

**Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes**

**Meeting Date: February 8, 2011. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.**

**Attendance: Board Members:** Dave Stevens (Chair), Don Goalder, Ben Heemskerk, Taylor Bachrach, Barry Smith, Rob Maurer, Bob Henderson, Emily McGiffen, Jack Hagen, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant).

**Guests/Presenters:** Jim Easterday, Ryan Holmes, Allen Baxter, Gary Quanstrom, Len Vanderstar, Harold Kerr, Glen Buhr, Christoph Dietzfelbinger

**Regrets/absent:** Trish Oosterhoff, Dustin Harvey

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<b>Introductions</b>	<p>New BVCRB members as of this meeting are Bob Henderson, Emily McGiffen and Dustin Harvey (absent). Copies of the LRMP were given out. Other orientation materials are available on the BVCRB website <a href="http://www.bvcrb.ca">www.bvcrb.ca</a></p> <p>Eugene Wittwer will not continue as a Board member so there is one vacant position.</p> <p>Member contact information will be updated and distributed. LRMP 101 could be delivered to new members.</p>	<p><b>Update member contact info and distribute.</b></p> <p><b>Recruit one new Board member.</b></p> <p><b>Organize a meeting to deliver “LRMP 101” to new members.</b></p>	<p><b>Jill Dunbar</b></p> <p><b>Dave Stevens to coordinate this.</b></p> <p><b>Ben Heemskerk, Barry Smith, Don Goalder</b></p>	
<b>Agenda review</b>	<p>Agenda for this meeting was reviewed. Additions: One new referral, and correspondence from Anne Hetherington, MNRO.</p>	<p><b>Accept agenda as revised.</b></p>	<p><b>Board Members</b></p>	<p><b>This meeting</b></p>
<b>Minutes of January 12, 2011</b>	<p>Minutes discussed. Minutes approved as presented.</p>	<p><b>Approve minutes of Jan 12, 2011.</b></p>	<p><b>Board Members</b></p>	<p><b>This meeting</b></p>
<b>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</b>	<p><b>1. Recreation</b></p> <p><b>RAMP Funding: Ben Heemskerk:</b> Items being pursued are: \$15,000 in funding for the project from Recreation Sites and Trails surplus, MOU with BV Research Centre (see below), \$10,000 funding application from Real Estate Foundation, MEC grant (application due in March). Terms of Reference for the RAMP completion project and process for choosing committee members are in place. Some of the budget allows for mediation if needed.</p>	<p><b>Send the ToR for the RAMP process to Len Vanderstar.</b></p>	<p><b>Dave Stevens</b></p>	

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	<p><b>2. Mining and Energy Development</b>  <b>Rob Maurer:</b> Re: Paul Wodjak had been recommended as speaker for an upcoming meeting; however, he will be presenting a similar talk at the Rock Talk conference on February 24, 2011 in Smithers. Members could attend that session. Rob suggests as an alternative Steve Jennings of Rescan. Spending on exploration in 2010 was at a record level of 172 million, compared to 65 million in 2009 – this may or may not translate into increased mining activity in the TSA.</p> <p><b>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture</b>  Dave reviewed the referral process for new members: A newly received referral goes to the relevant subcommittee for research and drafting of a response; the draft goes out to all members for comments and revision if needed, final response is presented at a meeting whenever possible; response is sent out once agreement has been reached on the contents.  Ben: Perhaps the Board should focus on upcoming RAMP and Revisiting the Balance workshop and spend less time on referrals, looking at a summary at year end.  Discussion: Board will proceed as usual with referral reviews for now.  <b>McConnell referral:</b> Forestry, Range and Agriculture subcommittee will review.</p> <p><b>Telkwa Wildfire Control Plan:</b>  According to the e-mail received from Anne Hetherington, Jay Gilden and David Belford will be applying to the Real Estate Foundation of BC for funding to allow additional, more detailed planning work on this project.</p>	<p><b>Ask Steve Jennings what status of Blue Pearl project is. Invite Steve Jennings to an upcoming BVCRB meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Review McConnell referral and prepare draft response.</b></p>	<p><b>Rob Maurer</b></p> <p><b>Rob Maurer</b></p> <p><b>Barry Smith/ Forestry, Range and Agriculture subcommittee</b></p>	

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<b>Revisiting the Balance Workshop</b>	<p><b>Presentation by Glen Buhr, Stewardship Officer, Skeen-Stikine, MNRO</b>  Glen provided an overview of the status of the mountain pine beetle (MPB) infestation in the TSA. Timber harvesting plans may need to shift due to the effects on timber supply. LRMP zones may need to be adjusted, while maintaining the 10 % budget. Glen provided a handout with response to Dave Stevens: “What’s driving the need for this workshop?” as well as a tentative agenda.</p> <p>Discussion: How successful has logging been at controlling the MPB? In Districts to the East, it hasn’t been. However, here the attack has been spotty, and not as heavy. When will decisions need to be made? There is greater urgency in the southern portion of the TSA – PIR would like guidelines by this summer. Several groups have proposed a project to carry out a spatial analysis of LRMP objectives. This may be helpful information but workshop shouldn’t wait until this info is available.</p> <p>The BVCRB Monitoring and Land Use Planning subcommittee will take part in the workshop. It is hoped that a set of principles to govern adjustments could be developed during the workshop. Support for the workshop – PIR will provide space; Oscar’s Source for Sports will sponsor one lunch, the Bulkley Valley Credit Union will provide \$1000, the Smithers Exploration Group will provide some support, and other funding or in-kind contributions may arise.</p>			
<b>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/ Correspondence (continued)</b>	<p><b>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures</b>  <b>Response to suggested revisions to referral form:</b> Dave contacted Ruth Edwards who said that the response is being worked on. The revised form calls for additional information to be supplied, such as LRMP zone, which would help the Board reduce time spent on researching referrals.</p> <p><b>5. Water and Fish:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans:</b> See “Revisiting the Balance”.</p>			
<b>Administration</b>	<p><b>Memorandum of Understanding with the BV Research Centre:</b> Draft MOU has been circulated. BVCRB agrees with this plan in principle. Board members need to submit further comments ASAP to Ben. Response will be finalized by the end of the week.</p> <p><b>Don Goalder</b> attended Pierce Clegg book signing on behalf of the BVCRB.</p>	<b>Submit comments on MOU with BVRC ASAP to Ben.</b>	<b>Board members</b>	<b>ASAP</b>

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	<p><b>Agenda for future meetings:</b> Taylor is now putting the draft agenda for each meeting on the website; Board members can add suggestions for revisions or additions as required.</p>			
<p><b>Other business</b></p>	<p><b>June 2011 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BVCRB</b> – there should be an open house, perhaps in conjunction with Revisiting the Balance workshop.</p> <p><b>Maps:</b> Useful maps have been hard to come by. Ryan Holmes: Darren Witt could possibly produce a set of maps that would be suitable for BVCRB use.</p> <p><b>LRMP acronym update:</b> Now that Gerry MacDougall has been transferred, Laura Bolster and Jain Peruniak, MNRO, will be the contacts.</p>	<p><b>Contact Darren Witt about producing a set of maps for the BVCRB.</b></p>	<p><b>Ryan Holmes</b></p>	
<p><b>Meeting adjourned 9:45 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Next meeting: March 8, 2011, 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza Meeting Room.</b></p>			