

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: April 14, 2009. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, BC

Board Members Present: Greg Storie (Chair), Jeff Anderson, Anne Harfenist, Rob Boyce, Peter Tweedie, Ben Heemskerk, Dave Stevens, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Regrets/absent: Jack Hagen, Max Starr, Taylor Bachrach

Visitors: Eugene Wittwer, prospective Board member; Gary Quanstrom; John Emmerson, Telus; Kevin Eskelin, MOTCA, Smithers; Jay Gilden, Wayne Buholzer, BV Backpackers; Jim Easterday, retired; Ed Hinchcliffe, Ted Cullis, BV Quad Riders.

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda reviewed.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
RAMP Completion Project	<p>Background (Greg Storie): Government is unable to support RAMP completion with staff time or funding. A community-led process is needed. Kevin Eskelin of MOTCA has agreed to assist in lending credibility on the part of government. The need for a RAMP will increase as demand for outdoor recreation increases. The Forest Practices Board has recommended that it be completed, and the backcountry community supports completion. Terje Vold in 2007 reported on what the completion process could look like.</p> <p>User Group Participation: Representatives of groups present at this meeting will participate if representation is fair and focus is on planning.</p> <p>BVCRB role: The BVCRB Recreation Subcommittee, with reps from user groups and a facilitator, could form a committee to take this on. Not all user groups would need to be represented on the committee but we should ensure that we consult with as many as possible. BVCRB would of necessity take on some leadership responsibilities at first, then later be an equal voice at the table.</p> <p>Funding: The possibility of funding support from the Driftwood Foundation and the Regional District will be investigated, along with in-kind support from the Town of Smithers and Tourism BC.</p> <p>Facilitator: Some names have been suggested. Quotes</p>	Contact interested parties to establish a committee to set the process and establish Terms of Reference for RAMP completion project.	Anne	

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	<p>would be requested. UNBC Recreation and Tourism class might be interested in taking on some of the work as a class project.</p> <p>Record Keeper: Jill is available.</p> <p>Mapping: Will need to discuss details of requirements.</p> <p>First Nations Involvement: First Nations reps will be invited to the table.</p> <p>Next meeting: Details TBA.</p>			
Review of minutes of March 10, 2009	Minutes not approved due to lack of quorum.	Review Mar 10 09 minutes	Board Members	Next meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence	<p>1. Mining and Energy Development Public Referrals for Mining Projects: Rob: Recreationists have requested information regarding where activity is going on so they can plan trips accordingly. BVCRB shouldn't be the conduit for this information. Rob will contact Loren Kelly of MEMPR to suggest that Valley Vision or Front Counter BC take on this role.</p> <p>2. Forestry, Range and Agriculture Telkwa Caribou Wildlife Habitat Area proposal: Re: Rick Keim's presentation at March 10, 2009 BVCRB meeting: Response is due May 31, 2009. Greg: We need to support the caribou while maintaining the 10% LRMP budget. We need to see the analysis in order to comment. A letter will be sent requesting this information.</p> <p>3. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures Dave is aware of a referral that is circulating which the BVCRB did not receive. He will circulate it and prepare a response.</p>	<p>Contact Loren Kelly of MEMPR to suggest that Valley Vision or Front Counter BC take on mining activity information dissemination.</p> <p>Prepare letter requesting analysis of effects of Telkwa Caribou WHA proposal.</p> <p>Prepare response to Front Counter BC re: Referral not received by BVCRB.</p>	<p>Rob</p> <p>Peter</p> <p>Dave</p>	

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	<p>4. Monitoring and Land Use Plans Jeff: More new microhydro referrals are anticipated. Would be useful to have a form letter prepared for responses.</p>	<p>Consult with Monitoring subcommittee members; make a proposal to full Board at a later date.</p>	<p>Jeff</p>	
<p>Administration</p>	<p>A dividend cheque was received from BV Credit Union.</p>			
<p>Other business</p>	<p>Snow plowing in Babine Provincial Park: Ben: Plowing further up the Driftwood Road would provide better winter recreation access. Discussion: The park was created after the LRMP was established. This is a BC Parks issue. New member recruitment: Adrian de Groot, Sybille Haeussler, and Gary Quanstrom will form the selection committee. Nominations are needed by mid-May. BVCRB Flyer: The flyer should be printed and distributed at the Smithers Trade Show, April 17 and 18. Newspaper Article: Greg proposes that the Board prepare an article for the Interior News regarding BVCRB activities.</p>	<p>Print and deliver flyers to Trade Show. Contact Taylor about preparing a newspaper article regarding BVCRB activities.</p>	<p>Taylor Greg</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM Next Meetings: May 12, June 9, 2009</p>	<p>7:00 PM, Alpenhorn Meeting Room.</p>			