

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: 6 June 2006. Meeting convened at 7:10 PM.

Board Members Present: Adrian deGroot, Gary Quanstrom, Rudy Scholz, Terri O’Neill, Dallas Kerr, Ray Carrier, Jack Hagen, Emily Bulmer, Max Starr, Peter Tweedie, David Belford, Jill Dunbar.

Visitors/ Presenters: Harold Reedy and Ivan Thompson, Member Selection Committee; Brian Fuhr, Ministry of Environment.

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Additions: (1) Responsibilities over the summer.	Revise agenda.	All	This meeting
Review minutes of May 8, 2006 meeting	Items: (1) Letter to Airport Manager: Gary: We received a reply to our letter, airport management will take some action. Adrian and Max: Not within BVCRB mandate. (2) Members to sign terms of reference: Ray: Terms of reference should be circulated, current government agencies should be made aware of what they are signatory to. Minutes accepted as reviewed.	Fall agenda item.		First fall meeting
Action items from the minutes	In order as discussed during this meeting: (1) Hudson Bay Mountain cabin community power line – Board has no objections to plans as circulated. (2) Proposed land purchase near mill. Ray: No concerns, will write a reply. (3) Community Forest public meetings: Peter and Terri (on behalf of BC Wildlife Federation) attended and reported that area seems large, with many resources to be managed. Harold responded that area was recommended by Ministry of Forests to form logical management units. Public use will be encouraged, non-timber values will be managed. Adrian: Are we asked for letter of support? Gary: We have sent one, Feb 6 06. (4) Raising our profile: Adrian: Was newspaper article approved? No - rates hadn’t been reviewed.	Letter , standard reply, no concerns. Not required.	Ray	ASAP
Member retirement, welcome to new members	Adrian thanked retiring members for their contributions to the BVCRB over the years. New members thanked for agreeing to participate, and we look forward to their contributions. Harold and Ivan thanked for their work in	Update contact information on website.	Jill	This summer

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	<p>selecting the new members. Subcommittees do much of the work – new members should look at which ones they are interested in. Gary: Orientation package handed out to new members. Important to look at terms of reference, who has signed on to them, and amendment process for LRMP. Brian Fuhr: Government encourages these groups (also called Planning Implementation Committees). BVCRB is a model for others being established or revived, and has influenced MLAs as to value of land use planning. Morice will have one once LRMP is approved, Lakes will be reactivated, Kispiox will be ramped up, Kalum is active. Gary: We still don't have a completed AUP or RAMP. We have been struggling with these for years and now minor gaps need to be dealt with. Max: We seem to be using RAMP to avoid making decisions – is BVCRB responsible for leading the RAMP? Adrian: No, our task is to push for implementation of LRMP commitments.</p>	<p>Consider subcommittee work. Review orientation package.</p>	<p>New members New members</p>	<p>September September</p>
Signing Authority	<p>Motion: Appoint Max Starr as additional signing authority. Moved by Adrian deGroot, seconded by Ray Carrier. All in favour. Max: Ensure that BVCRB has non-profit status at BVCU to avoid service charges.</p>	<p>Update signing authorities at BVCU.</p>	<p>Max Starr, Adrian deGroot, David Watts.</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
Referrals/Issues	<p>(1) Presentation by Len Vanderstar: Len did not attend. Brian Fuhr advised that Len was to describe MOE activities within Ag/Wildlife areas, most of which are in the Valley zone of the Bulkley LUP. (2) Orange Trail and Higgins Creek Road – letter from BV Quad Riders requesting ATV use on these roads. They are closed in LRMP. We replied stating that we want RAMP in place. Government reply was that funding for RAMP completion is not available, so would we allow limited use, upon verbal request with Parks written reply? Discussion followed re: Process for approving such requests. Gary: there is a process, we must follow it. Adrian: If the request is reasonable, and we wait for RAMP, opportunities will be limited. Ivan: LRMP is meant to be dynamic, but processes</p>	<p>Letter stating that we want to follow the process.</p>	<p>Dallas</p>	

