

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: Dec. 13, 2011. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Attendance: Board Members: Ben Heemskerk (Vice Chair), Dave Stevens (Treasurer), Jack Hagen, Rob Maurer, Trish Oosterhoff, Barry Smith, Jeffrey Anderson, Amanda Follett (Acting Executive Assistant)

Guests/Presenters: Ray Chipeniuk, Joe Schwegler

Regrets/absent: Taylor Bachrach (Chair), Harold Kerr, Dustin Harvey, Bob Henderson

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	No quorum; discussion will proceed as per draft agenda.			
Minutes of Nov. 8 2011	No quorum, therefore minutes not approved.	Approve minutes of Nov. 8, 2011.	Board Members	Next meeting
Ray Chipeniuk: Hunaker Springs Watershed Initiative	This is an initiative for detailed planning and management of the Hunaker drainage. The initiative aligns with LRMP provisions in some ways and departs in some ways. Roughly 40 percent of the drainage has been logged following MPB attack; one result was surges of the creek during runoff. Ray is working with BCTS and MOE on a multi-party agreement for management of the area. The Office of the Wet’suwet’en is aware of the initiative and appears to approve. Ray wants BVCRB to be aware of initiative because it’s potentially a model for similar arrangements within the Crown-Settlement Interface. Dave Stevens: Is the purpose conservation? RC: Not particularly. As an academic planner Ray is questioning what will happen in 100 years if current settlement pattern continues. Ray requests BVCRB support for the initiative. DS: It would be useful to put this into writing for absent members and review; making request explicit.	Work with Ray Chipeniuk to come up with 1) recommendations for BVCRB on how to deal with similar future issues; 2) points for BVCRB to consider.	Dave Stevens	Next meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues Correspondence	1. Mining and Energy Development Dave Stevens: Davidson Project: Three year extension expired on Dec. 8, 2011. Rob Maurer: Smithers Exploration Group had AGM recently. Dome Mountain Mines is going into production with small underground gold mine; estimated 2.5 years production time, lots of local labour and consultants will be used. Regional Geologist will have regional report available at February meeting. BH: Is that something we should get a referral for?	Obtain map of Dome Mtn Mine footprint, access restrictions; cross-reference with LRMP.	Rob Maurer and Trish Oosterhoff	Next meeting

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	<p>There is public recreation there. Jeff Anderson: Size of mine meant no Environmental Assessment required. RM: Are there concerns about infringing on snowmobiling? Trish Oosterhoff: Will lose some terrain, but it is not a high-use area. BH: How do we get in loop of getting referrals? JA: Might be easier to look into it on our own.</p> <p>2. Recreation RAMP: Ben Heemskerk: Summer RAMP Table is working on Planning Unit 5, website and public contact points; first public meeting will be end of January/early February; media release submitted to Interior News and article coming in Northword; Morgan Hite retained for mapping support; Ben is in contact with NWCC GIS class for involvement.</p> <p>Rod and Gun Club letter: Jeff Anderson: Letter does not request information. DS: Difficult to bring a new Club rep into meetings at this date. BH: RAMP meetings are not open to public in order for Table members to feel comfortable stating values; there will be public meetings later. Re: Conflict of interest mentioned in letter: Ben has been asked to be clear about which hat he's wearing at meetings. He is on his own time for BVCRB/RAMP meetings and is not representing government. Trish O: BVCRB chair should sign a response.</p> <p><i>Ben Heemskerk: Replace BS: That would create a connection between Taylor and the Rod and Gun club, club will want to deal with Taylor from here on.</i></p> <p><i>With BS: That would create a connection between the chair and the Rod and Gun club, bypassing the recreation sub-committee role.</i></p> <p>Board member bios: Each member to put together short bio stating what each member represents, what values are.</p>	<p>Prepare draft response to Rod and Gun Club; send out for review.</p> <p>Create biographical questions, Board members to</p>	<p>Ben</p> <p>Jill and Ben/ All members</p>	

