

**Bulkley Valley
Community Resources Board
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January 6, 2012

Gary Quanstrom

Dear Gary:

Thank you for your letter of Dec. 9, 2011 regarding the BVCRB Summer RAMP completion project.

To address your questions:

1. Financial commitments towards education and public relations: There is some funding in the existing budget for education and public relations. Some agency support has been offered. It remains to be seen whether additional funds will be needed for ensuring that the RAMP document is well distributed, promoted and explained.

2. Opportunity for public input in addition to consensus agreements amongst the RAMP Table members: The process has been designed to ensure that a cross-section of the public is represented on the planning Table. Public input is viewed as essential to the process. Input from the public will certainly influence the plan. Opportunities for public involvement are built into the process as follows:

a. Table member consultations with constituents: At each meeting Table members are asked to consult with their club members or, in the case of representatives of the public at large, their circle of recreation contacts, and report back to the table on the results of these consultations, which are then taken into consideration.

b. Contacting Table members by email:

Four members of the Table are tasked with representing the public at large. They are available for contact by email at http://bvcrb.ca/ramp/table_members/ and then clicking on the particular representative's name that is to be contacted.

As well, any member of the BVCRB Recreation Subcommittee can be reached at http://bvcrb.ca/ramp/crb_recreation_subcommittee/. Subcommittee members are not part of the consensus decision but can be approached with questions or input of a more generic nature.

c. Written input:

Submissions by mail are welcome and may be mailed to the RAMP Table, c/o of the BVCRB at the above address.

d. Public meetings:

A public open house will be held once there is a first draft of the plan, probably in early February. Notice of this meeting will be posted on the website and through local media outlets. Additional open houses will be scheduled as needed.

Finally, there will be provision in the plan for periodic review and evolution as better information becomes available and as use patterns evolve.

3. Cabins: The public cabins (and any other that may exist) will be considered. Thank you for the list of 14 cabins which you have provided. Please note that some areas, such as municipal land and Provincial Parks, may require a separate process for dealing with recreational access.

Thank you very much for your interest and input.

Yours truly,

Ben Heemskerk, Chair, BVCRB Recreation Subcommittee

Cc:

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