

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes, May 13, 2014. Meeting convened at 7:10 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C. Board members in attendance: **Jeffrey Anderson (Chair), Mathias Westphal (Vice chair), Paddy Hirshfield (Treasurer), Trish Oosterhoff, Eric Becker, Bob Mitchell, Tim Penninga, Michael Sawyer, Jack Hagen.** Absent, with notice: **Karen Price,** without notice: **Harold Kerr, Debbie Wellwood.** Executive assistant: **Jill Dunbar**
Presenters: Dave Kmet and Winter Ghostkeeper, TransCanada

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Agenda	No additions	Agenda accepted as presented.
Minutes, April 8, 2014	Members present accept the minutes with revisions (forwarded separately).	Minutes accepted with revisions.
Executive	Jeff Anderson's term will be over after the June 10, 2014 meeting. Members willing to act as Chair starting in September of 2014 should come forward by the June 10 meeting.	
Government liaison and meeting location	FLNRO District office has offered meeting space and a staff member to act as liaison. Next meeting will be held at the Alpenhorn and then meetings will be moved to the FLNRO office.	Invite FLNRO staff liaison person to September BVCRB meeting. Change meeting location to FLNRO District office in September.
Signing Authority	Motion: Paddy Hirshfield, Jeffrey Anderson, and Jack Hagen are the BVCRB members with signing authority for the BVCRB at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union as of May 13, 2014. Any names other than these are to be removed. Moved by Eric Becker. Seconded by Mathias Westphal. All Board members present are in favour.	Signing authority changes at BVCU will be initiated once the Board has accepted these minutes.
Financial update	There is \$510.00 in the BVCRB account. The MOU with the BV Research Centre is up for renewal.	Jeff Anderson will renew MOU with BVRC.
Membership	Board member positions of Harold Kerr, Jeff Anderson, and Trish Oosterhoff will need to be filled for September 2014.	Jeff Anderson will contact Selection Committee to start the process of filling vacancies.
TransCanada presentation: Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project.	Dave Kmet, Regional Manager Prince George & LNG Land, and Winter Ghostkeeper, Community Relations Liaison. Questions and comments: BVCRB: Does the proposed Montney Line need to be built in order to complete this project? TransCanada: Yes, it is part of the proposal, but there is a Spectra line, which could be used if the Montney Line is not built. The proposed route now comes further south, through the Bulkley TSA. BVCRB: How can TransCanada submit an application without a final route? TransCanada: All alternatives are included in the application.	

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	<p>BVCRB: Where are the compressor stations?</p> <p>TransCanada: The Middle River station is closest to Smithers. Other stations will need to be added if Pretonas expands.</p> <p>BVCRB: Will trees grow back in along the pipeline?</p> <p>TransCanada: The pipeline would be flown once per year, with various sensing techniques, to inspect for leaks. Vegetation could grow back but the tree canopy could not be allowed to close in over the centre line. A three metre wide strip needs to be open down the centre of the line. There is one camp proposed, which would be rehabilitated after two years.</p> <p>BVCRB: How much of the pipeline would the camp serve?</p> <p>TransCanada: It would serve for one construction season – one spread. The area east of Nilkitkwa Lake would be accessed by a camp 80 km to the East.</p> <p>BVCRB: Pipeline would go south of grizzly area but through a core ecosystem. It would cross a grease trail, which is likely a protected trail, but there may not be a completed report on the trail.</p> <p>TransCanada: The company may cross it but would restore it. Could walk it with GPS.</p> <p>BVCRB: Contact is Ryan Holmes at the local FLNRO District office to find out if there are existing data.</p> <p>BVCRB: There is a circle route issue in the LRMP.</p> <p>TransCanada: No permanent roads will be built. Quads could not run along the line, as pullbacks will be used along the full pipeline. The access management strategy differs in different areas, as some communities want to have access. Snowmobiles couldn't be stopped for about a decade, until vegetation grows in. There will always be a clear path down the centre 3 m. Brushing by hand would be used if needed to keep the midline clear. The access management strategy is being drafted now.</p> <p>BVCRB: Do you rely on the 3 m clear centerline for emergency access?</p> <p>TransCanada: We create the access if needed, as fire fighters do.</p> <p>BVCRB: How many ruptures have you had?</p> <p>TransCanada: One or two major ruptures per year, on over 60,000 km of pipeline.</p> <p>BVCRB: How many psi would this line run at?</p> <p>TransCanada: 1140 psi.</p> <p>BVCRB: Within 5 km of the camp there are extremely sensitive fisheries at Rainbow Alley and the bridge. Mining projects have agreements whereby crew can't hunt or fish on the way to camp.</p>	

