

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: June 14, 2011. Dinner at 6:00 PM, regular meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Attendance: Board Members: Dave Stevens (Chair), Ben Heemskerk (Vice Chair), Taylor Bachrach (Treasurer), Trish Oosterhoff, Barry Smith, Dustin Harvey, Rob Maurer, Jeffrey Anderson, Don Goalder, Harold Kerr, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant).

Guests/Presenters: Gary Quanstrom, , John Stevenson.

Regrets/absent: Bob Henderson, Jack Hagen.

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda for this meeting was accepted.	Accept agenda as presented.	Board Members	This meeting
Bulkley Local Smoke Management Plan	Presentation by Gary Quanstrom, P.I.R. A Provincial committee is rewriting the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation (OBSCR). For the Bulkley Valley, a draft plan has been created by a working group that is at a more detailed level. It is a big improvement over the existing plan – it is tied to the regulation, it specifies custom venting zones and 3 smoke sensitivity zones, and calls for reporting back on results. The public review period starts June 15 and continues until July 15. The plan can be viewed on the Bulkley Valley Lakes District - Airshed Management Society (BVLD_AMS) website at http://www.cleanairplan.ca/ . In order for comments to be considered, written comments must be received no later than 4:00 PM, Friday July 15, 2011. Comments should be addressed to Will Foster, Operations Technician, BCTS, Bag 6000 -3333 Tatlow Road Smithers BC V0J 2N0, telephone: (250) 847-6300 Fax: (250) 847-6353	Prepare a response to the smoke management plan.	Dave	End of June
BC Lands Programs	Presentation by John Stevenson. The Lands office covers most development applications that do not involve forestry, mining, or drilling. The program is changing due to recent reorganization. John is asking for input from the BVCRB on applications now more than ever. Development applications will be increasing. Discussion: Dave Stevens: The Board is discussing whether we should review all referrals or work at a more strategic level. John – if there is no response to a referral he assumes that all is OK. Taylor: The Board needs to be certain that it is receiving all referrals, and then we can set priorities. Jeffrey: The Board has often wondered what the result of our input was. John: The "Reasons for Decision" website contains enough detail to see what is going on, and tenure offers are on there, but there are staffing constraints. Gary Quanstrom: Are the longer decision rational papers on there? Ben: Some are. Jeffrey: Opening up the discussion is helpful. Ben: We don't often see in the referrals that the LRMP has been considered. Taylor: We need to discuss this further, in upcoming meetings.			

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Minutes of May 10, 2011	Minutes reviewed.	Approve minutes.	Board Members	This meeting
Relationship with Bulkley Valley Research Centre	<p>Ben: The BVRC will handle BVCRB finances. Invoices will go to Kirsteen Laing, identified as to project or operational, with cc to Taylor and project manager. Kirsteen will report back quarterly or on demand. Re: Wes Giesbrecht's suggestion that BVCRB have a Main Street presence: The BVRC agrees that a Board member can sit at their office for a couple of hours per week, for a charge of \$75 per month. A display board can be set up there as well, however, difference between BVRC and CRB must be clear.</p> <p>The Valley Vision website could possibly be used to provide public information regarding the RAMP process. Jeffrey: Valley Vision provides great maps for planning purposes. Taylor: Has created a Facebook page for the BVCRB. The Board agrees that this can be used for public info and awareness and asks that Taylor report back in the fall on how this is proceeding.</p>	<p>Look into acquiring a display board.</p> <p>Check with Steve Osborn regarding posting RAMP info on Valley Vision.</p> <p>Report to the Board on effectiveness of the BVCRB Facebook page.</p>	<p>Jill Dunbar</p> <p>Ben Heemskerk</p> <p>Taylor</p>	<p>September</p>
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence	<p>1. Recreation</p> <p>RAMP: Ben Heemskerk: Plans are to move forward with RAMP over the summer. By September the recreation subcommittee will be partway through the selection process and in the process of hiring a facilitator. Any qualifying funds not spent on the summer process can go towards winter RAMP. The Recreation subcommittee will be at arm's length from the process. NW Community College has agreed to use of its facilities for meetings on a cost recovery basis, and classes may use this as a project. David Dewit wants to be kept apprised of progress. Discussion: The Board agrees that the recreation subcommittee can move forward with the RAMP as planned.</p> <p>Gary Quanstrom: Who from government will sign RAMP? Ben: Recreation Sites and Trails BC will use the</p>			

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	<p>plan to assign attributes to our public recreation resources and to further protect and legitimize them.</p> <p>2. Monitoring and Land Use Plans: Dave: A meeting was held June 14 to discuss principles that Designated Decision Makers (DDM) can use when deciding on issues such as mountain pine beetle that are not covered in the LRMP. Taylor: The Forest Service is planning to control mountain pine beetle with harvesting. Some of the harvesting would occur within Landscape Corridors or other zones with constraints. Draft principles are: 1) No net loss of identified values will occur as a result of development, 2) DDM can consider adjustments to constraints when mountain pine beetle control is critical to maintaining forest values, 3) Connectivity of the landscape should be maintained, 4) The BVCRB shall be involved. Barry: Would be good to test these principles with some example scenarios and some DDMs. Jeffrey: Constraints were developed using scientific principles. So there must be caution taken. Barry: The proponent would need scientific backup and the DDM would need scientific review. Dave: The goal is to have draft principles by the end of June. Gary Quanstrom: There is a paper by James Cuell that would provide some background info.</p>	<p>Continue working on DDM Principles.</p>	<p>Monitoring and Land Use Planning subcommittee</p>	
<p>Administration</p>	<p>Membership: Terms for Don Goalder and Ben Heemskerk have expired. Don will not continue on the Board. Ben has been reappointed as of this meeting. Jeffrey Anderson and Harold Kerr have been appointed as of this meeting. Emily McGiffen is stepping down. So there is one vacancy. Nominations can be sent to Dave Stevens. Rosemary Fox from the member selection committee has some ideas regarding value perspectives and will review the Terms of Reference and provide input.</p>			

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<p>Action items from the May 10, 2011 meeting.</p>	<p><i>1. Sign and send out the 6408330 referral response.</i></p> <p><i>2. Submit report to Board on whether operations should be strategic or operational and whether all referrals should be reviewed or not.</i></p> <p><i>3. Review Gary Runka's Quick Response Notes and report back to the Board. Meet with Jane Lloyd-Smith to discuss further.</i></p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Finalise revised Terms of Reference.</p>	<p>Barry and Taylor</p> <p>Monitoring and Land Use Planning subcommittee</p>	
<p>Other business</p>	<p>Telkwa Wildfire Protection Plan: Taylor: There may be a role for a Board member in this process in ensuring that LRMP values are maintained.</p> <p>Mediation over BCTS slashburning: Taylor: Apparently an agreement has been reached and some BCTS planning practices will be adjusted.</p>	<p>Continue to participate in the process.</p>	<p>Rob Maurer and Jeffrey Anderson</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Boston Pizza Meeting room, September 13, 2011</p>			