

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Date: February 19, 2018. Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Location: Smithers Town Office

Board members in attendance: Eric Becker, Cor van der Meulen, John Fisher, Ted Vanderwart, Matt Sear, Bryan Swansburg, Bob Mitchell

Absent: Karen Price, Ron Vanderstar, Debra Flemming, Christoph Dietzfelbinger

Recording: Laura Guillon (BVRC)

Item	Discussion
Introduction /Agenda Review	Agenda accepted with revisions
Past Minutes	January 2018 minutes accepted with a date error change
Presentation/ Discussion	<p data-bbox="391 724 1289 789">Implementation Monitoring for the Bulkley and Kalum Land and Resource Management Plans (LRMPs) - Kerrith McKay</p> <p data-bbox="391 831 1377 1073">The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development (MFLNRO&RD) in partnership with the Bulkley Valley Research Centre are updating LRMP Implementation Monitoring Reports for the Bulkley and Kalum LRMPs using the following as guides: 'Bulkley LRMP Implementation and Progress Report' prepared in 2006; 'Provincial Monitoring Framework for Strategic Land Use Plans – Working Draft' prepared in July 1999; and the 'Strategic Land Use Plan Monitoring Procedures – Working Draft' from May 2000.</p> <p data-bbox="391 1115 1401 1287">Kerrith is engaging with provincial government staff from across the natural resource sector ministries, the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board, the Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust, and the Kalum Public Implementation Committee on plan implementation monitoring. Anything in the LRMP listed under "maintain" or "plan" are being followed up on and any new projects added.</p> <p data-bbox="391 1329 1284 1394">Four projects were brought forward in which the CRB was listed as fulfilling objectives in the Bulkley LRMP. The CRB is listed as a "supporting agency".</p> <p data-bbox="391 1436 1081 1467">Project 1.1 Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP)</p> <ul data-bbox="440 1472 1398 1787" style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2006 - last government input • The majority of the summer RAMP was completed in 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CRB is meeting with MFLNRO&RD and 'Recreation Sites and Trails BC' in April 2018 to determine next steps ○ June 2018 will have a timeline for completing the summer RAMP ○ The delay has been the Telkwa Caribou, which the Board was a joint sponsor of • The winter RAMP will be a separate document likely to be initiated in the fall of 2018

	<p>Project 9.5 – Blunt Mountain Area Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the RAMPs are completed, this plan will be taken care of • If additional roads are added in the future, they will need to be brought into the RAMP <p>Project 11.4 Wildlife Habitat Map Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CRB only reviewed the project. • Will be closing out (see WHMA presentation notes from last meeting) <p>Question from CRB: How will the state of the forest reports (HLPO analysis) be dealt with?</p> <p>The third report – validation effectiveness will be similar to the “state of the forest report” or HLPO. The fourth report will culminate all the information. These two reports are not on the contract at this time.</p> <p>The updated report is due to the government in March and at that point we don’t know how government will roll them out.</p> <p>Action: Kerrith will email the 2006 report, region land use plans and her EOI which outlines the work being done. The CRB will approve the language in the products and progress summary. Any changes need to be made by the first week of March.</p>
<p>Ongoing Business</p>	<p>Letter of support for FLNRO’s WHMA plan</p> <p>The CRB’s concerns were responded to promptly.</p> <p>The change will alter the approval process for projects – currently is the district manager, under the Wildlife Act it would be the regional minister.</p> <p>If access is needed for forest health reasons, some want to make sure the process will not be more complicated. The existing forest stewardship plan should not be impacted “as long as wording is correct”. It seems a complicated way to ask for more funding and the CRB’s main concerns are possible added regulation and administrative burden.</p> <p>Guest comment: The innate difference in lands and wildlife acts will make FLNRO biologists lives easier in a high use area. If the change does not impact others negatively, it would be helpful.</p> <p>It will be important to get verbal agreements in writing so changes in government personnel will not have an effect.</p> <p>The board has reviewed the “BVCRB Values” document and found the change does not affect any of the values. The CRB would like to support this decision although there are concerns. The letter of support will include provisions.</p> <p>Action: Matt will draft something based on Ron’s notes and circulate to the board for review.</p>

	<p>Telkwa High Road Hauling Letter</p> <p>No hauling is occurring right now</p> <p>Action: the latest version of the letter will be circulated and signed.</p> <p>Visual Effects of Logging – Reisetser area</p> <p>Christoph and Bob have submitted complaints as individuals (on compliance and enforcement – visual quality)</p> <p>Use of MOE and Wetzin’kwa Community Forest Grants for the summer RAMP</p> <p>Eric met with. A meeting will be set up in April with Brandy Hughes to determine what needs to be finished, what resources are needed and timeline. The intent was that all the roads would be evaluated for type of recreation. Roads not on the list need to be filled in.</p> <p>There is a few thousand left in the summer RAMP fund and this is a good opportunity to use them up (community input if necessary, send someone to do more evaluation on roads). Tie in the Wetzin’kwa Community Forest grant</p> <p>Action: Book meeting for April.</p> <p>Telkwa Coal</p> <p>A mini-conference was held last week with a presentation by Telkwa coal. From the presentation, it does not appear to be a ‘major’ operation, only ~230 thousand tons per year. The process seems like it will work well with the structure, all surface strip mining. They are interested in one deposit only of three possible.</p> <p>They would like to present to the board in April and board members will need to come up with a list of questions in advance. Public information sessions will occur around the same time. If the CRB presentation occurs before the public sessions, the high number of attendees could be logistically challenging.</p> <p>There were concerns from the community about the original plan which included roads through farm properties. There are possible Acid Rock Drainage (ARD) issues that could arise.</p> <p>Action: Book 1 hour presentation with Telkwa Coal</p>
New Business	<p>Website Information Requests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maps for Telkwa caribou mountains, referred to appropriate persons 2. Information on a Heli-skiing operation west of the Bulkeley, not in our

	<p>jurisdiction, referred to Ministry of Tourism.</p> <p>Restoring Forestry in BC Report</p> <p>An interesting report found online, will be distributed to board members.</p>
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Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting 7:00 pm, March 19

Actions

Task	Due	Responsibility
Distribute the 2006 LRMP report, region land use reports and EOI. The CRB will approve the language in the products and progress summary. Any changes need to be made by the first week of March.	March 2	All
Draft letter of support for FLNRO's WHMA plan	ASAP	All
Circulate Telkwa High Road letter for signing	February 23	Matt, BVRC
Book RAMP meeting	Next meeting	Eric, BVRC
Draft list of questions for Telkwa Coal	April 9	All
Book Telkwa Coal presentation	Next meeting	Ted, BVRC
Distribute 'Restoring Forestry in BC' report		John