

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes, January 14, 2014. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Board Members in Attendance: Jeff Anderson (Chair), Tim Penninga, Harold Kerr, Jack Hagen, Karen Price*, Paddy Hirshfield*, Debbie Wellwood*, Michael Sawyer*, Mathias Westphal*, Eric Becker*, Bob Mitchell* (*New BVCRB Board member, term January 2014 to June 2016). **Absent:** Trish Oosterhoff (returning Board member, term January 2014 to June 2016). **Guests:** Len Vanderstar; Spectra Energy reps Errol Batchelor - Construction Manager, Jitendra Luthera - Lead Engineer for Compressor Stations, Colin Rice - Environmental Specialist, Drum Cavers - Geotechnical Engineering Advisor, Mark Amundrud - Community Coordinator

Item	Discussion	Action
Membership	Introduction of new members.	
Agenda	No additions.	
Pipeline Proposal presentation by Spectra Energy	<p><i>Summary of presentation:</i> Mainline was built in 1955 from Ft St John to Sumas. New project to transport sweet gas would connect NE B.C. to Prince Rupert, where partner British Gas would build Ridley Island terminal. Application speaks to two pipelines. Stream crossings and water flow are of concern. Open cut crossings would only be used if absolutely necessary. Most construction would be under non-frozen conditions; company will work around seasonal wildlife considerations. Right of way width planned for 55 m, narrower where ground is steeper. Vegetation on R/W would be managed with mowing, and herbicides in area of compressor station. Although compressor station could operate without staff, it would always be staffed, and would be designed with noise reduction silencers as per MOE guidelines.</p> <p><i>Points and questions raised by BVCRB:</i> Existing wildlife habitat mapping is not current and status of certain species unknown. Project opens up an area and access control is needed; existing access plans involved extensive community work. Number of linear corridors should be limited and projects consolidated. Is there capacity building funding available for volunteer groups?</p>	
Post-presentation in-camera discussion	Further data is needed regarding possible location of wildlife mortality sinks and amount of core secure area for grizzlies. Board should review the project's Cumulative Effects report. Possibly Spectra could contribute funding towards future monitoring. Perhaps BVCRB should add a voice to the request to government for a strategic environmental assessment of all proposed pipeline projects. When looking at these projects, focus must be on maintaining LRMP values.	Jeff Anderson will facilitate a continuing discussion by e-mail, to determine top BVCRB concerns and priorities. Jeff Anderson will request a presentation from TransCanada.
Other business	Other agenda items deferred to next meeting.	
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM. Next meeting February 11, 2014; 7:00 PM; Alpenhorn meeting room.		