

**Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes**, January 17, 2017. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, BVRC, 3883 3rd Ave, Smithers, BC

**Board members in attendance:** Eric Becker (Vice Chair), Cor van der Meulen, Ron Vanderstar (Treasurer), Karen Price (via Teleconference)

**Recorders:** Joanne Sear (BVRC)

**Absent with notice:** Christoph Dietzfelbinger

**Guests:** Bryan Swansburg, Rob Maurer (Smithers Exploration Group)

Item	Discussion
<b>Agenda Review/ Welcome</b>	Introductions and welcome to guests. Agenda approved as is.
<b>Review of minutes from December 20, 2016 meeting</b>	Minutes approved 7:50 Credit union signers: Karen, Eric, Ron. All need to redo. <b>Action: Copy of minutes given to Ron Vanderstar to take to Credit Union to remove Paddy and Bob, adding Eric, Ron and Karen (all need to go in and re-sign)</b> <b>Motion to accept: Ron, Second Cor</b>
<b>Presentation by Smithers Exploration Group (SEG)</b>	<p>Rob Maurer from SEG <a href="http://www.smithersexplorationgroup.com/">http://www.smithersexplorationgroup.com/</a> 4 handouts were provided to attendees. Extras available.</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Smithers hotel- geologists and inspectors would gather, so began the Smithers exploration group. \$5 lifelong membership cost. Will stay in touch with activities and stay on the mailing list. Core group of 10 directors and another 10-15 people helping out. Activities split into 1. Outreach (Lori Ferrell outreach coordinator) — if we don't grow it, we have to mine (look at responsibly) 2. Internal</p> <p>Non-political — refer to AIM (policy makers) SEG will supply input.</p> <p>Bulkley TSA- not a whole lot happening within or in Smithers area. Bit of a downturn. This year will see an increase in expenditures. Not a lot of funding and investors. They look at risk (FN, contentious land use issues). Close to communities is not a good area to explore for resources.</p> <p>Geologically, most rock contains gold but the question is whether it's in an amount worth getting. It's not just gold exploration, must find ore where concentrations are financially worth going after. Processes and technologies improve with time (can re-mine tailings).</p> <p>AME BC Land Access and Use in BC (handout) — In BC under a two definition permitting system (can or cannot explore), 18% prohibited access (red on map)... should mean 80% of BC to explore... (conditional areas are considered open ground but difficult to convince investors to explore that area as they come with conditions. When conditional status factored in there is around 50% unavailable). Mount Edziza park handout - cutout in park industrial tenure from 80s (park established in 90s) chunk left out to leave available for industrial purposes. Skeena resources map (handout) cutout is trying to develop but surrounded by three sides (public scrutiny and Tal-tan). Even free and open spaces are subject to scrutiny, From an investor point of view do you want to put money</p>

	<p>into areas under scrutiny?</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p>*Are there any conditional areas in BC that have been developed?*</p> <p><i>Reply:</i> Do not know. But there has been development completely surrounded by parks. Industry is moving toward looking at projects not under restrictions. Once we look at where deposits are likely, available area dwindles more. Wildlife areas (OE protected) aren't being monitored by province to see if the protection is still relevant. Status of the area could have changed (i.e. Pine beetle has gone through and some land is released back to industrial users).</p> <p>*How much do you have control over individual industries (for example a company is doing a poor job)?Do professionals have a say in monitoring of companies who may give the industry a bad name?*</p> <p><i>Reply:</i> ATV-ers are a good example: some are good and some are bad. Professional standards exist to let us know what happened and why (i.e. Tailings dam breaking a couple years ago). Events are reviewed. Standards of how to leave the ecosystem have changed over the years. Acid rock drainage has evolved. Groups like SEG exist to help show communities that they are not faceless corporations trying to deplete natural resources but are made up of companies who care. SEG want to make BC look like an appealing place to bring industry while doing so in a responsible way. A professional Geo or Engineer status is required to write reports, claims and represent companies to government.</p> <p>*How much economy in Smithers comes from exploration and mining?*</p> <p><i>Reply:</i> Lots. The Skeena region is one of 7 regions representing 40% of dollars spent with respect to the rest of BC. People stop in Smithers to gear up and setup before heading north.</p> <p>*What about in Terrace?*</p> <p><i>Reply:</i> The mines office in Smithers is help for Smithers; this could change if Terrace advocates for themselves. A lot of mines in the region attract people, but these days mines build camps not towns like Granisle. People call Smithers home and travel to mines to work. One in 10,000 exploration projects result in a mine. Why not promote exploration and money spent on exploration?</p> <p>*What is happening with the Onion project?*</p> <p><i>Reply:</i> There is little to no development. Huckleberry is unlikely to reopen. For specific questions, Ted Vanderwart or Lori can help direct to the right person.</p> <p><b>Rob Maurer left meeting.</b></p> <p>Opinions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was insinuated exploration is un-invasive; exploration has a bigger footprint than mines themselves. However, surveys have a narrow footprint.</li> <li>• There is limited access to these areas. Even if the areas changed, would anyone there even if it was released for exploration/development?</li> <li>• Q: Conditions may change, so will it ever be released? A: This depends on political pressures.</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	1. How to get public feedback?

