

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: March 13, 2012. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Board Members in Attendance: Jeff Anderson (Chair), Ben Heemskerk (Vice Chair), Dave Stevens (Treasurer), Jack Hagen, Bob Henderson, Trish Oosterhoff, Harold Kerr, Barry Smith, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Guests/Presenters: Tlell Glover, Recreation Subcommittee; Bill Wookey

Regrets/absent: Rob Maurer

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda revised to include BVCRB website, and action items moved to end of meeting. Agenda approved as revised.	Approve agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Minutes of Feb 14, 2012	Minutes approved.	Minutes approved. Post minutes on BVCRB website.	Board Members Dave Stevens	This meeting ASAP
Subcommittee Reports/Issues Correspondence	<p>1. Mining and Energy Development Slides from Daryl Hanson’s Feb 14 presentation will be picked up and posted on the BVCRB website. Thank you note to Daryl was done by Rob Maurer.</p> <p>2. Recreation RAMP Update: Overview of Feb 22 RAMP public meeting Tlell Glover: Over 100 people attended and there was a high level of engagement. Issues raised during the comment period included: 1) Hankin-Evelyn backcountry ski area. Area residents did not feel adequately consulted. The Recreation Subcommittee will arrange a meeting with the group. 2) People felt uninformed. An effort will be made to connect with people in smaller group settings. 3) Lots of input was sparked – petitions and letters supporting or against the process. Input has been given to RAMP Table members for their consideration. Harold Kerr: Has received many calls from contacts with questions and comments about the RAMP such as: What is the level of government involvement? Where did mandate come from to complete the RAMP? Parks employees used a site as a</p>	Post Feb 14 presentation slides on website.	Dave Stevens	ASAP

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	<p>private recreation area; government employees used quads in a wildlife protection area. Why can't we leave the backcountry open to all? Backpackers' dogs damage the environment. Harold is questioning the process himself as a result of these discussions.</p> <p>Jeff: The LRMP gives the BVCRB the mandate to complete the RAMP – p, 32.</p> <p>Ben: The IPPR report from 2006 also said that RAMP completion is a very high priority and that the BVCRB is the body to do it. It is our community opportunity to tell gov't what residents want for the future. Recreation Sites and Trails BC has reaffirmed this mandate and committed additional funding to the process.</p> <p>Bill Wookey: There are lots of hardpacked roads where quads could go but Parks restricted access; now the young guys go tear up the alpine.</p> <p>Ben: The Table sees this as a priority. Parks has provided their amendment process. The Table may choose to pursue it, although it won't be easy. The Table accepts that hard packed surfaces should be available for ORVs. There were 11 motorized trails in the 1997 RAMP; the Table is looking at recommending 24 for the completion project.</p> <p>Bob: Is 100% behind the process. Would rather see decisions being made openly than behind closed doors. Ben should be commended for bringing it out into the open. Don't take a run at the process, take a run at what's in it. We don't get an opportunity like this often and people need to get involved.</p> <p>Jack: If we have the backing of the community and government doesn't implement the recommendations can't we object?</p> <p>Trish: If we don't participate then we have no say in what happens.</p> <p>Bill: There's bad blood because a government employee went back on their word re Starr Creek, and government did not act on recommendations from the angling process.</p> <p>Ben: There are RAMP subgroups working on 1) how the RAMP will be monitored and revised in future; 2) possibilities for an</p>			

