

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: October 12, 2010. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Attendance:

Board Members: Dave Stevens (Acting Chair), Don Goalder, Jack Hagen, Ben Heemskerk, Rob Maurer, Trish Oosterhoff, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Regrets/absent: Taylor Bachrach, Barry Smith, Eugene Wittwer, Gerry Jameson, Jack Hooper

Presenters: Sybille Haeussler, Wes Giesbrecht

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<p>Presentation by members of the original Board: Sybille Haeussler and Wes Giesbrecht</p>	<p>Wes Giesbrecht: Being on the Board was a positive community experience. It is satisfying to see the work of the Board continuing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the 1970's there was a Forestry Advisory Group in the area. Logging and forestry issues dominated discussions, and planning was not cohesive. When Timber Supply Areas were established by government, this group was disbanded. The "Reclaiming our Forests" conference was held, with Herb Hammond as keynote speaker. Groups from many different perspectives came together. A Steering Committee was struck to follow up on conference recommendations. The Hilltop conference was then held, where 30 community leaders set the structure of the Resources Board. Irving Fox was a key organizer. 42 people were nominated. The initial Board was selected with broad values perspectives in mind. • Staying connected with the public is a challenge. There was a lot of initial interest from the public and good support from government. <p>Ben Heemskerk: Agencies are telling us that the LRMP applies only to forestry. This is a challenge for the Board.</p> <p>Sybille Haeussler: Much more was considered. However, the Ministry of Forests managed the land base at the time. Other agencies weren't directly engaged and there was sense that it was unbalanced. Other issues at the time: Government wanted Park proposals dealt with. The Board was concerned with rate of cut but AAC determination was removed from the Board's mandate. In the early 2000's zoning was dealt with. Motorized recreation became an issue at the end of the initial Board's term. The Terms of Reference took a year to write; one result was that the Board is structured to deal with broad issues.</p> <p>Dave Stevens: The Board is interested in receiving LRMP monitoring reports, but hasn't received any recently. Scientists have presented monitoring information, and the Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust is doing good work, however the LRMP is complex and we don't know if we are being effective. It is unlikely that we will get core funding from government.</p> <p>Wes: The Blue Pearl mining proposal would have been an opportunity for the Board to raise its public profile.</p> <p>Sybille: LRMP Zoning structure:</p> <p>1) Legislated zones: Boundaries are fixed.</p>			

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	<p>2) Strategies: Boundaries were meant to be flexible in order to achieve biodiversity, not in order to support development.</p> <p>i) Forest Ecosystem Network (FEN): Set up to manage for ecological values and biodiversity.</p> <p>a) Core Ecosystems: Set up to protect old growth and forest interior conditions.</p> <p>b) Landscape Corridors: To connect landscape units, protect wildlife movement. Functional integrity was to be maintained, therefore limited development might be okay.</p> <p>ii) Enhanced Forestry zone: Intent was that investment in forestry would compensate for loss of area to FEN. The government goal at the time was to have 12% of land base in protected areas but the Bulkley LRMP has less than that – this was a compromise so that the FEN’s could be achieved. This was largely a mapping exercise. These areas were never ground-truthed. There are errors, e.g. private property within Core Ecosystems.</p> <p>Wes: If Core Ecosystems are being compromised it is a blow to the plan.</p> <p>Dave: The Board and the Ministry of Forests are planning a workshop to bring these issues up for discussion.</p>			
Agenda review	Agenda for this meeting was reviewed.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Minutes of September 14, 2010	Minutes discussed. Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.	Review minutes of Sept 14, 2010.	Board Members	Next meeting
Action items from the September 14, 2010 minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Send e-mail to all Board members asking for expressions of interest in acting as Chair for 2010/2011.</i> 2. <i>Members confirm which subcommittees they are interested in.</i> 3. <i>Finalize and send JOP letter.</i> 4. <i>Prepare reply to McKnight referral.</i> 5. <i>Continue to participate in planning for “Revisiting the Balance” workshop; provide feedback from Board to MoF.</i> 6. <i>Schedule “LRMP 101” for an upcoming BVCRB meeting.</i> 7. <i>Contact Gerry MacDougall re: LRMP minor updates.</i> 	<p>Done.</p> <p>On-going.</p> <p>Dave will review. Done, letter sent.</p> <p>On-going. Dave and Ben met with Glen Buhr of MoF. Discuss later this meeting.</p> <p>Done, reply received. Board should send letter, with the amended LRMP attached, to Bobby Love of ILMB, asking what</p>		

