

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Date: September 17th, 2018 - Meeting convened at 7:00pm

Location: Smithers Town Office

Board members in attendance: Karen Price, Eric Becker, Ron Vanderstar, John Fisher, Ted Vanderwart, Bob Mitchell, Christoph Dietzfelbinger, Matt Sear, Cor Van Der Muelen, Bryan Swansberg

Recording: Emily Hashemi (BVRC)

Acronyms: TOR = Terms of Reference

Item	Discussion
Intro/ Agenda Review	<p>Agenda accepted</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financials: Ron - Membership and committee positions
Past Minutes	June 2018 minutes accepted (two spelling corrections to edit)
Discussion	<p>Telkwa coal hoping to get comments before October meeting, planning to present in November.</p> <p>The LRMP and our mandate – Karen</p> <p>Review most recent Terms of Reference (2015).</p> <p><u>History:</u> LRMP is the baseline for CRB existence. CRB is part of an ongoing committee responsible for stewardship of the land based on the LRMP values.</p> <p>In 2003, the board drafted a new TOR (closely based on LRMP values). This is the most recent <i>signed</i> terms of reference.</p> <p>In 2013, the board updated processes, therefore they drafted a new terms of reference [changes: FLNRO’s relationship with the board. Relationship between ministry and the board is better defined]. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) is established.</p> <p>In 2015, an updated TOR was introduced, however it still currently has rough draft comments. The board could not find a signed copy, therefore not sure whether a final version of 2015 TOR exists.</p> <p>Action: Check with Patty about MOU and finalized 2015 TOR.</p>

Action: Check the current status; perhaps some areas need to be updated, and decisions can be made whether there is a need to revisit. Finalize, ensure, and sign a TOR and follow up on referendum.

Regarding monitoring within the TOR:

The CRB has not yet been in a position to do monitoring; this requires a bigger budget from the government.

Food for thought: is there new information needed to meet the CRB objectives and/or should the objectives be changed?

It may be worth exploring whether the CRB could form a working relationship with other organizations that provide another source for monitoring information.

Possibilities:

- Skeena Water Trust
- Bulkley ESI (Environmental Stewardship Initiative) is a First Nations/government collaborative initiative doing active monitoring of moose, wetlands, medicinal plants, and more

If CRB can't do the monitoring themselves, perhaps could use some of their data?

Action: send around a list of possible partners to board members to think further about how CRB can collaborate with other organizations in the valley doing monitoring work.

Action: Karen to send the 2015 TOR draft to board members.

Action: Matt to inquire whether a meeting is possible with Eamon Odonoghue.

Fire season and its implications – Bob

Board would like to acquire more information about current forest fires, how they are managed, environmental areas of interests, and more.

Action: Ron & Matt to inquire about inviting an expert to host a presentation. Send out a feeler to wildfire branch team to recommend someone to speak to the CRB regarding new insights into fire behavior and current managed landscapes.

<p>Ongoing Business</p>	<p>Summer RAMP and trail status update - Eric</p> <p>Intent is to make the rec opportunities in the valley available to the public online. The original plan was to host on a government database website. That is not going to work because of limitations and restrictions by the government and their inability to host this online.</p> <p>Having a database that is accessible to the public will provide a means for government legislations and funding of these trails.</p> <p>The proper way of doing this is to host the trail database on the CRB website. Any user who would like access to this could have trail data online.</p> <p>Eric has discussed with a web developer (Emily).</p> <p>Rec sites and trails have said that they would provide funding. There is a lot of work to be done to develop budget and what's needed for this project. It has to be compatible and expandable for future growth.</p> <p>Part of maintaining the database would be updating information within the database. Changes to information would have to be controlled by one or two members of the board.</p> <p>Action: Eric to send BV Trail Database Project plan to board.</p> <p>More information to be discussed further at the next meeting along with a very rough idea of budget.</p> <p>WHMA transfer authority letter - Matt & Karen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No one from ministry responded to Matt - Focus is on LRMP values. CRB wants to be sure that processes are in place to deal with wildlife and agriculture values effectively - CRB's role is to ensure effective implementation of LRMP – that values are not disturbed in this transfer. - Forest practices code vs. results based - Instances when authority and jurisdiction matter <p><u>Bottom line:</u> is it consistent with the LRMP or not?</p>

	<p>Matt objects to wording in the last paragraph of the letter (the transfer of the area).</p> <p>Action: Karen to make edit to letter in the last paragraph and send for approval to board.</p>
New Business	<p>Financials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Credit union account: \$2700 - Emily to touch base with BVRC financial coordinator (Monica) regarding fee for service funding for the CRB. Monica forwarded Ron financial statement in August and again on September 19th. - Summer RAMP: \$2300 <p>Membership and positions on the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karen: Chair - Eric: Vice-Chair <p>Eric's focus is to implement the rec trails, will remain Vice-Chair.</p> <p>Perhaps more members can take charge of committee work that does arise to ease work on the part of the Chair.</p> <p>Action: Everyone to spread the word on recruiting new board members. CRB actively seeking four new board members.</p> <p>Action: Large boardroom not available for November meeting. Ron will book smaller room for Wednesday November 21st.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. Next meeting 7:00pm, October 15th, 2018.

Actions:

Task	Due	Responsibility
Action: Check with Patty about MOU and finalized 2015 TOR.		Karen/Eric?
Action: Matt to inquire whether a meeting is possible with Eamon Odonoghue.		Matt

Action: Karen to send the 2015 TOR draft to board members.		Karen
Action: Eric to send BV Trail Database Project plan to board.		Eric
Action: Karen to make edit to WHMA transfer authority letter in the last paragraph and send for approval to board.		Karen
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