

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Date: May 14th, 2018, Meeting convened at 7:00pm

Location: Smithers Town Office

Board members in attendance: Eric Becker, Ron Vanderstar, John Fisher, Ted Vanderwart, Cor van der Meulen, Bob Mitchell, Christoph Dietzfelbinger

Absent: Karen Price, Matt Sear, Debra Flemming,

Guests: Len Vanderstar, Alan Baxter (West Fraser)

Recording: Emily Hashemi (BVRC)

Item	Discussion
Intro/ Agenda Review	Agenda accepted
Past Minutes	April 2018 minutes accepted
Discussion	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chequing account approx. \$2900 • Approx. \$1500 of this should cover costs at BVRC • Summer rent funds still left in care with BVRC, \$2350 <p>Proposed Bulkley UWR Order – Len Vanderstar</p> <p>Acronyms: THLB = Timber Harvesting Land Base</p> <p>Updates: order has been amended. It can be found on the website.</p> <p>Refer to map distributed by Len:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pink area = all season goat habitats. • Purple area = proposed winter range that UWR wants to put forward as protected lands. • Blue area = the 1km specific area associated with the winter range. • Brown area = what’s left over of the all season range. • Light blue = specific area that allows logging to happen, but with limitations. • Green area = under some conditions, can be harvested (based on time of the year). <p>THLB analysis does not include the woodlands. Analysis indicates: 785 total hectares of which 432 is up towards Seven Sisters in winter range. The wood needs to be proportionally harvested to prevent forest exploitation. The goal is to prevent a THLB impact.</p> <p><u>Bottom line:</u> The Bulkley UWR is not proposing to change the map, but instead would like to put forward a purple area that has not</p>

	<p>yet been mapped, asking for protection of the winter range. They are focused on the winter range mapping, as goats are most vulnerable in the winter season.</p> <p>They want to ensure the THLB lands are not over harvested and that this proposed protected range will not be logged. There is currently no security of any kind concerning ongoing winter range protection in the future. The Bulkley UWR wants to secure this agreement.</p> <p>Action: The CRB needs to explore licensee further. Clarification and understanding need to be addressed.</p>
<p>Ongoing Business</p>	<p>Telkwa Coal Questions</p> <p>Telkwa Coal Mining Reports - more information will be released later in May. Ron will forward to board.</p> <p>To note for next month's meeting: it is important that the board focus on asking questions to Telkwa Coal based on the values represented by the CRB (as a group), and not on an individual basis.</p> <p>Questions (separated into categories based on CRB values):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water 2. Air 3. Noise and Traffic 4. Economics 5. Recreation 6. Visual Quality <p><u>Water</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much water do they plan on using? Where does the water come from? How is it dealt with and deposited? 2. What water quality standards to they plan to meet? How do they anticipate dealing with the discharge of the water? 3. What kinds of aquifers are going to be impacted? What is the affect on ground water? <p><u>Air</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How are they dealing with the level of dust throughout all three stages: at the mine site, during transport (truck and

rail), and at the load out (in Telkwa)? What standards do they expect to meet?

2. Any other air pollutants discharge to expect?

Noise & Traffic

1. Where are they building the new roads?
2. Noise level expectations?
3. What kind of equipment are they using?
4. Are they planning a night shut down for traffic?
5. How much noise will we hear from the mine site?
6. How much traffic and what hours?
7. What kind of vehicles? How many per day?
8. Do they expect any noise issues throughout the mine, transportation, or load out stages? Does it affect those who live close by?

Economics

1. How much economic benefit is valued to the community? i.e. - the amount of wealth it will generate to the community?
2. How much money has been spent to date?
3. Other industries/activities this mine will impact? Forestry and others?
4. How many hectares of land are going to be impacted?
5. What is the anticipated life span?
6. Coal Percentage: What is the percentage of metallurgical vs. thermal coal?
7. What benefits do they predict, other than new jobs? What other community benefits are they anticipating they will be providing?

Recreation

1. Are they going to maintain access for recreational users to access those trail heads?
2. Will they be able to accommodate recreational traffic?
3. Is there a possibility the public will not be able to access those trail heads?

Visual Quality

1. Are they doing a visual impact assessment?

2. What are the viewpoints?
3. How much disturbance to the visual landscape do they anticipate from these viewpoints?
4. Where will the mine be visible from?
5. What are the visual impacts of loading?
6. Is there a storage pile?
7. If there are problems with the railroad, will they store it at the mine or elsewhere?

Wildlife

1. Expected impact on moose population?
2. Will the mine affect the caribou recovery program?

For the board to keep in mind: It is important to see what is in the permit, in addition to what is laid out in the proposal.

Action: Add other questions that may arise after the meeting to this list.

Action: Questions will be sent to Ted for review and edits, sent back to the board for approval. Perhaps a shared Google doc?

Summer RAMP Progress/Updates

- Working to finalize maps and GPS tracking.
- Received a letter from recreation sites and trails that will donate money to hire a contractor to do the mapping.
- The board will need to find a contractor, assess prices, and get final approval.
- Part of the mapping process will require photographs. Possible to recruit the backpackers to help with this? More information and planning to follow.

June Meeting

- Location: Town office.
- Telkwa Coal meeting: does the CRB want to maintain an open door policy for this meeting?

Decision: The meeting will be open to the public; the board welcomes visitors, not participants (as observers only). The board will not open the floor to questions/discussion. The board will not advertise the meeting to the public.

	Action: Dinner together beforehand - meet half an hour early and have pizza and cold drinks. Bob will organize food.
New Business	

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. Next meeting 7:00pm, June 18th

Actions:

Task	Due	Responsibility
Ted to refine Telkwa Coal questions and send to board for review.	Aim for Friday the 18th	Ted
Eric working on getting more detail on RAMP contract update.		Eric