

**Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes, March 11, 2014.** Meeting convened at 7:10 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Tim Penninga (Chair for this meeting), Karen Price, Paddy Hirshfield, Debbie Wellwood, Mathias Westphal, Bob Mitchell, Michael Sawyer. **Absent, with notice:** Trish Oosterhoff, Eric Becker, Jeff Anderson, Jack Hagen, Harold Kerr. **Executive assistant:** Jill Dunbar. **Guests:** Alan Baxter, Dave Ripmeester, Mike Dunbar (West Fraser)

Item	Discussion	Action
<b>Agenda</b>	No additions. Some items may be deferred to upcoming meeting(s) if there is not enough time to discuss all of them at this meeting.	<b>Agenda accepted as presented.</b>
<b>Minutes, January 14, 2014</b>	January minutes had been approved by the Board at the February meeting. Changes proposed to January minutes after approval were not accepted.	<b>Post January minutes as previously approved to BVCRB website.</b>
<b>Minutes, February 11, 2014</b>	Members present accept the minutes with the proposed revisions, however, there is no quorum, and so approval must be postponed.	<b>Minutes to be reviewed by the Board when there is a quorum.</b>
<b>Minutes of June, September, October, November and December 2013 meetings.</b>	These minutes were never approved as there was no quorum or complete roster of Board members at the time.	<b>Jill Dunbar will send these minutes to current Board members for decision on action to be taken. Board members will discuss the possibility of approving all minutes by email, at next meeting.</b>
<b>Board member bios for website</b>	The BVCRB website provides brief biographical background for each member. Process is that Jill circulates a form which members complete, and then Jill edits for the website and forwards to Kirsteen Laing for posting.	<b>Bio info for each Board member will be added to BVCRB website.</b>
<b>Action items from February 11, 2014 meeting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board members are to consider standing for selection as executive members; selection will take place at March 11, 2014 meeting. <i>Carried forward to next meeting having a quorum. Mathias Westphal will volunteer for vice-chair position and Paddy Hirshfield for treasurer. Note: Position of Jeff Anderson (current chair) will be due for reappointment this June, as will position of Harold Kerr.</i></li> <li>2. Jeff Anderson will facilitate a continuing discussion by e-mail, to determine top BVCRB concerns and priorities (regarding Spectra Energy). <i>Underway.</i></li> <li>3. Jeff Anderson will request a presentation from TransCanada Corporation. <i>Done, date of presentation TBA.</i></li> <li>4. Len Vanderstar will provide the analysis to the Board prior to April presentation (re: Telkwa caribou WHA offset package). <i>Carried forward.</i></li> </ol>	

