten Saunders
Elaine Armagost	Paul Brammer	Steven Beigh
Helen Englund	Beat Oshwald	Willem Faasse
Brian Englund	Lori Walters	Jane Fitschen
Tina Rezansoff	Nancy Beigh	Esther Oshwald
Jenny Noble	Suzanne Englund	Tanya Tervit
Rick Walters.	Ali Waterhouse	Paul Hearsey
Susan Woermke	Sue Hemphill	Sandy McNie
Arts on The Fly	Bill Ayers	Rose Christianson
Ardine Joss	Ricky Seelhoff	Lyle Williams
Bill Lloyd	Chad Seelhoff	Faye Knox
Claudio Rothenbacker	Alan Crosby	Monika Schlaepfer
Analise Shaftsmas	Phil Hartman	Cait Gentle Riverside Society BC
Lee Shaftsmas	Pauline Priadka	Blaine Bowie
Regrets	Craig Abbot	Chad Gosling
Lisa Gosling	Richard Hogan	Rainer Krumsiek
Fawny Michel	Annie Murphy	Marlyne Osinchuk

Chair Englund called the meeting to order at 6:53

Vice Chair Lloyd moved to adopt the agenda Treasurer Englund seconded  
 Carried

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Vice Chair Lloyd moved to adopt the minutes of November 20, 2025, member Woermke seconded  
 Carried

### Financial Report

Treasurer Englund presented the financial report.

DECEMBER MEETING FINANCIALS

HORSEFLY RIVER ROUNDTABLE			
BALANCE SHEET - 2025			
CATEGORY	2025-11-14	2025-12-18	COMMENTS
GENERAL	\$126417	\$244,17	AJTF - Donation - \$100
DEVELOP	\$1,848.00	\$1447.70	Bank Maintenance - 2.95 Website \$157.50 Zoom \$240.00
BOARDWALK	\$36,614.14	\$36,614.14	No Change
BLISK	\$0.00		Completed
SALMON FESTIVAL	\$1192.44	\$1,392.44	Fishin' Festival - DM Transfer for (from Nov 6, 2025) Annie Murphy
PROP COURSE	0.00		Project Completed
STREAMKEEPER! PSF	\$1,077.47	\$1,077.27	no change
TRAILS	\$0.30		Moved to Salmon Festival
BM SUPLIS			
TOTAL	\$2687705	\$2687591	agrees with the December 18, 2025, statement

Vice Chair Lloyd made a motion to pay SAWS \$24.00 for facility rental. Treasurer Englund seconded  
 Carried

Secretary Armagost moved moved to adopt the financial report, member Noble seconded  
 Carried

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### **DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Chair Englund      Horsefly River Fisheries Sensitive Watershed Working Group**

On November 25, Chair Englund and Secretary Armagost attended the meeting in Williams Lake. WLFN spoke to planning commercial thinning in McKusky/Doreen and McKinley Lake. Also working to determine the Elk herd and putting up trail cams to gather data. Whispering Pines was present but had no comments. West Fraser was on for a short update, they are not very active in the watershed. Tolko provided an update, they are quite busy with several contractors in the watershed. Ministry of Forests are working on the TSR, there have been range referrals for windmill near Seelhofs and exploration via Prospect Ridge in Lemon Lake. Forests is updating their water quality surveys. Water Land and Resource Stewardship is working on a Milne hydrological report, and entering data. HRR provided a report about what was seen on the river during the summer and introduced the Declaration of Nature Rights for the Horsefly River. Discussion was around having the working group help with the vision for 50 years down the road. Forest Landscape Planning and finding historical benchmarks. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 13, 2026 at 9:00 am in the Cariboo Room, 540 Borland, Williams Lake.

#### **Declaration On The Rights Of Nature for the Horsefly River**

We visited individual groups as follows:

-Historical society at Senior Activity and Wellness Center (SAWS) on the 23rd at 1:30 Secretary Armagost attended and provided a short presentation and asked for them to go to the website and pledge support.

-HRFSWG on the 25th at 9:00 Williams Lake. Chair Englund and Secretary Armagost for HRR, Whispering Pines, WLFN Tolko West Fraser BCFS, WLRS were in attendance, lots of delays due to the BCGEU strike, Tolko is active, WF not so much. We presented the Rights of Nature Declaration and asked them all to take it to their managers and partner with us, or go to the website and pledge support as individuals

-Horsefly Cattleman's on the 27th at 7:00 pm at SAWS

Vice Chair Lloyd was there, 25-30 people were there, WLFN/WLRS is looking to mount cameras in the west horsefly lake and black creek areas as part of study to determine the population. The focus of the meeting was biosolids, the salesman has interested many agricultural producers. Our presentation was at the end of the meeting, there was too much information already, but we did get the word out about the website and asked them to support. Cattleman's have since requested us to attend a meeting during the last half of January and speak to them again.

-Presenting to SAWS Dec 2 at 10:00

Secretary Armagost attended, there were 12 members in attendance, the presentation was 20 minute with an even longer question and answer period

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followed by a very good debate. They want to read the declaration before they support, paper copies were left for review. There are four names on a sheet I passed around..

We have been in touch with the Board of Trade and we will see if we can get into the school, 4-H, Horsefly Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD), Women's Institute (WI) and Arts On The Fly.

We will design a poster and put it up in and around Horsefly.

We have 13 members in support and two on hold and 18 non members

### **Forest Practices Board Complaint**

From Greg Jorganson December 17: A quick update from our end regarding progress with the investigation. We are still reviewing documents and plans, observations from the field, and working on follow-up questions to pose to licensees in the new year. I will share more details in early January, but my aim is to schedule and complete the interviews by the end of January, if possible, and move on to the next steps of the investigation. I'll reach out with an update as soon as it makes sense.

