

# BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board

## Draft Minutes

**Date:** Apr. 20, 2020, Skype for Business, most are on line, 2 people are dialled in.

**Present:** Bob Mitchell, Christoph Dietzfelbinger, Eric Becker, Ted Vanderwart, Matt Sear, Sue Brookes, John Fisher and Jeff McKay

Absent: Ron Vanderstar, Bryan Swansberg

Chair: Matt

Recording: Sue

**Next Meeting** Date: Tues. 19th, 2020 Skype for Business - 7pm.

Additions to the agenda;

- Bob to talk about Balsam
- how to conduct future meetings
- response from Carl Vandermark

Matt called the meeting to order 7:15pm.

Skype for business seems to work - we're using West Fraser's host status for now, for free. In future we would request presentations and documents ahead of time so members have a chance to download and read them off line if they dial in. Displaying a presentation live on the app is easy enough during the meeting. The web app runs thru your browser. There is also a possibility of recording the meeting for later review.

Public school kids are using TEAM another option, similar to this. Without everyone on the same platform, or face to face, discussions may be more difficult.

Matt requested the final version of the Mar 16th minutes before final approval. All agreed there were no more changes.

### **1. Balsam**

#### **Highlights:**

There's a more favourable outlook for planting Balsam at higher elevations among the Bulkley Valley Silviculture Strategy. This is a working group that has BCTS, West Fraser and Can-for people.

Background: Pine struggles under the snow, Balsam and Spruce are more suited. An observation of the community forest showed natural spruce and natural fir with the same growth rate - 40 - 45 cm leaders.

### **2. Reisetter SMZ 2**

Carl Vandermark has agreed to assign someone to present. There has been no response yet from the Province regarding Christof's personal letter. Bob is looking for an opportunity to be heard from Canfor.

AI\*\*\* Bob to invite Carl Vandermark to the May 18th meeting.

AI\*\*\* Bob to ask Canfor for a future presentation

### **3. BCTS**

AI\*\*\* Matt to invite BCTS (Curtis Paul) for June

AI\*\*\* Matt to invite Bob Love to the May or June meeting, his choice.

**3. Treeplanting** - discussion - there's about 4000 trees on thaw for this season - for West Fraser presumably. The difficulty is migrant labour, camps or no camps and heath requirements. The hows are being worked out. Typically Smithers camps wouldn't start until the end of May anyway. The Town of Smithers was informed and Matt could circulate that 'high level' letter by request.

### **4. Update of the LRMP, winter RAMP**

**AI\*\*\*Matt** to contact Eric and get some news, agenda items for next meeting.

### **5. WHMAs**

- no discussion

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.**