

# BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board

## Draft Minutes

**Date:** Mar 16, 2020, Smithers Town Office

**Present:** Bob Mitchell, Christoph Dietzfelbinger, Ron Vanderstar, Eric Becker, Bryan Swansberg, Dave Stevens, Ted Vanderwart, Matt Sear, Ryan Holmes

Absent: John Fisher and Jeff McKay

Chair: Matt

Recording: Dave Stevens

**Next Meeting** Date: Apr 20, 2020 Smithers Council Chambers 7pm.

Bob Love was expected today but was not present.

**AI\*\*\* Matt** to remind Bob Love of the open invitation

Bob Mitchell moved adoption of the minutes of the February 17 meeting as circulated, approved unanimously.

### **1. Presentation by Ryan Holmes**

#### **Highlights:**

Ryan Holmes was introduced and everyone introduced themselves and their particular interest in land use planning. Thanks to Ryan for the sushi!

Ryan discussed reports on LRMP implementation. In report prep it became apparent that monitoring information was inadequate as a basis of effectiveness evaluation. Better consultation is needed. The implementation report is still relevant but incomplete. Licensees comments are incomplete because of inadequate response time and consultation.

Some members expressed the opinion that professional reliance is not an open and accountable process. Ron pointed out that the FSP is a checklist can be ticked off for comparison with LRMP requirements to get good guidance around implementation fidelity. There is a lack of on the ground knowledge of operations by gov't foresters.

In some districts the relevance of the LRMP needs updating given large catastrophic events like Mountain pine beetle and Wildfires. A comparison was discussed with the Lakes LRMP where there have been severe impacts.

**AI\*\*\* Sue** circulate PIR FSP from their web site

### **2. Reiser SMZ 2**

Best management practices are not objectives, they are in the FSP but not legal requirements. What did Canfor do in the Reiser drainage? Ask in person at a meeting - extend an invitation to Carl Vandermark.

Lack of enforcement of FSP performance vs objectives is hard to assess due to lack of data. C&E is constrained by resources from putting their people on the land. When the FSP is signed off by the District Manager its objectives are enforceable but the best management practices and policy are not. Discussion re: policy is aspirational, not enforceable.

**AI\*\*\* Sue** circulate notes from Bob on Mar 3 meeting with Jevon Hanchard and Glen Buhr

### **3. Seymour Ridge and Ptarmigan Ridge wildfire hazard**

Bob introduced the topic, Silvicon did not provide risk survey data even though they were asked to do so.

An outstanding question about wildfire behaviour - why did some 30 year old pine plantations not burn even though everything else around did?

Ryan discussed wildfire operations and dynamics and stages, its interactions between wildfire people and foresters. There is increasing interaction between these practitioners. The Bulkley Fire Management Plan is interesting in this regard.

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

An update on the LRMP would require more information about effectiveness to date.

A discussion then took place about completing the winter RAMP.

The board feels they would need to be the process leaders and initiators. Dave pointed out how useful it was during the summer RAMP to have a MOU with the BV Research Centre to be the secretariat and administrative body.

Christoph spoke to the state of conflict around winter motorized and non-motorized recreation being now quiescent, but there is potential around recreation value conflicts in future. He also said he estimated the summer non-motorized zonation amounted to 1.36% of the LRMP plan area. He said that the winter RAMP is included in the LRMP and incomplete. He said there were lots of users to draw on.

**AI\*\*\*Eric** to draft a winter RAMP letter

### **5. WHMAs**

- the layers of the GIS software at front counter BC containing UREPS and other WHMA's have been removed from the Tantalus GIS database

Ron pointed out that the Wet'suwet'en have funding for WHMA work. The issue around the WHMA

GIS layers going missing is that their absence removes their influence on planning around land use.

6. Other, **AI\*\*\*Sue/Eric** to draft letter of support for Wildlife for Tomorrow

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.**