

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: February 10, 2009. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, BC

Board Members Present: Greg Storie (Chair), Don Goalder, Dave Stevens, Jeff Anderson, Anne Harfenist, Rob Boyce, Peter Tweedie, Ben Heemskerck, Jack Hagen, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Regrets/absent: Wayne Tofsrud, Max Starr

Presenter: Fred Oliemans

Visitor: Eugene Wittwer (prospective Board member)

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda reviewed.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Review of minutes of Jan 13, 2009	Minutes discussed.	Minutes accepted as presented.	Board Members	This meeting
Action items, Jan 13, 2009 minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>BC Trails Strategy: Circulate draft response.</i> 2. <i>The Rogers communications tower: Contact Terry Pratt in Kamloops for background on this issue.</i> 3. <i>Zobnick Road referral: Circulate draft response.</i> 4. <i>Letter to SRMC (Skeena Regional Management Committee) regarding LRMP monitoring: Invite Tom Bell, Chair of the SMRC, to discuss at a meeting.</i> 5. <i>Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust: Invite to a meeting.</i> 6. <i>Website: Send link to website statistics info to Board members.</i> 7. <i>Membership: Absent members to advise Greg of their intentions, and recruit replacements.</i> 	<p>Letter sent.</p> <p>Discuss later this meeting.</p> <p>Letter sent.</p> <p>Fred Oliemans to discuss with Board, this meeting.</p> <p>A representative will attend a future meeting.</p> <p>Board members advise Jill if password needed.</p> <p>Jack Hagen will stay, Max Starr will step down.</p>		

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	<p>8. <i>Brochure: Finalize brochure and circulate for Board approval.</i></p> <p>9. <i>Monitoring: Contact Tom Bell re: LRMP monitoring, then consider inviting Kelly Giesbrecht to a meeting.</i></p>	<p>Finalize brochure.</p> <p>Discuss monitoring with Fred Oliemans first.</p>	<p>Taylor</p> <p>Board members</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>This meeting</p>
<p>Discussion with Fred Oliemans re: LRMP monitoring commitments</p>	<p>Greg: The Board would like to discuss: Government plans for future LRMP monitoring; government commitments; monitoring commitments in the LRMP.</p> <p>Fred: ILMB Board of Directors decides where government priorities lie. Current focus is on First Nations issues. LRMP monitoring to date includes reports issued in 2001, 2004, 2006, and the State of the Forest in 2004. This is high relative to other LRMPs. Currently each agency monitors the areas they are responsible for. ILMB does not have the resources to coordinate monitoring overall. Government values the LRMP; staff is deliberating over how to monitor.</p> <p>Peter: Plan has a 10 year life – then what?</p> <p>Fred: Focus is on other areas of the province that haven't been completed yet.</p> <p>Jeff: Plans have no value without monitoring. Why complete them if they won't be monitored?</p> <p>Greg: Certain agencies don't appear to recognize the LRMP or refer to it.</p> <p>Anne: Lakes and Kalum have records of progress available to the public, which show which agencies are responsible for strategies – allows easy tracking of progress.</p> <p>Fred will discuss issues at next SRMC meeting.</p>	<p>Fred Oliemans: Discuss LRMP monitoring commitments and agency cooperation at next SRMC meeting; report back to BVCRB.</p>	<p>Fred Oliemans</p>	<p>Next SRMC meeting</p>
<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</p>	<p>1. Mining and Energy Development</p> <p>Rob: No new business.</p> <p>2. Recreation</p> <p>Letter to user groups re: RAMP (Jan 13/09): Some</p>			

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	<p>responses have been received: Bob Mitchell, BV Backpackers, Smithers Snowmobilers Association. Response from Snowmobilers was not supportive – should Board reply? If RAMP moves forward, that group will want to be at the table, so Board can look at it then.</p> <p>BC Trails Strategy: No response has been received to our Jan 21/09 letter to date.</p> <p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture PIR letter to Barry Smith, Jan 30/09, re: Resource Constraints in the Bulkley TSA: No response so far. Board would like to see the new visual overlay. A presentation or Board review will be needed if there is new information regarding VQO's. Board should contact Luc Roberge (Visual Resource Specialist, MoF, Prince George) for more info.</p> <p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures The Rogers communications tower: Referrals for projects located within Controlled Recreation Areas are handled by Terry Pratt (Manager, Major Projects, Resort Development Branch, MOTCA) in Kamloops. However, this tower was not referred since there were other towers in the area, and use did not conflict. Terry advised that specs were not provided and the tower was much higher than she thought it would be. Her office has now asked for mitigating measures to be taken (e.g. matte paint) and will be more careful in future. Board decided to request that all such referrals be sent through us in future.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish: Jeff: When water quality is monitored at a macro level things can fall through the cracks. Perhaps we should request some detailed monitoring now, when activity is low. Greg: Let's see what response we get from government about LRMP monitoring commitments first.</p>	<p>Contact Luc Roberge re: Visual overlay.</p> <p>Prepare draft letter requesting that future referrals in the CRA be sent through the BVCRB.</p>	<p>Ben</p> <p>Anne</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p>

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	<p>Forest Practices Board report on Fish Passage (Fish Passage at Stream Crossings, Jan 09) (http://www.fpb.gov.bc.ca/assets/0/114/178/186/358/05c20041-dd66-422a-8bf8-343ae2928152.pdf) – report was meant to be a methodology and items are examples only. Report was not meant to look at current data.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust: This group wishes to make a presentation to the Board regarding their monitoring framework. They plan to implement the framework and prepare an annual monitoring report for their area of interest.</p>	<p>Invite BWMT representative to a meeting.</p>	<p>Greg</p>	
Administration	<p>Funding: We expect to get about \$5000.00 from ILMB.</p> <p>Website: Hosting should be changed to Smithers Community Server from BCCNA.</p>	<p>Change hosting</p>	<p>Jill/Dave</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>
Other business	<p>Membership: Discussed under Action Items. Letterhead and flyer: Taylor absent.</p>			
Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM Next Meeting	<p>March 10, 2009 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn Meeting Room.</p>			