

**Bulkley Valley Community  
Resources Board  
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November 7, 2011

Ron Fowler  
Smithers Snowmobile Association

Dear Ron:

Thank you for your questions regarding the Summer Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP) process. On behalf of the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Recreation Subcommittee, we would like to respond to your concerns as follows:

The BVCRB works to keep our website as updated as possible. A delay in posting the minutes from our general meetings can occur if we lack a quorum at the meeting at which they are to be approved. This occurred at our October meeting.

We will not be releasing the names of the applicants for participation in the Summer RAMP, only the names of the successful applicants. This is consistent with standard practices.

The list of successful applicants will be posted on the website shortly. We are creating a website section specifically for the Summer RAMP process, now that it is underway.

We will not be releasing the names of people who submitted expressions of interest in the facilitation contract.

The Recreation Subcommittee selected Tom Chamberlin to be the facilitator of the Summer RAMP process. Details of his training and experience will be available shortly in the Summer RAMP section of the website.

The Recreation Subcommittee did not select representatives of the Smithers Snowmobile Association to participate in the Summer RAMP process, because the Association's focus is winter-recreation, specifically snowmobiling. This view is reflected in the Mission Statement of the Association of British Columbia Snowmobile Clubs, of which the Smithers Snowmobile Association is a member. That said, current members and past executives of the Smithers Snowmobile Association have been actively involved in planning the Summer RAMP process. There are no other winter-based recreation organizations involved in the Summer RAMP.

In designing the summer RAMP process, we have intentionally provided avenues for community members and winter recreation groups not directly involved to provide input. This includes (1) public open houses, (2) the opportunity to provide input to participants representing the public at large, and (3) representatives of summer recreation groups.

We have no plans to revisit our decision to not include participation from winter recreation clubs in the Summer RAMP process.

The Recreation Sub-Committee has discussed the need for our communications to be professional in nature. We strive to communicate openly and accurately with all stakeholders and members of the public. As such, all public correspondence including this response will be posted on the BVCRB website.

As we communicated previously, the Recreation Subcommittee is happy to meet with the executive of the Smithers Snowmobile Association if you have any further concerns. We would also be willing to attend the next SSA meeting this Wednesday evening.

Regards,

Taylor Bachrach  
Chair, BVCRB

Ben Heemskerk  
Chair, Recreation Subcommittee