Treasurer Englund

### **Replace Boardwalk on River Trail**

The project is on hold until we find an excavator. Chair Englund will contact some owners and see if we can get them to come help with burning the old structure. We will make it passable for foot traffic until we can get materials hauled in the spring and get the culverts in. Once we have a day, we will announce it and get help.

Secretary Armagost

### **Charitable status**

Done filing historical CRA reports. Treasurer Englund is working with Cameron and Co and Marlyne Osinchuck to file 2020, 21, 22, 23 and 24. Discussion was around asking for help to get the rest of these historical reports filed. Secretary Armagost offered to help.

### **Biosolids**

For a few years already, Metro Vancouver has been backhauling treated human waste to agriculture settings within the Horsefly River Watershed. We know that there ARE PFAS in biosolids along with pharmaceuticals, nano plastics and heavy metal wastes. Canada has set a PFAS limit of 30 ng/L, USA has a limit of 4. EU 100, state of Maine uses 20, Denmark uses 2.

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We know that certain plants take up PFAS, are eaten by wildlife and enter the food chain.

We know that Silvis does not promote third party testing

We know that Silvis is preparing all the government applications for the agriculture producers

PFAS bind with soil and are moved with water

We know that the Capital Regional District in Victoria has banned the use of biosolids on agricultural lands

We contacted

**Rory Tooke, PhD** (he/him/his)

Senior Manager | Environmental Innovation

T: 250.360.3626 C: 250.857.3625

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**Capital Regional District Biosolids Analytics**

Who shared that their regional district uses a precautionary principle and a long term strategy under their liquid waste plan with three tiers

1. Thermal treatment which virtually eliminates PFAS/PFOS
2. Non-agricultural applications, quart reclamation, LaFare for cement and Sylvis for landscapes and nurseries.
3. In region, non agriculture use with FN consultation.

Rory said that PFOS tests are between five and ten thousand dollars. He also provided the following information:

Synagro operates the Residuals Treatment Facility (the facility that produces biosolids) uses CARO for OMRR compliance (metals and coliforms).

Contact: Echo Fex

Email: [efex@caro.ca](mailto:efex@caro.ca)

For "Contaminants of Emerging Concern", like PFAS and pharmaceuticals, we use SGS AXYS in Sidney. We test over 140 pharmaceutical compounds.

Contact: Suma Thomas

Phone: 236-362-2009

Email: [suma.thomas@sgs.com](mailto:suma.thomas@sgs.com)

Discussion was around other places in BC which have banned the use of biosolids on agricultural lands. We have invited Rene Carl Dionne from SYLVIS, the contractor for Metro Vancouver to attend our January meeting.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Remove Tilting Pump House By Rick Twin Rivers**

Carried Forward

### **Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Spawning Channel**

The first step to this is contacting DFO and see what their plans are for the spawning channel and see what it might cost to operate it. We know Greg Schuler with DFO, Chair Englund or Treasurer Englund will contact him and report back.

### **Finalize the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR)**

Director Walters, Member Brammer and Secretary Armagost will work on the Draft ToR and bring a final version to the January meeting

Carried Forward

### **Seelhof Notice of Application for Investigative Licence**

Discussion was around what we should include in a response letter to the referral. We decided to ask about how it will affect the watershed and what the footprint will be. Vice Chair Lloyd and Secretary Armagost will draft a letter.

### **2026 Salmon Festival**

Member Hemphill has offered to help with the educational portion, discussion was around contacting Kathy Farkas to see if she would like to take it on and be mentored by member Hemphill. Member Rezansoff has also volunteered to help

### **2026 Egg Float**

Last year it was done in conjunction with AOTF, so we want to lower the price of the tickets to \$5.00 and raise \$7,000.00? First year we sold more tickets at \$5.00, we had a very short window to sell the \$10.00 tickets in 2025. Discussion was around what to charge as well as having an information booth at Arts On The Fly.

Vice Chair Lloyd moved to sell Salmon Egg Float tickets for \$5.00 each, member Schaafsma seconded  
Carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Best wishes to Tina Rezansoff in her recovery

### **Correspondance**

CRD November 14, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

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SAWS Minutes excerpt of December 2, 2025

### Membership

Many Members have not renewed; cost is \$10.00 per person. Please drop by SAWS on a Tuesday or Saturday to renew your membership (10am – Noon). Please pay before December 10<sup>th</sup>, as everyone will be busy setting up Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Reminder: Santa's Gone Loonie is happening at SAWS on Sat. Dec., 13<sup>th</sup> around noon. Since time is needed for the W.I. to set up this Kids Shopping for their parents event, Coffee will be cut off at 11:30am

A letter is attached to these Minutes about your membership. If you have already paid ... *thank you so much.*

### NEW BUSINESS:

Elaine Armagost, Secretary for the Horsefly River Round Table spoke in depth to the group about what their goals are, where they stand now, and what they have planned for the future. Elaine passed around a Draft "Declaration on the Rights of the Horsefly River". Copies are available at SAWS. If you are interested, please read this "Declaration" and let Elaine 620-3307 [[elainearmagost@gmail.com](mailto:elainearmagost@gmail.com)] know if you'd like to be a part of this.

**MOTION:** Ernie moved that the Thrift Store proceeds of \$375.00 be given to the Horsefly River Roundtable to assist in their endeavours.

**SECONDED:** Ardine

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Ernie at 10:55am.

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Next meeting will be January 15, 2026, location to be determined.

Vice Chair Lloyd moved to adjourn the meeting Chair Englund seconded  
Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05

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