

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: June 8, 2010. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Attendance:

Outgoing Board Members: Greg Storie (Chair), Rob Boyce, Anne Harfenist, Jeff Anderson

Continuing Board Members: Mike Murray, Dave Stevens, Don Goalder, Jack Hagen, Taylor Bachrach, Ben Heemskerck

New Board Members for September 2010: Barry Smith, Gerry Jameson, Jack Hooper, Rob Maurer

Regrets/absent: Eugene Wittwer, Trish Oosterhoff (New Board Member)

Executive Assistant: Jill Dunbar

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Introductions and overview of BVCRB role	<p>Greg: The BVCRB was set up in the early 1990's to work on an LRMP for the Bulkley TSA, which was finalized in 1998. In 2005 the SRMP was prepared, which established more detailed objectives for the Bulkley. The BVCRB role currently is to monitor implementation of the LRMP and SRMP. Issues that the Board has been dealing with lately include Hudson Bay Mountain developments, the Blue Pearl mine, the Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP), forestry issues, and others. The Board also reviews applications for various developments that are referred from government agencies. The Board meets once per month and operates via subcommittees working on these issues. The Board operates on a consensus basis. It has not generally been a problem to reach consensus on issues, since Board reviews are based on the LRMP and the SRMP.</p> <p>Anne: It is important that as many Board members as possible provide input to issues even though subcommittees maybe working on them.</p> <p>Greg: Government commitments for monitoring are contained in the LRMP but the Board has not seen a monitoring report since 2006. The Board is looking at updates to the LRMP to make it more relevant; as well, gov't commitments should be updated so that the LRMP</p>	Revise subcommittee membership in light of Board member changes.	All Board members	Sept 14, 2010

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	contains commitments that can actually be lived up to.			
Agenda review	Agenda for this meeting was reviewed. Note that agenda topics correspond with subcommittee matters.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Minutes of April 13, 2010 and May 11, 2010	Minutes reviewed.	Minutes accepted as presented.	Board Members	This meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/ Correspondence	<p>1. Recreation RAMP update: Anne: The RAMP portion of the LRMP was not completed. It is the biggest information gap, however, government does not consider it to be one of its top priorities. The BVCRB has spent time over the last many years investigating how to promote completion of the RAMP. This year a subcommittee of recreation users was invited by the BVCRB to establish terms for reference for an independent RAMP completion project. The TOR are agreed to and the project now requires funding for a facilitator and administration in order to go ahead. Some funding applications have been submitted and the Board is waiting for notification of the results. Greg: Some funding was offered to the BVCRB by government at one point but was pulled back. The BVCRB role in this project would be to have a seat at the table along with groups/individuals interested in recreational access. Ben: Government is again looking for a pilot area for a Trails Strategy study. The Board wrote a letter in January 2009 indicating that the Bulkley TSA would be a suitable area for such a study. This letter should be resubmitted to Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts.</p> <p>2. Mining and Energy Development Rob Maurer: Attended Resource Expo in Prince George last week. This was event has grown smaller even though it has expanded beyond forestry and so may not continue. Northwest Community College is considering offering a “Mining 101” Course which would provide insight into the mining industry for contractors and the community.</p>	Resend letter re: Trails Strategy to MoTCA.	Ben	

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	<p>Rob Boyce: Not much exploration or mining activity is going on currently in the Bulkley. It is hard to predict what will happen with Blue Pearl.</p> <p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture</p> <p>Greg: Forestry will be a bigger issue for the BVCRB as mountain pine beetle impacts increase. PIR sent a letter to the Ministry of Forest's (MoF) District Manager in April, outlining their perspectives. This letter has been copied to all Board members. Emergency Bark Beetle Management Area designations allow salvage harvesting. Core Ecosystems (CE), Landscape Corridors, seral stage constraints, and Visual Quality Objectives may all be affected by the need to harvest mature pine.</p> <p>Barry: These are not BVCRB decisions; however, Government will want public and BVCRB input. LRMP amendments may be needed. This could be a lot of work for the Board.</p> <p>Taylor: The LRMP workshop being planned by the MoF will be related to this and could be used to sense public opinion. Invitation list will need to be carefully developed. Government agencies will need to be organized before a public process happens.</p> <p>Greg: There is a mix of levels of approval required for LRMP items: Some are approved at the DM level, some are legislative or Ministerial.</p> <p>PIR Forestry Audit: Greg: PIR will undergo a Forest Practices Board audit in July. Report will follow.</p> <p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures</p> <p>Mountain Bike referral 135416: BVCRB response letter was sent out. It was useful to cc it to other agencies/individuals that may need to be informed or involved.</p> <p>Hankin Evelyn Ski area referral: Ben: Did the Board receive the referral for this project? Greg: They had</p>			