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	<p>TransCanada: Crews could fish on days off, but few would do this. No dogs or weapons are allowed in camp. We can't control what crews do on time off.</p> <p>BVCRB: Is this dry or wet gas?</p> <p>TransCanada: This is dry and ready to be used in homes and businesses.</p> <p>BVCRB: In May of 2013 TransCanada applied to start screening under EA. In July the EA office terminated the screening.</p> <p>TransCanada: Federal legislation regarding fisheries changed and no longer applied. This is totally a provincial pipeline. There will be an open house in Hazelton on June 22 or 23 and the project's environmental lead will be there.</p> <p>BVCRB: The Montney Line will be a Federally regulated line. The CEA office doesn't have any documentation showing this change.</p> <p>BVCRB: Is there a table of risks and mitigation measures specific to the Bulkley?</p> <p>TransCanada: There is a table but it is not specific to the Bulkley. There are common concerns all along the line.</p> <p>BVCRB: Is an alteration permit needed before you can disrupt an archeological site?</p> <p>TransCanada: The EA explains how the site would be preserved.</p> <p>BVCRB: There would be very high potential along Nilkitkwa Lake.</p> <p>TransCanada: The mitigation strategy isn't that detailed i.e. not trail by trail.</p> <p>BVRCB: Would want to know specifically how impacts, if any, on the core ecosystem would be mitigated.</p> <p>TransCanada: Will get back to the Board on this.</p> <p>BVCRB: In the EA as a whole were there any issues that would affect the project with a significant impact?</p> <p>TransCanada: Did not review the EA conclusion but yes, there would be significant impacts; however, with mitigation the pipeline could be built.</p> <p>BVCRB: If there are no significant issues then there are no cumulative effects?</p> <p>TransCanada: Yes – no long-term cumulative effects on land use plan objectives. The construction right of way would be 50 – 100 m wide.</p> <p>BVCRB: Are there measures for bear safety at camp?</p> <p>TransCanada: There is a full program – garbage control etc.</p> <p>BVCRB: We suggest having an open house in Smithers as well as Hazelton.</p> <p>TransCanada: There will be an open house in Smithers on June 19. Details will be on the TransCanada website.</p> <p>BVCRB: Does Spectra have a parallel schedule?</p> <p>TransCanada: They are about two weeks apart. Details will be in the Interior</p>	

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	<p>News.</p> <p>BVCRB: Are you committed to not convert to oil?</p> <p>TransCanada: This application is for shipping LNG. The pipe could be used for oil but the company would have to go through the full approval process.</p> <p>TransCanada: Further questions can be forwarded to Dave or Winter. The EA will be available at the Smithers town office (hard copy) or the Smithers library (electronic) as of May 14. The 45-day public review period will be May 26 to mid-July. TransCanada will email this information to Jeff Anderson.</p> <p>TransCanada: Are there any further comments from the Board?</p> <p>BVCRB: At the Spectra presentation, the project team was present and that was helpful. Having a spatial image of the TSA would be helpful – an overlay showing grizzly bear areas for example. There was a disconnect between our specific issues such as grizzly bears and the conclusion that there would be no impacts. We need science-based evidence rather than motherhood.</p> <p>TransCanada: The environmental experts will be at the open house, and Google Earth images will be available.</p>	
<p>In-house discussion re: TransCanada presentation</p>	<p>Presentations such as this one could be held as separate meetings, or we could have an additional meeting to catch up on other agenda items.</p> <p>A response to TransCanada is needed.</p> <p>Q: How are fisheries values considered? A: Forest Stewardship Plans and legislation takes over. The LRMP expresses broad-brush values but not specific management guidelines.</p>	<p>Bob Mitchell will prepare a draft response to TransCanada, and circulate to all members for review and comment.</p>
<p>Terms of Reference</p>	<p>Discussions are ongoing between government and the BVCRB with respect to how the BVCRB could be more effective in commenting on government strategies and objectives. If any changes are made, LRMP values would not be affected, but the Terms of Reference might need adjusting. There are opportunities to seek funding to support a Board employee. Should this be considered, a non-profit funder would need to be identified. Government is interested in BVCRB making strategic level comment on land management as it relates to the state of, and impact to, the LRMP values. This would require tapping into existing data to make such comments. Discussions are ongoing as to how government can provide the BVCRB with reports to support this.</p> <p>Discussion: This moves away from the role of looking at LRMP values and advising government. Concerns are that this Board could not cover the whole Skeena region, a volunteer group could not provide this kind of advice, it would be difficult to find an employee, and things become difficult to manage when</p>	

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	<p>going from the bottom up. The Board has gotten involved in non-forestry issues and massive projects.</p> <p>Response: This is in its initial stages. The BVCRB would have a stronger mandate.</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next meeting June 10, 2014; 7:00 PM; Alpenhorn meeting room. Annual dinner meeting.</p>		