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	<p>5. Mike Sawyer will prepare a draft response to MOE, stating BVCRB concerns with MOE offset package proposal, circulate to Board members for comment, incorporate comments, and present final version at next meeting. <i>Carried forward.</i></p> <p>6. Jeff Anderson will send out draft revised BVCRB Terms of Reference and feedback that was received from FLNRO for discussion at next meeting. <i>Done, to be discussed later this meeting.</i></p> <p>7. a) Karen Price will prepare a draft response re Telkwa OCP for Board member review and comment. <i>Done.</i> b) Jeff Anderson will send standard letter template to Karen. <i>Done.</i></p> <p>8. Bob Mitchell will prepare a draft letter to Spectra Energy requesting more detail on access management for Board member review and comment. <i>Done. For further discussion later this meeting.</i></p> <p>9. Board member will prepare a draft to government requesting a coordinated review of regional pipeline projects. <i>Karen Price will prepare and circulate a draft for Board member review.</i></p>	
<p><b>Proposed Morrison Connector Road. This agenda item chaired by Karen Price.</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation from PIR:</b> The Houston Forest Products mill will be closed in May of this year, due to lack of an assured continuous timber supply. About ½ the wood from the HFP Forest License will now come to the Smithers PIR mill; all of it will be from the NW part of the operating area. Options to transport the wood to Smithers include: 1) via the 465 road – this route is gated and meant to have restricted access, 2) through Fort Babine via 4000 road – there are safety issues going through the village and over the one-lane bridge, 3) the 459 road – with 600 m connector to be constructed – which is most workable option. PIR is gathering info around these options and has met with some of the stakeholders.</p> <p><b>Questions and comments:</b> <b>Board:</b> Creation of a circle route and increased access are concerns. <b>PIR:</b> Looking at mitigation strategies. There could be access control points at creek crossings, and deactivation or reclamation of branch roads, for example. If pickup access can be blocked concerns would be decreased. <b>Board:</b> Would PIR take responsibility for a gate? <b>PIR:</b> This is crown land so PIR would work with government and existing gate policies. <b>Board:</b> How long will PIR be operating in this area? <b>PIR:</b> Would like to start this summer. This is a primary operating area so the company is planning to be there for the long term. The next step in the process is application for a road permit. The company will need to indicate how concerns from the BVCRB and other groups are being addressed. <b>Board:</b> What route would be followed without a connector? Is a connector key to economical harvesting? <b>PIR:</b> The route around would be a 4 to 5 hour longer haul. The economics depend on factors such as market conditions, stumpage rates. The company is looking at upgrading the Smithers mill and would have more confidence in doing so if the timber supply from the Morrison can be transported efficiently.</p>	

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	<p><b>Board:</b> Has this been reviewed by biologists? Increased pressure on wildlife may result. Enforcement is an issue as two distinct management units would be connected. Could access be restricted during hunting season?</p> <p><b>PIR:</b> The proposal has been submitted to FLNRO but there hasn't been a response to date.</p> <p><b>Board:</b> Is there any coordination with other industrial users or potential pipeline projects? Would other industrial users benefit and would there be cumulative effects?</p> <p><b>PIR:</b> One proposed pipeline is fairly close so the proponents might use this access. PIR hasn't assessed cumulative effects assessments related to this.</p> <p><b>PIR:</b> March 15 deadline for comments is flexible. CRB could request an extension.</p>	
<p><b>Internal Board discussion of Proposed Morrison Connector Road</b></p>	<p><b>(Tim Penninga excused from discussion).</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> The Board will discuss response at next meeting with full attendance. Concerns are that the direction of the LRMP is to discourage circle routes, and that the company has not undertaken any biological or cumulative effects assessments.</p>	<p><b>Mike Sawyer will prepare a draft letter, Karen Price will edit and circulate to Board members for discussion at next meeting. Paddy Hirshfield will ask Len Vanderstar if he has reviewed the proposal.</b></p>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p><b>Terms of Reference:</b> Revised TOR and government feedback have been circulated and reviewed by Board members. The most significant change is that TOR now states that responsibility for monitoring lies with government, and the BVCRB role is to review monitoring information. For discussion next meeting: FLNRO suggestion of an MOU to clarify the working relationship between FLNRO and the BVCRB; and FLNRO proposal to meet to discuss engagement opportunities, as per the FLNRO letter of Jan 10, 2014.</p> <p><b>Spectra Energy pipeline proposal:</b> A BVCRB subcommittee prepared a draft letter in response to the Spectra Energy presentation. There is no objection to sending out the letter with an added sentence requesting references.</p>	<p><b>Tim Penninga will prepare and circulate a draft letter to government requesting core funding for BVCRB activities.</b></p> <p><b>Mike Sawyer will revise the draft letter to Spectra Energy to include a request for references, Jeff Anderson will sign and send out.</b></p>
	<p><b>Meeting location:</b> PIR Boardroom could be used free of charge but there may be negative perceptions. Other possibilities include government boardrooms or those of local businesses.</p>	<p><b>Mike Sawyer will canvas Chamber of Commerce members to see if anyone has appropriate meeting space to donate.</b></p>
<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM. Next meeting April 8, 2014; 7:00 PM; Alpenhorn meeting room.</b></p>		