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	<p>approval and started the work before we received it so we didn't spend time on it. Ben: The area has a Core Ecosystem within it as does the snowmobile project area. Anne: If we objected to the Petursson referral due to the CE in the area we should respond to this for consistency. Jeff: The non-motorised advocates have made a big impact by cutting these ski runs. Ben: In many cases applicants simply aren't aware that there is a CE in the area. Barry: Anything such as a CE that should be brought to Board attention in a referral should be red-flagged.</p> <p>Ben: IMAP shows all pending applications for an area. IMAP should be demo'd at the Sept meeting. A letter responding to the Hankin Evelyn Ski area referral should still be submitted, stating that the Board did not have the time to meet the deadline for input but would still like to comment.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish: No news. Jeff: As outgoing member, Jeff is concerned that Government lacks information on water quality in rivers and would ask that the BVCRB keeps track of this issue. Taylor: There could be a password protected discussion area on the website to keep track of this and other issues/ideas of concern to the Board. Anne: Ideas for possible LRMP amendments should be kept track of. Taylor: A search tool could be set up on the BVCRB website to enable searches of minutes for issues/ideas.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans MoF LRMP workshop: Ideas for this planned two-day workshop have just been received from Cheryl Mackenzie at MoF. Board members should submit their comments by</p>	<p>Bring laptop and IMAP to next meeting.</p> <p>Prepare response to Hankin-Evelyn project.</p> <p>Set up a discussion forum area on the website.</p> <p>Set up search capability for issues on BVCRB website.</p> <p>Submit comments on workshop plans to Dave Stevens.</p>	<p>Ben</p> <p>Taylor</p> <p>Taylor</p> <p>Taylor</p> <p>All Board members</p>	<p>Sept 14, 2010</p> <p>June 11, 2010</p>

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	Friday, June 11, 2010 to Dave Stevens. Dave will meet with Cheryl and Glen Buhr to discuss. Taylor: There is a risk that subject matter will be oriented to commercial forestry, when it should be broader than that.	Meet with MoF reps to discuss workshop plans.	Dave Stevens	
Administration	Trusts and Societies: Research is needed into what granting agencies prefer: Trust or society status. The Real Estate Board of B.C. and the Vancouver Foundation are groups that BVCRB would likely approach for funding.	Investigate status that granting agencies prefer – Real Estate Board of BC, Vancouver Foundation.	Dave Stevens	
Other business	<p>LRMP 101: Ben: The Board will hold an introductory session on the LRMP in the fall. Topics will include: Purpose of the BVCRB; how the LRMP, SRMP, and Objectives Set By Government fit together; how legislation and the plans work together; etc. Original Board members could be invited, to discuss trade-offs that were negotiated. Agency employees could be invited.</p> <p>Post Office Box: Transfer to new Box # needs to be completed. There is a fee for mail forwarding.</p> <p>Summer Chair: Dave Stevens will take care of Chair duties over the summer.</p> <p>Funding request to Skeena Regional Manager’s Committee: The committee has responded that no funding is currently available for Board support.</p> <p>Board executive: New Chair, vice-chair, and treasurer are to be selected by the Board at the September meeting.</p> <p>Membership: Greg encourages members to participate - input is important. Outgoing members are thanked for their valuable work over the years.</p> <p>Taylor thanked Greg for work as member and Chair of the BVCRB.</p>	<p>Prepare LRMP 101 session for fall of 2010.</p> <p>Finalise transfer to new PO Box.</p> <p>Summer Chair duties.</p> <p>Select new Board executive.</p>	<p>Board members</p> <p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>Board members</p>	<p>Sept 14, 2010</p>
Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM	Next meeting: Sept 14, 2010, 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn Meeting Room. Executive positions and plans for LRMP 101 to be discussed.	Reserve Alpenhorn meeting room.	Dave Stevens	