

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, BC

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

Regrets/absent: Jeff Anderson, Ben Heemskerk, Dave Stevens, Eugene Wittwer, Jack Hagen

Visitors: Jim Easterday, Outdoor Recreation Society

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda reviewed. Referral 6402067 (Tom Buri), was added to the agenda.	Accept agenda as revised.	Board Members	This meeting
Review of minutes of June 9, 2009	Minutes discussed. Recreation project referrals 98167 (BVBS) and 98169, 98171 and 98173 (SSA) were received and reviewed over the summer. There were no concerns and letters stating this were sent. Two other proposals were not referred; Anne will find out what the status of these is. Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.	Check status of recent recreation project proposals. Review June 9, 09 minutes.	Anne Board Members	Next meeting Next meeting
Board Executive positions	Greg Storie is willing to stand as chair; Dave Stevens as vice chair, and Taylor Bachrach as treasurer, as long as none of the absent members has any objections.	Review again in case any absent Board member has objections.	Board Members	Next meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence	1. Recreation RAMP completion: Terms of reference are complete except that there is not agreement regarding selection of who is to sit at the table. Anne is bringing this forward to the Board as a whole for assistance with ending this impasse. There are two proposals: 1) Table members are not required to be members of a club or interest group, OR 2) Members must represent one or more such organizations. Seven of 8 members of the recreation sub-committee agree to an open selection process. One member representing the BV Backpackers wants clubs only at the table. Discussion: With #1, individuals have an equal chance of representation; structure is accountable to all, not just interest groups; and there is no guarantee that club members will fully represent the club stand. With #2, full public input			

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	<p>can be assured via open houses etc., more can be accomplished with club members, club members are generally around longer and have credibility with the community, and commitment. The Board discussed two further possibilities, 1) that some seats are held by club reps and some are open to individuals via an open selection process, and 2) the entire table be chosen in a manner similar to that used for the LRMP (a call for interested people; application form that indicates values and background; selection committee chooses people that represent a broad range of values, knowledge and a commitment to the process outlined in the Terms of Reference).</p> <p>RAMP Funding: Was included in Steve Osborn’s grant application. That application has not yet been approved but there is one more round of evaluation. Kevin Eskelin may know of some funding support possibilities. Greg spoke with the Regional District and found some potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipality support grant of \$20,000 (Smithers). Requires First Nations and community support. • Direct access grant (gaming grant): For recreation facilities. • Job creation partnership: To hire someone who would not otherwise be employed. <p>Real Estate fund: Anne contacted them and reports that they don’t have enough funding. Community Forest Program – may be possible next year. Town of Smithers – most recreation is probably outside town boundaries.</p> <p>2. Mining and Energy Development Rob: The only current activity is Dome Mountain. They have approval for the settling pond. The plan is to truck ore off-site for the first year, while the mill is developed. Big Onion: Will drill if funding materializes. Zymoetz River:</p>	<p>Present additional new proposals to committee members.</p> <p>Check with Kevin Eskelin re: RAMP funding possibilities.</p> <p>Check criteria for job creation partnership</p>	<p>Anne</p> <p>Anne</p> <p>Mike Murray</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>

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	<p>Some drilling was done last summer. For future discussion: The Board decided last year to write to MEMPR for an annual update of mine reclamation work – when will this letter be written?</p> <p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture Greg: The mountain pine beetle is still around. Tatlow Rd and Pine Creek were attacked. Logging traffic on the Ski Hill road, Deception Lake, Nilkitkwa, and Harold Price areas can be expected.</p> <p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reply to Michelle Larstone regarding the Cybernet Tower on Hudson Mountain was sent. A letter to Steve Carr, Chief Executive Officer, Integrated Land Management Bureau, on this issue was also sent. Taylor: This is being dealt with. The tower may be moved or there may be an objection filed. • A letter regarding Referral 6408191 for extensive agriculture was sent; recommending that wildlife habitat values be assessed in the parcel. • A letter was sent re: Referral 6402067 (Tom Buri) citing no concerns on the part of the BVCRB. <p>5. Water and Fish No new business.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans The two initiatives that the BVCRB gave support to have not been funded (the first was an application for funding from the Community Adjustment Fund, for MapChat, BVSC community assets, RAMP, and the BV Community Server, by the BV Research Centre; and second was a proposal to the Future Forest Ecosystem Scientific Council to cover the</p>	<p>Discuss when/if to send letter requesting update on mine reclamation work.</p>	<p>Board Members</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>

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	<p>"Framework for Climate Change in Northwest BC" from Erin Hall).</p> <p>The proposal submitted by Don Morgan (A multi-scale transdisciplinary vulnerability assessment) has passed the first stage review. The BVCRB has been asked to support this as a client. The proposal will be circulated for Board review and comment. If comments are favourable, the Board will submit a letter of support.</p>	<p>Circulate Don Morgan's proposal. Prepare response to proposal based on Board input.</p>	<p>Greg</p>	
<p>Administration</p>	<p>A new Board member is needed. Ruth Lloyd has been nominated; this nomination will stand until spring when additional new members may be needed.</p> <p>Subcommittees: Discussion items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We still do not get enough information to decide on referrals. We need a methodology. • Referrals need to be sent to all Board members with a note about which subcommittee will deal with each one. • Mike Murray will help with referrals subcommittee. 	<p>Ask Max Starr for a recommendation for a new Board member.</p> <p>Update subcommittee roster.</p>	<p>Greg</p> <p>Greg</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned 9:40 PM Next Meeting: TBA (Oct 2009)</p>				