

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes, April 19, 2016. Meeting convened at 7:10 PM, Skeena-Stikine District office, Smithers, B. C.

Board members in attendance: Paddy Hirshfield (Acting Chair and Treasurer), Eric Becker (Vice Chair), Bob Mitchell, Cor van der Meulen, Karen Price, Mathias Westphal, Ron Vanderstar.

Absent: Christoph Dietzfelbinger, Ruth Lloyd

Guests: Brandy Hughes, Anne Hetherington

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Agenda review	Additions: Land tenuring and UREPs; Board membership; finances. Agenda approved with additions.
Review of minutes, March 15, 2016 meeting	Minutes approved.
New business	<p>Membership: Board member Joey Welch submitted resignation as of today’s date. He is moving to southern B.C. Mathias Westphal has been confirmed as Board member by the selection committee. There are currently 3 vacancies.</p> <p>Finances: There is a surplus in the RAMP funding account. The Board has no objections to applying this towards access projects in general, including the Telkwa Mountains Recreation Access Management Plan.</p>
Recreation update	<p>Brandy Hughes, District Recreation Officer, Nadina-Skeena Recreation District, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations</p> <p>Discussion: Board: We would like to talk about how the BVCRB and Recreation Sites and Trails BC can work together on outstanding Summer RAMP action items and on a potential Winter RAMP process. It was intended that area and trail recommendations from Summer RAMP would be legally designated. Is this needed for enforcement and to have the RAMP continue to be respected for years to come?</p> <p>Brandy Hughes: The RAMP is being implemented at a policy level. Community buy-in holds a lot weight. Is the Board seeing respect for the RAMP?</p> <p>Board member: There is some disrespect, e.g. Argos in Harold Price non-motorized area.</p> <p>Board member: There are laws in place that deal with environmental damage.</p> <p>BH: Education is an aspect as well. People may not know that they are damaging the environment.</p> <p>Board member: Legislating the RAMP would require a lengthy process that might not work.</p> <p>BH: Motorized use is a prominent topic. We are working on a designated motorized area as per Summer RAMP recommendation #3.</p> <p>Board member: We would like to ensure that we continue to receive referrals.</p> <p>BH: We are sending them to the Board. There have not been any in the last year.</p> <p>Board member: How do we get agencies to recognize the RAMP in their development planning? It is not in the Higher Level Plan Orders. It could be easy to miss trails.</p> <p>Anne Hetherington: Comment: There needs to be a mechanism, such as a GIS layer. And a link to planning documents to provide context, rather than just managing by checklist. This is being worked on. Some things fall</p>

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	<p>through the cracks but a public group like the BVCRB provides a check. BH: How does the Board deal with ideas or issues that need to be to looked at? Board: We invite an agency representative to a meeting for a discussion of the issue, and then we follow up with letters or other action. With Summer RAMP some of the mapping follow-up has been done as per recommendation #6. The BV Backpackers and Tourism Smithers have added georeferenced maps to their websites. We provided the funding. We may now be able to add maps to our redesigned website. BH: The District can work with the Quad riders on mapping. Action items: Brandy will contact C & E staff regarding Harold Price area. BVCRB and District Recreation will develop a work plan for completing outstanding Summer RAMP items. BVCRB and District Recreation will discuss a Winter RAMP process in October.</p>
New Business con't	<p>Anne Hetherington: Defer UREP discussion to next meeting – when there is more time and appropriate technology available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goshawk situation: MOE is working on this. Letter has gone out to industry – requesting reports of nesting locations. • Vihar gravel pit: On-site public consultation being held tomorrow. May lead to improved strategic planning.
Action items from the minutes	<p>1. NEWPRO particleboard plant - will there be a review of the current emissions permit? Action: Paddy to contact Dan Bings. Action: Ron will help Ruth with the CWD letter as their schedules permit.</p> <p><i>Paddy contacted Dan Bings and is waiting for response. Paddy will contact Ruth about her availability to prepare the CWD letter. Comment from Anne Hetherington: There have been some CWD surveys under FREP, and FREP standards are being improved.</i></p> <p>2. The website is currently being updated. Bio for Joey is still outstanding. Jill's questions: a) is correspondence (letters, emails) from the public to be posted to the website? b) Will the CRB post the TRAM documents? Discussion re: a) It has been the past practice to post public correspondence. There is a need for sensitivity to privacy. Therefore, ask permission prior to posting. Industry and Government correspondence to be posted unless they request otherwise. b) The CRB agreed to post the TRAM documents.</p>

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	<p><i>Jill has posted the TRAM documents and will request permission prior to posting public correspondence. Joey has resigned therefore bio not required.</i></p> <p>3. Telkwa Mountains Recreation Access Management: Paddy contacted Jocelyn regarding presenting the BVCRB goals to the group. They agreed the presentation would be best made later once TRAM had established their position.</p> <p><i>Paddy will schedule a presentation to this group.</i></p> <p>4. Summer RAMP: Brandy Hughes will be invited to the April meeting to present an update on Summer RAMP implementation.</p> <p><i>Done, see notes above.</i></p> <p>5. Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust: Karen will forward BWMT project summaries to the Board for review and discussion. Carried forward to April.</p> <p><i>Karen forwarded BWMT documents. Board members should review the reports and determine which are priority items. Board could consider expanding the framework to apply it to monitoring landscape corridors and core ecosystems outside of the Babine watershed.</i></p> <p>6. Administration: An email list is being built to enable minutes to be sent to a wider group.</p> <p><i>On-going.</i></p>
Old business	<p>Ecosystem Network Integrity Ryan Holmes (FLNRO) responded to some of the questions raised at the March meeting. Paddy will follow up with Ryan on outstanding items. Board member: Monitoring isn't enough – practices need to be changed. BWMT sees BVCRB as able to advocate for implementation of changes. Board will discuss in more depth in a future meeting.</p> <p>Public involvement The Board will continue discussion of ways to get public input such as an open house. Eric Becker will prepare notes on how best to get feedback at an event such as the Fall Fair. Subcommittee of Ruth, Eric and Paddy will meet prior to next general Board meeting.</p>
Items for next meeting	UREPs, response from Dan Bings, CWD letter, BWMT, response from Ryan Holmes
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next meeting May 17, 2016, Skeena-Stikine District office, 7 PM.	