<p><b>Items from last meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A document was handed out of an approach to engage people at a booth —open house, canvassing, fall fair/tradeshow will give good cross section of public.</li> <li>• 20 words max on sign at booth encapsulating what CRB is about and our values Sign: <b>WHAT WE DO, CURRENT ISSUES, WHAT CAN YOU DO?</b></li> <li>• Engage lots of people to answer 4 questions (of a larger question sheet); you may get more complete forms than if you try to get someone to answer all the questions.</li> <li>• Get name and phone number to put in for door prize.</li> <li>• Consensus that efforts at the trade show would be easy to repeat for fall fair without too much additional effort.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: The engagement package will be mailed out again.</b></p> <p>2. Booth research updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a letter from Susan Bundoch (Smithers district chamber of commerce). Last year's groups have first chance to booths. Have until Feb 10. We can put our name on list and wait to see if we get spot.</li> <li>• The cost is \$490 no matter who you are. Should we make this a joint venture when it could be difficult to share a booth and remain unbiased? What will it cost in addition to \$490 to promote and print materials? Do we want to spend close to \$1000 for event and have people run the booth. It may be a bigger bang for buck if we do the fall fair as well. Funds: \$3000 in RAMP, \$1600 in BVRC (operating funds), \$1000 in savings account.</li> <li>• Will do a revenue drive soon. Send letter to banks and hope to bring in \$3000-4000 in the next few months</li> <li>• Can we borrow big UREP maps of TSA: Will we have two maps with one we can write on?</li> <li>• Will we be able to staff? May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Get on waiting list with Susan for Tradeshow booth and we'll decide if we get the call.</b></p> <p>3. Discussion of financial status and budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3094.03 in RAMP</li> <li>• \$1619.15 admin funds taken care of by research centre (and taking care of RAMP)</li> <li>• \$1094.51 in savings</li> <li>• \$32.86 equity shares at BVCU</li> <li>• We are sending a letter for request of funding for member feedback; members can provide names of who to send to. What we're all about, list of accomplishments, budget.</li> <li>• Take to Emund and Wetzin 'kwa'</li> <li>• Due at the end of May. If we need a charitable organization to run money through can approach BVRC and the Community Foundation who have charitable status?</li> <li>• Should we approach the Cassandra foundation? Worth talking to again. Ask specifically for money for booths (public involvement).</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Complete Revenue Drive. Members can provide names of who to send Letter for request of funding to. Send letter for request of funding out this week for final</b></p>
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	<p><b>review. Will list who will receive letters. Will look into Wetzin'kwa.</b></p>
<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<p>4. Administration support for the CRB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BVRC will provide for now, becoming more involved. If more finances become available, will feed executive through BVRC.</li> <li>• Background of the BVRC: Began in the 90's, layoffs of researchers led to them becoming consultants. It was difficult to compete for contracts so the BVRC umbrella organization (Jim Pojar/Irvine Fox/Sybille H.) of researchers began to be more competitive for larger projects with multidisciplinary skills available. Financial support.</li> <li>• Met with BVRC administration so good for now but will monitor</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: BVRC to email out Memorandum of understanding and fee structure to board members.</b></p> <p>5. Review existing Board membership. Discuss Member roles. Working groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed that Bryan be the acting member while we wait for paperwork and approval to go through. We need help. Everyone in agreement, no one opposed</li> <li>• We need more members. Members need to pull together as a team when projects come up,</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: All members to keep pushing and advertising for more members</b></p> <p><b>6. Final approval and submission of the effectiveness letter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager from government: People are not using LRMP and want it to go away. Why has the CRB not pointed out to forestry companies they're not following LRMP. Would it be a legal route to take companies or individuals to task?</li> <li>• Effectiveness letter should go out to the local office and ask for help to better achieve mandate. The last paragraph doesn't have action so will just get filed.</li> <li>• What is the full intent of the letter? To revisit LRMP's effectiveness but who is to revisit it? Need to be clearer on what the reason is for writing the letter and what we hope to achieve.</li> <li>• In light of government revisiting climate effects, wonder when you are going to reassess LRMP? Can we ask for a time to meet with CRB? Is anything expected from ministers (kick back to locals). Should put locals on the letter as well and copy to ministers (cc the boss). We need to meet with locals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Will add statement to the end (requesting meeting with CRB). Will send out and revise. Figure out who locally we will contact in three industries.</b></p> <p>7. Nomination of Karen to be Chairperson. Members accepted.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When to have the NWIPC Presentation? Prefer not to be in winter. March/April? Is there any interest as it applies to forestry? Yes. Can we open it to the public? If educational, we can get Crown Lake for free. What about the Old Church?</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: BVRC to follow-up on community events. Find out specifics on meeting room across street from BVRC. The CRB will flush out with NWIPC for March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of issues of past few years? Any value in picking out previous year's</li> </ul>

	<p>minutes and going over? General acceptance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmers Institute? At Hudson's Bay, Feb 17(paid for by gov) evening entertainment, discussion about agriculture and how to keep making money in today's market. Consensus no issues if Bryan asks farmers institute about sharing a booth.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Recap at next meeting. Will ask Farmers institute to share booth.</b>  <b>Action: Call Ann and thank from the CRB for her letter in the paper</b>  <b>Action: Will look into a large map source.</b></p>
<b>Items for next meeting</b>	<p>Any new numbers in Telkwa herd? Still 18. Nothing new. Check Facebook. 9 with collars</p> <p><b>Action Items</b>  <b>Booth decision</b>  <b>Funding update</b>  <b>Booth planning</b></p>

**Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM. Next meeting February 21, 2017 (location TBD), 7:00 PM**