

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: 5 Dec 2006. Meeting convened at 7:05 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room

Board Members Present: Dallas Kerr (Acting Chair), Rob Boyce, Ray Carrier, Max Starr, David Watts, Peter Tweedie, Jack Hagen, David Belford, Rudy Scholz, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Visitors/Presenters: Jim Easterday (Outdoor Recreation Alliance), Gary Quanstrom

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Revision: Recreation will be discussed before other subcommittee reports. Agenda accepted as revised.	Agenda revised	Board Members	This meeting
Review minutes of November 7, 2006 meetings	Motion to adopt minutes: Peter Tweedie. No objections.	Minutes approved	Board Members	This meeting
Action items from the November 7, 2006 minutes	Most items have been dealt with. Referrals: Ag Lease application seen in newspaper: Dallas found out that it was not in this District. Bulkley Agriculture/Wildlife Management Areas: To be discussed later this meeting.			
Recreation	The BVCRB is providing advice to the BV Quadriders regarding the LRMP amendment process for the Orange Trail reopening issue. BV Quadriders may prepare a proposal, and then the Board would have options for making recommendations, such as a public open house is needed or the Interagency Management Committee should be advised. Jim Easterday of Outdoor Recreation Alliance discussed ORA letter dated Nov 16, 2006. Questions and comments from the Board: 1. Who is on ORA Board and how many members are there? <i>Later in discussion Jim agreed to forward ORA structure to BVCRB.</i> 2. Why is group anti-motorized? <i>Jim: Motorized</i>	Review BV Quadriders proposal Forward ORA Board members names and profiles to BVCRB	Board Members Jim Easterday	When Available Next meeting

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	<p><i>and non-motorized users are ORA members. Concerns are: Responsible use of motorized vehicles to avoid habitat damage; conservation of wildlife habitat; balanced opportunities for recreation.</i></p> <p>3. LRMP is a living document – why hold off on any action until RAMP process is reopened? Agreed that a nickel and dime approach is not satisfactory, but unforeseen issues will come up that need to be dealt with in both LRMPs and RAMP. BVCRB has written many letters asking for RAMP completion. Perhaps ORA could help push for RAMP completion by copying this and other letters to gov’t agencies.</p> <p>Comment from Ray and Jack: If there was better enforcement and violators were penalized many of these problems would be solved.</p> <p>Gary Quanstrom: Forest Practices Branch makes recommendations in “Access Management in BC”; gov’t response due end of Dec; perhaps BVCRB should press gov’t for this response.</p>			
<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</p>	<p>(1) Mining and Energy Development</p> <p>Blue Pearl update: Rob: Drilling continues, progress is slow. Rumour has it that 25% interest has been sold. Mill site could be moved to avoid neighbourhood conflicts but company hasn’t said why it won’t be moved.</p> <p>Coal Bed Methane: No water working group update as Rosemary is absent and Teresa Morris has been ill. There are many uncertainties. A technical presentation would be useful. BVCRB needs to know how gov’t will regulate.</p> <p>North American Gems: Louise Lake property: alternative processing , non-smelter, may be investigated.</p>	<p>Continue to attend PLC meetings</p> <p>Look into possibility of a speaker and availability of funding from ILMB to support this.</p>	<p>Rob, Jack, Rosemary</p> <p>Rob</p>	<p>On-going</p>

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	<p>(2) BCTS FSP open house: Jack attended, got copy of the FSP, which states that they will comply with LRMP. Peter: Important to note that individual blocks and roads won't be publicly presented and interested parties must approach BCTS or companies for this info.</p> <p>(3) Range and Agriculture: Ray, Peter, Adrian, Rosemary and Dallas met with Len Vanderstar to discuss "Bulkley Valley Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and Fish & Wildlife Reserves": The SRMP places "notation of interest" on these parcels. SRMP objectives are legal, strategies are examples of processes that could be used to meet objectives. Discussion followed about whether further restrictions such as using Secs 15, 16 and 17 of the Land Act are necessary. Board needs more info to fulfill due diligence obligations and perhaps public involvement is needed as well.</p>	<p>Prepare letter to Len Vanderstar</p>	<p>David W.</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>
<p>Other business</p>	<p>(1) Board procedures and rules of order: We manage by consensus, but motions and votes would help to focus discussions. Minutes should specify results of a vote, names do not need to be included. If subcommittees could prepare and circulate reports ahead of meetings members would be better informed. Board could then adopt or amend reports. Letters: All members should register remarks on drafts, even "No Comment", since remarks from only a few is not enough to show consensus.</p> <p>(2) Website: Hosting has been transferred to BC Web and updating is underway.</p>	<p>Subcommittees to prepare reports</p> <p>Investigate having a secure area on the website for Board members only.</p>	<p>Subcommittee chairs</p> <p>Jill</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>Next BVCRB Meeting</p>	<p>TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007 Alpenhorn meeting room, 7:00 PM</p>			
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM</p>			

