

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

**Meeting Date: March 9, 2010. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.**

**Board Members Present:** Greg Storie (Chair), Don Goalder, Dave Stevens, Anne Harfenist, Rob Boyce, Jack Hagen, Mike Murray, Taylor Bachrach, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

**Regrets/absent:** Jeff Anderson, Ben Heemsker

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda reviewed.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Review of minutes of Feb 9, 2010	Minutes discussed.	Minutes accepted as presented.  Ensure that Eugene Wittwer is on BVCRB e-mail list.	Board Members  Dave Stevens	This meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/ Correspondence	<p><b>1. Recreation</b>  <b>RAMP update: Anne:</b> Subcommittee members need to be contacted and funding needs to be discussed and secured.</p> <p><b>2. Mining and Energy Development</b>  <b>Rob:</b> No new business. However, there is optimism about possible upcoming projects in the Northwest of the Province.  <b>Dave:</b> Dave has been working with the Hudson Bay Neighbourhoods group. The proponent of the Davidson project asked for a time out on the EA process in order to address the extensive public input received. By Dec 2011 they must restart the clock or drop the project. More agency comments are now posted on the website and available for perusal.</p> <p><b>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture</b>  <b>Greg:</b> For information: The community forest has applied for a boundary expansion with expectations that this will lead to an AAC increase to 100,000 m<sup>3</sup>. Outcomes and</p>			

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	<p>effects of this are unknown at this time.</p> <p><b>Jack:</b> Jack is involved in the planning of a biofuel project in Houston. Using new technology from New Zealand, wood and/or agricultural waste would be used to produce liquid gasoline. The project is about 2 ½ years from start-up.</p> <p><b>Dave:</b> Also for information, someone has a license for a test wind tower on the Equity Road.</p> <p><b>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures</b></p> <p><b>Letter from Ruth Edwards:</b> Ruth responded to the BVCRB letter which requested information on results of referrals that the Board has commented on. The Board appreciated that remarks from Kevin Eskelin were also included with the letter. Input from Marc Schuffert is still needed. The referral website should be checked to ensure that the Board is receiving all current referrals, and rationale around decisions should be checked. As an aside, sales of Crown land may increase in an endeavour to bring in more funds to the government. So there may be more referrals upcoming. Ruth should be invited to a future meeting to talk about how the BVCRB and Front Counter can work together efficiently, especially in light of government budget cuts.</p> <p><b>5. Water and Fish:</b></p> <p>MOE reps will attend April 2010 BVCRB meeting. Greg has requested a list from Dana Atagi, with details of who will be presenting and what the topics will be. An hour and a half will be allocated to these presentations.</p> <p><b>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans</b></p> <p>Investigation of issues arising from the Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust presentation: <b>Anne:</b> Looked at Grizzly</p>	<p><b>Request comments on referral letter from Marc Schuffert.</b></p> <p><b>Check that BVCRB is continuing to receive all referrals and check rationale for decisions.</b></p> <p><b>Invite Ruth Edwards to the September BVCRB meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Circulate the list of MOE topics and presenters to the Board in advance of the April Board meeting.</b></p>	<p><b>Greg</b></p> <p><b>Don</b></p> <p><b>Greg</b></p> <p><b>Greg</b></p>	

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	<p>bear research results. Only four Landscape Units have management direction emphasizing grizzlies. Perhaps targets for grizzlies should be added to the LRMP. This may be a good LRMP amendment test case. Higher Level Plan orders and Forest Stewardship Plans need to be looked at to see what they say about grizzlies. The MoF should be contacted to state the case and ask what they would like to see done.</p> <p>The Bull Trout results should be looked at prior to MOE attendance at the April meeting (BWMT report 2008-04).</p>	<p><b>Contact MOF regarding targets for Grizzly bears in the LRMP, in light of BWMT research results.</b></p> <p><b>Check BWMT Bull Trout monitoring results and recommendations.</b></p>	<p><b>Greg</b></p> <p><b>Dave</b></p>	<p><b>Prior to April BVCRB meeting</b></p>
<b>Administration</b>	<p><b>LRMP Edits: Jill:</b> Basic edits to terminology can be made quickly.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> The new website should be ready by the April BVCRB meeting.</p> <p><b>Funding and budgeting:</b> No funding is expected from ILMB this year. Perhaps Post Office box charges of \$180.00 per year can be eliminated.</p> <p><b>Update on incorporating the BVCRB as a society:</b> Taylor spoke with Richard Overstall, who is a proponent of the trust model, where members are trustees of an agreement. The</p>	<p><b>Make basic LRMP wording changes.</b></p> <p><b>Submit changes to RRMC with cover letter.</b></p> <p><b>Launch the new website.</b></p> <p><b>Check to see if there is a way to reduce P.O. box charges.</b></p> <p><b>Ask Credit Union if Bank Statement can be reviewed on-line.</b></p> <p><b>Investigate the admin burden of</b></p>	<p><b>Jill</b></p> <p><b>Taylor</b></p> <p><b>Jill/Taylor</b></p> <p><b>Dave</b></p> <p><b>Taylor</b></p> <p><b>Taylor</b></p>	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p>

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	BVCRB could fit this model where the LRMP is the agreement or trust. Becoming a recognized entity of some sort would help the BVCRB when it comes to applying for funding. Incorporating BVCRB as a society should be compared with establishing BVCRB as a trust.	<b>trusts as compared to societies – annual fees, reporting requirements, etc.</b>		
<b>Other business</b>	<b>Membership:</b> The selection committee has been set: Peter Tweedie, Ray Carrier, and Terri O’Neill. Terms for Dave, Taylor, Anne, Greg, and Jeff expire this year. Two nominations have been received. A list of existing and prospective members will be developed by the end of April.	<b>Prepare list of existing and prospective members for membership recruitment purposes.</b>	<b>Greg</b>	<b>April 30, 2010</b>
<b>Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM</b>	April 13, 2010, 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn Meeting Room.			