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	<p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture Jack Hagen: Would like more information about Ray’s presentation; ski runs are permanent, yet logging would never be allowed on face of the mountain; the feeling in the valley is that we’re getting away from roots of livelihood and industry; industry created recreation access. Jack was doing tours for mill this summer and everyone felt we should be re-planting dying trees on ski hill.</p> <p>Barry Smith: Spoke with Jane Lloyd-Smith and Jevan Hanchard regarding DDM principals. PIR wants to harvest in some areas where there are LRMP constraints, but are not prepared to coordinate the planning work required. The DM has discretion to override constraints somewhat. Glen Buhr has worked on this. Board will wait to hear from Glen.</p> <p>Telkwa Wildlife Habitat Area: Impact of imposing harvesting constraints to protect caribou habitat is being determined. Results will likely be out in spring.</p> <p>Timber supply review: Technical analysis is complete. Unlikely to be AAC uplift in response to mountain pine beetle in Bulkley. Likely that there will be constraints on the landbase generated from LRMP.</p> <p>Telkwa Community Wildfire Management Plan: Barry Smith: Need clarification from Ray Chipeniuk about how the Telkwa Wildfire Management Plan will be implemented in Hunaker drainage.</p>	<p>complete and submit to Jill.</p> <p>Send draft T of R to the DM.</p> <p>Wait for Glen’s response.</p> <p>Contact Ray about Telkwa Wildfire Plan and effects on Hunaker Creek.</p> <p>Look into DM involvement in approval process for wildfire management.</p>	<p>Barry Smith and Taylor Bachrach Barry Smith</p> <p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>Jeff Anderson</p>	

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	<p>4. Referrals and Land Tenures Barry Smith: BVCRB needs to come to consensus on whether referrals are reviewed or not. Dave Stevens: Received email from Jennifer at Front Counter advising him that BVCRB needs to register in order to receive referrals. Dave Stevens: Keen to see January community outreach workshop move ahead. BH: Perhaps Board should have a facilitated discussion about whether or not we take referrals. BS: Board is not ready for this discussion. Rob Maurer: At a future meeting we could dedicate 1 or 1.5 hours to discussing this. Jeff Anderson: A facilitated discussion could provide good direction. Jack Hagen: If Board does not review referrals, how much development will slip under radar?</p> <p>5. Water and Fish Jeffrey Anderson: Will follow up with Gottesfeld, Rabnett and BWMT before next meeting regarding watershed-level monitoring of water and fish.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans Barry Smith: This is a primary purpose of the Board but we do very little. Jane Lloyd-Smith commented on lack of response to 2004 State of the Forest report; also, West Fraser is doing its own monitoring with a report coming out soon, something Board members should be aware of.</p>	<p>Contact Front Counter to get registered for referrals.</p> <p>Begin looking into whether CRB will be strategic, referral or monitoring; use facilitated discussion or something else?</p> <p>Contact Gottesfeld and Rabnett, and the BWMT, regarding watershed-level monitoring of water and fish.</p> <p>Ask West Fraser to present monitoring results when complete.</p>	<p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>Ben Heemskerk and Bob Henderson</p> <p>Jeff Anderson</p> <p>Jack Hagen and Barry Smith</p>	
Administration	Finances: Invoice for Kathy Wager is needed for BVCRB operating funds.	Prepare invoice for Kathy Wager.	Dave Stevens	

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	<p>Membership selection: Taylor will likely step down from chair position and potentially committee altogether. Ben considering stepping down from vice-chair position. Jeff would be happy to be chair and potentially vice-chair, will circulate to members and open position to anyone not present.</p>			
<p>Action items from the Nov. 8, 2011 meeting.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Post minutes of September 13 and October 11 2011 meetings on BVCRB website. <i>Ben and Taylor completed.</i> 2. Check status of Davidson project. <i>Extension expired Dec. 8.</i> 3. Contact Gottesfeld and Rabnett, and the BWMT, regarding watershed-level monitoring of water and fish. <i>Carried over until next meeting.</i> 4. Meet with the new DM to discuss DDM principles. <i>Complete.</i> 5. Complete revisions to the Terms of Reference, discuss with Jane Lloyd-Smith and Jevan Hanchard. <i>Waiting for response.</i> 6. Contact John Stevenson regarding referral activity. <i>Carried over.</i> 7. Complete signing authority designations at BV Credit Union. <i>Completed.</i> 8. Check that thank you letter to Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust has been sent. Post letter on website. <i>Carried over.</i> 			
<p>Meeting adjourned 9:38 PM</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Jan. 10, 2012, 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza Meeting Room</p>			