

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB)
Minutes of RAMP Completion Process Meeting

Meeting Date: 27 November 2007. **Meeting convened at 7:30 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room**
Board Members Present: Adrian de Groot, Taylor Bachrach, Peter Tweedie, Anne Harfenist, Jack Hagen, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)
Visitor: Gary Quanstrom (Recreation Subcommittee member)

INTRODUCTION: In brief, the BVCRB believes that completion of the Bulkley RAMP to ensure balanced outdoor recreational opportunities is critical towards full implementation of the LRMP. In response to requests by the BVCRB, the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) has offered funding to be directed towards completion of the RAMP, and has asked if the BVCRB is a legal entity that ILMB can enter into an agreement with to undertake the project.

DISCUSSION:

Objective of this meeting: Develop a response to the offer to present to the full BVCRB. All board members will be invited to comment on the response and further discussion will take place as needed.

Statement in Principle: Board members present agree that RAMP completion is a government responsibility. However, the project is a low priority for ILMB. Therefore, BVCRB involvement is warranted and this opportunity to complete the RAMP should be pursued. Government commitment to the process must be assured before the project begins.

Key Questions for Board members:

(1) Is there support in principle for BVCRB to champion the process?

All members present are in support.

(2) What is the role of The BVCRB in the process?

Members present agree: BVCRB should play an advisory role and should be steward of the process. BVCRB should not be involved in finances. Report would be delivered from BVCRB to ILMB, but would represent views of all stakeholders.

(3) What does the funding model look like?

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Members present agree with model. Considerations: BVCRB would want to be involved with writing/reviewing contract specifications. First Nations should be consulted for their interest in the process. Budget may be insufficient – ILMB will be asked for contingency plans if funds run out, and asked if approaching MOTSA for contributions is appropriate.

(4) Are BVCRB board members willing to commit the required time and energy to this process?

Estimate is that 2 members or alternates would need to attend each of about 18 meetings over the next 1½ years.

ACTION:

Adrian will canvas all BVCRB members for their responses to the 4 questions, convene further meetings as needed, and present response to ILMB. The first two questions should be answered by the next BVCRB meeting, December 11, 2007.

Proposed RAMP Process

