

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: 6 Feb 2007. Meeting convened at 7:05 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room

Board Members Present: Adrian de Groot (Chair), David Watts, Jack Hagen, David Belford, Emily Bulmer, Max Starr, Rosemary Fox, Rob Boyce, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Visitors/Presenters: Jim Easterday (Outdoor Recreation Alliance), Ed Hinchcliffe (BV Quadriders), Kevin Eskelin (Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts), Bill Price (NRCAN)

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Revision: Emily will discuss “other planning processes” under RAMP.	Agenda revised	Board Members	This meeting
Review minutes of January 9, 2007 meeting	Minutes accepted as presented.	Minutes approved	Board Members	This meeting
Action items from the January 9, 2007 minutes	<p>Coal Bed Methane: Autumn Cousins, project manager, will be in the area in late March and may be able to attend BVCRB meeting. Rob B will contact her Feb 7.</p> <p>Information exchange: Secure area on website won’t be pursued at this time – but members be careful with e-mail and use a good subject line.</p> <p>Discussion re: Arability Project: Board won’t pursue an e-mail summary from Leah Sheffield.</p> <p>Blue Pearl PLC meetings: Board members continue to attend.</p> <p>Independent review of Blue Pearl environmental assessment: Bill Price will discuss, later this meeting.</p> <p>Funding support for independent advice re: environmental assessment: Adrian reported that we received \$4,200.00 from ILMB for Board activities.</p>	<p>Contact Autumn Cousins re: March BVCRB meeting</p> <p>None required</p> <p>None required</p> <p>Continue to attend meetings</p> <p>Discuss later this meeting</p>	<p>Rob Boyce</p> <p>Rosemary/Rob</p> <p>Bill Price</p>	<p>Feb 7</p> <p>On-going</p>

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	<p>Invitation to Kevin Eskelin to discuss RAMP and agency roles: Kevin is present and will discuss, later this meeting.</p> <p>Meeting with Fred Oliemans re: RAMP completion: Emily met with Fred and will discuss tonight.</p> <p>Letter re: BV Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and F & W reserves: Letter has gone out.</p> <p>Partners in Community Health: David W. has circulated Final Report.</p>	<p>Presentation later this meeting</p> <p>Update, later this meeting</p> <p>None required</p> <p>None required</p>	<p>Kevin Eskelin</p> <p>Emily</p>	
<p>Kevin Eskelin, District Recreation Officer, Skeena/Stikine, Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts)</p>	<p>MOTSA currently has a greater commitment to recreation and tourism – in light of 2010 Olympics. Kevin is responsible for advocating for public recreation. His plans are to maintain and improve trails and rec sites, to gazette trails (FRPA Sections 56 and 57), and to set up partnerships with community groups (FRPA Sec 118). He has no jurisdiction over Parks or private land. Regarding RAMP: Kevin is not steering completion but implements it. He could not enforce it. He can close areas under FRPA Sec 58.</p> <p>David W: What is Act Now? Kevin: It's a fitness and nutrition program, will be ramped up towards 2010.</p> <p>Kevin will review Orange Trail correspondence. He would welcome ideas for other projects.</p>			
<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</p>	<p>(1) Recreation Letter from Dave Byng, ADM, ILMB: Staff is engaged, process must be decided at the interagency/provincial level, no commitment to</p>			

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	<p>RAMP completion. Emily met with Fred Oliemans; CRAA is completed, goal would be for RAMP completion by 2009. Fred needs a business case: Emily has started to track conflicts; support from community groups would be good. Orange Trail: Hugh Markides is willing to allow access under letter of permission, but won't allow access into non-motorized areas. LRMP amendment would have to say "except by letter of permission". Public support for amendment is needed and must be in writing. Emily: We could publicize the amendment process. Rosemary – Discuss at a future meeting. Emily: Anne Hetherington is working on improving the Official Community Plan. Emily will keep Board apprised of progress.</p> <p>(2) Mining and Energy Development Blue Pearl: Rescan won't drill until there is some agreement on water disposal. Rosemary: We need to be aware of water disposal plans. Open House – Date unknown. On Feb 21 government will meet with concerned groups about the application. Rosemary will circulate details.</p> <p>(3) Monitoring and Land Use Plans Adrian: The LRMP Implementation Plan and Progress Report is now on the web; subcommittee should review and report on what remains to be done.</p>	<p>Prepare draft letter for community groups to use to express support for RAMP completion</p> <p>Provide recreation group contact info to BV Quad Riders</p> <p>Review IPPR</p>	<p>Emily</p> <p>Max</p> <p>Land Use Planning Subcommittee</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>
Administration	Funding for future operations – previously discussed.			

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<p>Bill Price Research Scientist Mine Effluents Program Natural Resources Canada</p>	<p>Acid Rock Drainage: An Introduction Bill presented “Neighbouring Mine Sites: Environmental Lessons Learnt in BC”. Questions: What holds a company to infinite stewardship? BP: Financial security vehicles such as bonds. How to get mines to be good citizens? BP: Key is good level of understanding – difficult to regulate. Is gov’t reviewing major infractions and if so, what are they doing? BP: Unsure. Is anyone taking proactive measures to predict extreme weather events, e.g. increased ground water runoff due to AAC increase? BP: Even if this can be predicted procedures wouldn’t change much. Every 5 years performance must be reviewed. Are performance bonds issued by Canadian or International banks? BP: International bankruptcy rules must apply. Role of BV CRB in reviews: BP: Perhaps we should look at all mines with significant waste in this area, not just the new ones. Rob: But we are members of the Blue Pearl PLC and the application is coming up. BP: May suggest someone else for advice on Blue Pearl if he doesn’t get to review the report.</p>			
<p>Next BVCRB Meeting</p>	<p>TUESDAY, March 6, 2007 Alpenhorn meeting room, 7:00 PM</p>			
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned 10:30 PM</p>			