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	<p>need to be followed. Max: We need to communicate the process to the proponents. Dallas: Parks needs to know that we won't make their decisions.</p> <p>(3) Coal Bed Methane: Ivan: Extraction process may affect water quality, and will be a big issue in this area. Ministry of Energy and Mines started 60-day public review today. Next BVCRB meeting will be one month after end of review. BVCRB has good track record for involving the public. Therefore Ivan suggests we advise Ministry that public review must be longer and not over the summer months. Adrian: A public forum is upcoming, public review should follow. Additional issue is that Oil and Gas Tenures does not regularly deal with public involvement, and in addition, may not know what our mandate is. Emily: Outrider Energy is not powerless. Decision is to write to agencies about our concerns and bring to the attention of the public via local media. Note: Max: www.sedar.com outlines BC exploration projects.</p> <p>9:15 PM: <i>Ivan Thompson and Harold Reedy excused themselves from the meeting and thanked the BVCRB for dinner.</i></p> <p>(4) Referral: License of Occupation for Meteorological towers: After discussion of visual impact and potential for wind power generation, it was decided that there is no conflict with the LRMP.</p> <p>(5) Referral: Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures License of Occupation application: Rudy reported on meeting with Terry Pratt on June 5: Formal application for tenure is upcoming – this is application for a study area only. Study area is for a 5 year term, retracted once master plan is approved, and can't be used to control access. Destructive tests not allowed. Adrian: Then no comment required.</p>	<p>(1) Contact Ministry of Energy and Mines to advise them of our position.</p> <p>(2) Letter to Ministry of Energy and Mines, Land Access Titles Branch, stating that community education is needed, and review period should be postponed and lengthened. Copy to Outrider.</p> <p>(3) Letter to Outrider. Copy to Ministry.</p> <p>(4) Copy to CFJC, The Peak, and Interior News</p> <p>(5) Prepare and pay for article for Interior News.</p> <p>Letter: Standard reply</p> <p>Letter to Terry Pratt thanking her for the meeting. No further comment re: referral required.</p>	<p>Adrian</p> <p>Emily</p> <p>Emily</p> <p>Emily and David B. Not decided.</p> <p>Dallas</p>	<p>June 7</p> <p>June 13</p> <p>June 13</p>

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	<p>Terry P. is aware of concerns re: Company's financial record locally. Rudy and Dallas will keep Board informed over the summer.</p> <p>(6) Angling Use Plan letter: Adrian will revise Gary Q's draft, letter will be circulated to previous cc list.</p> <p>(7) Blue Pearl update: Rob will keep us informed over the summer. New members could join this subcommittee.</p> <p>(8) Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan: Concerns are inconsistent notification, inconsistency with LRMP, impact of 3 acre lots.</p>	<p>Revise letter Circulate final letter Provide updates</p> <p>Contact Irene Ronalds Contact Chris</p>	<p>Adrian Jill Rob</p> <p>Adrian Dallas</p>	<p>As available</p>
Website	<p>Emily: May have software required for updating, will let Jill know, otherwise go with quote from BC Web.</p>	<p>Acquire software</p>	<p>Jill, Emily</p>	
Other business	<p>(1) Responsibilities over the summer: Subcommittee chairs keep on top of issues. Terry - keep her informed of AUP developments only.</p> <p>(2) Communications: Max suggested an e-mail repository on the website. Adrian: Perhaps set up in the fall. Jack: can fax/phone/mail comments on referrals and issues.</p>	<p>Provide updates</p>	<p>Subcommittee chairs</p>	<p>As available</p>
Next BVCRB Meeting	<p>Wednesday, September 13, 2006 (tentative) Alpenhorn meeting room, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Main Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terms of reference and subcommittee work for new members - Discussion of new and on-going issues and referral - Meeting schedule 			