

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: 9 Jan 2007. Meeting convened at 7:10 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room

Board Members Present: Adrian de Groot (Chair), Ray Carrier, David Watts, Peter Tweedie, Jack Hagen, David Belford, Rudy Scholz, Emily Bulmer (on speaker phone), Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Visitors/Presenters: Jim Easterday (Outdoor Recreation Alliance), Leah Sheffield

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Revision: David Watts will present the Final Report from Partners in Community Health, later this meeting. Agenda accepted as revised.	Agenda revised	Board Members	This meeting
Review minutes of December 5, 2006 meeting	Revision of Recreation Item: Rosemary: Statement “Emily is working with the BV Quadriders towards an LRMP amendment to allow reopening of the Orange Trail”: Change to “The BVCRB is providing advice to the BV Quadriders regarding the LRMP amendment process”. Motion to adopt minutes as revised: Ray Carrier. All in favour.	Minutes approved as revised	Board Members	This meeting
Action items from the December 5, 2006 minutes	Jim Easterday was to forward names of Outdoor Recreation Alliance directors to the Board. He did so, and the list can be found at http://www.bcnorth.ca/atvdamage/ora.htm Blue Pearl PLC meetings: Board members continue to attend. Update to be presented later this meeting. Coal Bed Methane: Action item was for Rob B. to look into possibility of a technical presentation from the Oil and Gas Commission, and whether funds are available to support this. Rob was not present for an update at this meeting. Range and Agriculture: David W. will update, later this meeting.	Update later this meeting Look into possible speaker and funding availability. Update later this meeting	Rosemary Rob David W.	This meeting This meeting

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	<p>Board procedures and rules of order: Board informed Adrian about last meeting's discussion re: Rules of order, i.e. Board strives for consensus, issues go to vote only if Board is split, no names to be attached to votes. Adrian: Terms of Reference describe how to proceed as well.</p> <p>Jill was to investigate having a secure area on website for members only. This can be done, but Board is comfortable with e-mails for info exchange, particularly for members on dial-up. Members should be cautious about creating long e-mail threads.</p>	<p>Continue with e-mails and faxes for information exchange</p>	<p>All Board members</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>Arability Studies in the IRM Zone</p>	<p>Leah Sheffield: Bulkley Valley IRM Zone Arability Project – 2005: Full report and Executive summary are both available. History: The initial draft of the LUP put a cap on future agricultural development. The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands had concerns that there might be significant areas of arable land affected by the cap, so an arability study was carried out. Findings were that 76% or about 5,000 hectares of what was looked at in the IRM zone is arable. The Ministry would like to work with the BVCRB to allow applications for Agricultural Leases to proceed. Only a few applications are expected, and there is only a very small chance that any would become fee simple. Applicants are directed to Ag/Wildlife areas first, but Ag Leases must be within 15 km of applicant's home place.</p> <p>Adrian: As long as SRMP strategies are followed, BVCRB receives referrals and doesn't need to take any action.</p> <p>Ray: What is Ministry opinion of Len Vanderstar's report "Bulkley Valley Wildlife</p>	<p>Summarize this discussion in an e-mail to the BVCRB</p>	<p>Leah Sheffield</p>	

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	<p>Habitat Management Areas and Fish & Wildlife Reserves”? Leah: They have worked with Len on this for 2 years. Wildlife Reserves wouldn’t affect the potential for agricultural use, if these areas are needed for agriculture in future.</p>			
<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</p>	<p>(1) Mining and Energy Development Blue Pearl update: Rosemary will attend PLC meetings for the next few months. Adrian: Upcoming February meetings may be for PLC groups prior to release of application. Ray: These are likely for presentation of the screening report, which goes to the PLC prior to public release. Adrian: How should BVCRB proceed with review? Rosemary: BVCRB interests are limited to LRMP concerns, e.g. Water quality. Ray: Acid rock drainage will be the most challenging issue. Independent reviewers could give us the condensed version of their reviews. Peter: Action item: We should find out who could do this. Rosemary: Will contact Bill Price, and invite to next meeting to provide further advice. Adrian will also talk to Eamon O’Donaghue for funding support.</p> <p>Coal Bed Methane: Outrider Energy has withdrawn from the project. Rosemary attended November meeting of the Telkwa Water Working Group. Terms of Reference were not complete so she volunteered to work on them. No further action since, but because she is filling in for Rob she may not be getting all info. Further updates may be coming if NorWest pursues the tenure. Adrian has sent out last TWTWG meeting minutes.</p>	<p>Continue to attend PLC meetings</p> <p>Contact Bill Price for further advice and possible attendance at next meeting</p> <p>Contact Eamon O’Donaghue re: Funding support</p>	<p>Rob, Jack, Rosemary</p> <p>Rosemary</p> <p>Adrian</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p>

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Water and Fish	No issues at present			
Monitoring and Land Use Plans	Regional District OCP Open House is Jan 15, 4 – 8 PM, Hudson Bay Lodge			
Administration	Website is being updated regularly			
Other business	Subcommittee composition: Adrian: This needs to be finalized. Forestry/Range/Agriculture: Jack, Peter, Rudy (Chair). Rosemary: Anyone interested should feel free to participate in any of the subcommittees. Partners in Community Health: David W. has final report, and will circulate by e-mail. Members Values: Rosemary suggested all members review values statements.	Circulate Final Report	David W.	
Next BVCRB Meeting	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007 Alpenhorn meeting room, 7:00 PM			
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM			