

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: January 13, 2009. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, BC

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

Regrets/absent: Wayne Tofsrud, Jack Hagen, Max Starr

Presenter: Liz Williamson

Visitors: Gary Quanstrom

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda discussed. Add: Zobnick Road referral.	Accept agenda as revised.	Board Members	This meeting
Review of minutes of Dec 9, 2008	Minutes discussed.	Minutes accepted as presented.	Board Members	This meeting
Presentation on: Extensive Agriculture Applications: Eligibility and Process Liz Williamson, Senior Land Officer, Agriculture and Lands, Smithers	<p>“Extensive Agriculture Applications” refers mainly to hayfield applications.</p> <p>Eligibility factors: Applicant must be an existing farmer and owner of private farm land; the application must be within 15 km of the existing farm base; and 50% of the arable area of the private farm land must be in active cultivated production. There are exceptions, which are evaluated by Lands.</p> <p>Process: A PAg should be hired to prepare a development plan. The application is then sent to referral agencies. Responses are compiled, and a field inspection is done. The LRMP is consulted. Features such as riparian areas and access are looked at. If approved, the new parcel is bound to the existing farm and they would have to be sold together. Parcels are available for lease or sale. Purchase price is current market value. Timber on the parcel is priced at estimated market value. The holder can apply to purchase the land as long as 25% of the arable land is under cultivation. Sometimes covenants are placed on the land if protection of specific features is needed. Legal surveys are sometimes required if areas must be set aside, e.g. for wildlife habitat. Surveys are costly and alternative methods are being looked at.</p>			

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Action items, Dec 9, 2008 minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Incorporate comments and restructure draft response to Blue Pearl waste water discharge application.</i> 2. <i>Prepare draft submission re: BC Trails Strategy; circulate.</i> 3. <i>Finalize RAMP user groups letter and send out.</i> 4. <i>Investigate Rogers tower circumstances.</i> 5. <i>Prepare draft response re Trail to Town parking for Board comment.</i> 6. <i>Letter to IAMC: Follow up in January if no response received by then.</i> 7. <i>Get background information and ask for a brief (half hour) presentation from Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust on the monitoring framework.</i> 8. <i>Submit comments on draft BVCRB brochure to Taylor.</i> 	<p>Letter sent.</p> <p>Discuss later this meeting.</p> <p>Discuss later this meeting.</p> <p>Discuss later this meeting.</p> <p>Discuss later this meeting.</p> <p>Discuss response from ILMB later this meeting.</p> <p>Contact the BWMT</p> <p>Discuss later this meeting.</p>	<p>Greg</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence	<p>1. Mining and Energy Development</p> <p>Thompson Creek Metals Davidson project:</p> <p>Rob: Mining has slowed down. The Davidson project EA application is on hold. Individuals/agencies that provided input may or may not get responses. The Big Onion project is shelved. Dome – some small-scale work is going on. Lone Pine – shelved as well.</p>			

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	<p>(Interagency Management Committee). A direct response from IAMC is needed. BVCRB should write directly to IAMC or request a meeting, to discuss how agencies plan to uphold LRMP monitoring commitments.</p> <p>Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust: This group wishes to make a presentation to the Board regarding their monitoring framework. They plan to implement the framework and prepare an annual monitoring report for their area of interest.</p>	<p>meeting.</p> <p>Contact the BWMT</p>	<p>Greg</p>	
Administration	<p>Funding: There is no news on funding availability for the BVCRB from ILMB.</p> <p>Website: Statistics regarding level of use are available for Board review.</p>	<p>Send link to statistics info to Board</p>	<p>Jill</p>	
Other business	<p>Membership: Members likely to retire from the BVCRB are Peter, Max. Members leaving could try to recruit replacements.</p> <p>Brochure: Comments have been received and work on brochure is progressing.</p> <p>Nametags: Nametags are ready for use at public meetings and presentations.</p> <p>Kelly Giesbrecht's thesis: In 2003, Kelly wrote her thesis titled <i>Public Participation in Resource Management: The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board</i>. Discussion: Perhaps Kelly should be invited to a meeting to present her conclusions and recommendations.</p>	<p>Absent members to advise Greg of their intentions and recruit replacements.</p> <p>Finalize brochure and circulate for Board approval.</p> <p>Contact Tom Bell first re: LRMP monitoring, then consider inviting Kelly to a meeting.</p>	<p>Board Members</p> <p>Taylor</p> <p>Greg</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p>
Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM Next Meeting	<p>February 9, 2009 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn Meeting Room.</p>			