

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Date: April 16, 2018. Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Location: Smithers Town Office

Board members in attendance: Eric Becker, Ron Vanderstar, John Fisher, Ted Vanderwart, Matt Sear, Karen Price, Cor van der Meulen, Bob Mitchell

Absent: Debra Flemming, Christoph Dietzfelbinger

Guests: Brandy Hughes

Recording: Laura Guillon (BVRC)

Item	Discussion
Introduction /Agenda Review	Agenda accepted
Past Minutes	March 2018 minutes accepted with the minor revisions
Discussion	<p>Summer RAMP Completion – Brandy Hughes</p> <p>In 2013 the CRB and government agencies made a commitment to continue the plan and places were identified that should be revisited when more information would be available.</p> <p>Have identified recreation trails been legalized?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There exist trails agreed upon in the RAMP that “need to be made a priority and just needs to get done”. Many are not legally established; a referral process needs to occur. This would be Brandy’s responsibility. The benefit of a legalized trail would be more authority over what activities occur there. • A legacy trail such as Silvern Lakes is not legalized, but most people respect it. This does not mean that people always will so it would be beneficial to go through the process. • The current priority trails are ones that are marked to get lots of work • Current process, is that when a licensee proposes activity near trails it generates a referral to Brandy, who informs the licensee of the management requirements. Process works well for major licensees so why legalize? Some feel legalization very necessary in case of future “bad operators”, while others do not agree it is necessary. <p>The CRB could write a formal request to Eamon Donohue regarding the completion of the RAMP. The current RAMP is not what we want to make official because it needs updating.</p> <p>For legalizing trails, priority trails must be identified and referred as there are over 60 in the RAMP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be tough to pick which ones as the current group does not represent the original group and do not know all the trails • To start can pick the easy wins • Ones in caribou habitat do not need legalization

	<p>Currently there is no GIS database for the RAMP and no notifications. Brandy reaches out to licensees to inform about the RAMP and how to send referrals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should be the first priority • There is only \$2300 left in the RAMP fund so it would be difficult to contract that out. • A database exists for legal trails (2 layers, linear and polygon). • A description of the trails, objectives and which allow motorized access will be needed <p>Action: Eric will send a draft version he owns to Brandy to begin the process of creating a GIS database.</p> <p>The CRB would like to know why there has not been any implementation of the RAMP. Corridors in the LRMP were so why is the RAMP any different?</p> <p>Action: Brandy will meet with two board members to go through the trails and can commit to referring out some as a package. Look at amount of use, accessibility and if it is enforceable (the CRB does not agree with choosing ones that are more enforceable. All should be enforced if rules are in place).</p> <p>Action: Eric and Bob will review the RAMP and highlight areas that need more research.</p> <p>There has been a social push to have some areas that are not designated motorized have special access granted to those that require motorized assistance. The CRB can suggest a policy be put in place.</p> <p>BV Intensive Motorized Area</p> <p>The BV Intensive Motorized Association will meet with ecosystems soon to present a proposal for a designated area for mudbogging, etc . The proposed area is in the Pine Creek FSR which has been chosen due to past disturbance, cell coverage, and existing trails. There are no trails to the Alpine and it is a relatively, small contained area. They have hired ProTech to work with the club to come up with an internal document on how to mitigate challenges.</p> <p>Some ideas are to bring in students for educational opportunities in monitoring, and to create an 'exchange area' by enhancing another wetland. This is commonly done where mitigation is impossible. Ecosystems might be more receptive to approve the proposal with something given and the group could ask Ecosystems if they have a reclamation idea.</p>
<p>Ongoing Business</p>	<p>Bulkley UWR updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIR submitted some comments today; the CRB will get a copy. In review phase, waiting for response • Keep on agenda in future

	<p>WHMA Change Letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Len is trying to get a hold of the district manager • The CRB will wait until they resolve the jurisdictional issues with permitting • Keep on agenda in future <p>Telkwa Coal Questions</p> <p>Ron is waiting on reports that will give more detail, these will be forwarded to the board. Questions should be ready for June</p> <p>Does the board want to invite the public to submit questions for the CRB to ask?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample Ad: “The CRB is compiling a list of questions for Telkwa Coal. Please submit your questions by email to...” • Where? Webpage, newspaper, In the Loop, BVRC membership list • Wetzin’kwa funding could pay for the ad <p>Action: Eric and Bryan will write a draft ad</p> <p>Update on increases in mining production: falls under section 10 1B. We haven’t found the regulation quoted by Telkwa Coal that specifies a limit falling below EA regulations.</p> <p>Timber Appurtenancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No proposed regulation yet • Nothing to do with exports • Will wait and see what the government is planning • If changes do not affect LRMP, won’t have much to say
New Business	<p>Update on new provincial land use planning</p> <p>50 million will be made available over 3 years for land use planning Not sure what will look like, but the CRB will be informed early of plans</p>

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting 7:00pm, May 14

Actions

Task	Due	Responsibility
Send a draft database to Brandy to begin the process of creating a GIS database	Next meeting	Eric
Brandy will meet with two board members to go through the trails and refer out some as a package	1 month	Eric, TBD
Review the RAMP and highlight areas that need more research	June	Eric, Bob
Write an ad inviting Telkwa Coal questions, send to newspaper, BVRC, post on Facebook	Next Meeting	Eric, Bryan