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	<p>8. Reserve Alpenhorn meeting room for November and December meetings.</p>	<p>the next step(s) are. Done. Dave will book another venue as appropriate for further meetings.</p>		
Chair selection	<p>Board cannot select a chair this meeting as there is not a quorum. Dave Stevens is interested in the position. Dave will encourage full attendance for next meeting.</p>	Select Board Chair	Board members	Next meeting.
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence	<p>1. Recreation RAMP funding: Discussion: Deadline for the funding proposal to the Mountain Equipment Co-op was missed. The Vancouver Foundation may be a source of funds. The recreation subcommittee could review funding proposals for content prior to submission.</p> <p>2. Mining and Energy Development Rob Maurer: No new mines. In the plan area there is a lot of social pressure. Lots of exploration has gone on but there will be considerable public review required in order to develop new mines. First Nations consultation will be important. Feasibility of developing a mine in a Core Ecosystem may need to be answered.</p> <p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture Mountain Pine Beetle effects will need to be addressed in the LRMP. Dave: Appurtenancy requirements are gone (i.e. requirements that trees harvested in a region are processed in that region). Companies from other regions could harvest here when their timber supply falls. Ben: This is not being pursued because there would be public opposition, but Ben will follow up with the local MoF District Manager.</p>	<p>Check with Jane Lloyd-Smith of the MoF regarding possibility of other companies logging in the plan area.</p>	<p>Ben Heemskerk</p>	

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	<p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures Referral 6408302 McKnight: Discussion: A subdivision over this property has been advertised. This is in a Core Ecosystem and should be investigated.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish: No news.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans MoF LRMP workshop: “Revisiting the Balance”: Discussion: Facilitator: Tom Chamberlin was suggested as a possible facilitator for the workshop. Funding: Possible supporters in kind or financially are Northwest Community College, Smithers Exploration Group, PIR, and Harvey Tremblay.</p> <p>First Nations participation: David Dewitt from the Wet’suwet’en may wish to participate.</p> <p>Feedback to MoF/Glen Buhr: An e-mail was sent to the MoF. A response will be solicited.</p> <p>Telkwa Caribou WHA Rationale and Order: Rationale for the proposed Telkwa Caribou Wildlife Habitat Area has been received from the Ministry of Environment. Amending the WHA will impact PIR’s cut. A representative from the MoE should be invited to the next BVCRB meeting to discuss.</p>	<p>Check with Jason Llewellyn at the Regional District for information about the subdivision.</p> <p>Contact these groups about supporting the “Revisiting the Balance” workshop.</p> <p>Contact David Dewit about participation in the LRMP workshop.</p> <p>Follow up with Glen Buhr.</p> <p>Invite Rick Keim to November BVCRB meeting to discuss the Telkwa Caribou WHA.</p>	<p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>PIR – Dave Stevens NWCC – Rob Maurer SEG – Rob M.</p> <p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>Dave Stevens</p>	

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	<p>Telkwa Community Wildfire Protection Plan: An e-mail by Ray Chipeniuk addressed to the Village of Telkwa regarding the Telkwa Community Wildfire Protection Plan was cc'd to the Board. Ray is concerned with the plan and the public consultation process.</p> <p>Discussion: The BVCRB should receive a referral. Board member Taylor Bachrach is also a Telkwa Village counsellor so the Board could discuss this with him and then consider writing to the Village for clarification.</p>	<p>Ask Taylor if a referral is forthcoming for the plan. Consult with the village if further discussion is needed.</p>	<p>Ben Heemskerk</p>	
<p>Administration</p>	<p>Signing authority: Postpone to next meeting when Chair will be decided.</p> <p>Membership: One or two new Board member positions are available. Mike Murray is stepping down, to pursue RCMP training. Gerry Jameson intends to step down; however, Dave and Trish will discuss with him the possibility of remaining on the Board. The selection committee may need to reconvene and go back to applicants who weren't accepted, or solicit new applications, to fill vacancies.</p> <p>LRMP 101: Some of the content was covered by tonight's guest speakers. At the next meeting, Ben will walk members through the process of reviewing a referral, and Subcommittee chairs could provide a brief summary of current issues of concern.</p> <p>Core BVCRB funding: This time of year might be a good time in the budget cycle to approach government for funding.</p>	<p>Discuss membership with Gerry Jameson. Advise Board members by e-mail of process of filling vacant positions.</p> <p>Review referral process and subcommittee issues.</p> <p>Prepare a letter to government requesting funding support.</p>	<p>Dave and Trish</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Ben/Subcommittee Chairs</p> <p>Don Goalder</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>
<p>Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM</p>	<p>Next meeting: Nov 9, 2010, 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn Meeting Room.</p>			