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	<p>Intensive Motorized Area, and 3) how to provide access for people with limited mobility. Ben: A comment at the public meeting was that length of residence should be a criterion for participation. It was brought to our attention that this goes against human rights. It was also brought up that Ben may be in a conflict of interest situation. Barry: Ben provides information to the Table and can step aside when the BVCRB reviews Table recommendations. Dave: Does not think there is conflict. Jack: It is all perception. Bob: Has decided that there isn't conflict. Ben is a bridge between gov't and the BVCRB. Harold: Does not think there is a problem. Would be good to have a third party write a letter to that effect. Trish: There is no conflict. Tlell: There are ways to deal with it, such as having other BVCRB members deal with questions from the Table or act as chair of the Recreation Subcommittee. Ben: We are taking steps to get the right information out: smaller meetings with the Smithers Snowmobile Association, ORV dealers, Village of Telkwa, Regional District, Town of Smithers, and the Evelyn community are being worked on. Bill: Did the Hankin Evelyn project come before the BVCRB? Jeff: Yes it did, the Board endorsed it because it aligned with the LRMP. Ben: At the same time we got a referral for official designations for snowmobile trails which we supported. Ben: The BVCRB website needs to be upgraded, at a cost of \$500. The Recreation Subcommittee needs more members – Dustin Harvey and Taylor Bachrach have resigned. Barry: There should always be a gov't rep at the RAMP Table.</p> <p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture Letter to Jevan Hanshard: Barry Smith: The DDM Principles are a work in progress and it would be good to discuss them in draft form with Jevan Hanshard. Letter should go out, with cc's to licensees P.I.R. (Gord Gunson), Wetzinkwa Community Forest Corp (Bill Golding), and BCTS (Mike Buirs).</p>	<p>Members not present will be asked if they think there is a conflict of interest between Ben's employment and his volunteering with the RAMP.</p> <p>Recreation Subcommittee will propose how it will deal with the conflict issue, and then a letter could be written.</p> <p>Ask Kevin Eskelin if there can be a government rep attending the RAMP Table meetings to provide information.</p> <p>Sign letter to Jevan Hanshard. Deliver letter and invite Jevan to April BVCRB meeting.</p>	<p>Jeff Anderson</p> <p>Rec Subcommittee</p> <p>Ben</p> <p>Jeff Anderson Jack Hagen</p>	<p>This week</p>

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	<p>Meeting with P.I.R.: Barry: They are willing to hold a second session regarding the FSP recertification audit and their request for feedback. Bob, Dave, Jeff, and Ben are interested in attending.</p>	<p>Arrange meeting with P.I.R.</p>	<p>Barry Smith</p>	
<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues Correspondence</p>	<p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures</p> <p>Response to Ray Chipeniuk Dave is working on this letter in support of the Hunaker Springs Watershed Initiative.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish</p> <p>Skeena Watershed Authority Jeff is hoping that contact Allen Gottesfeld, co-author with Ken Rabnett of <u>Skeena River, Fish and Their Habitat</u>, or other rep will attend an upcoming Board meeting.</p> <p>Kathlyn Creek Watershed Group update Response thanking them for the information has been written by Jeff. It will be posted on the BVCRB website. Any developments must consider this water license.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans</p> <p>Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust update Barry: The Terms of Reference should be updated as to monitoring procedures and how the BVCRB is to work with the BWMT. This will be discussed further over the next few Board meetings.</p>	<p>Complete letter</p> <p>Invite to May meeting</p> <p>Post thank-you letter to KCWG on BVCRB website</p>	<p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>Jeff Anderson</p> <p>Dave Stevens</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>By next meeting</p> <p>By next meeting</p>

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	<p>Feb meeting). <i>Done.</i></p> <p>12. Postings to BVCRB website: Jan minutes, Jim Ladds' letter, thank-you to BWMT, values matrix. <i>Ongoing.</i></p> <p>13, 14, 16, 17, 18: All of these items concerned the Feb 22 RAMP public meeting and are done.</p> <p>15. Send Ben letter from Lake Kathlyn Watershed Group. <i>Done.</i></p> <p>19. Report updated BVCRB account balance. <i>Done.</i></p> <p>20. Add to March BVCRB meeting agenda the items tabled from Feb 14th meeting (PIR audit/ FS Plans, TOR update, Cumulative effects monitoring). <i>Done.</i></p> <p>21. Add to March BVCRB meeting agenda: Motion to set Board quorum at 2/3 of number of currently serving Directors (rather than 8 of 12). <i>Status? Discuss when new members have been selected.</i></p> <p>22. Calendar periodic review of Board meeting length. <i>Jeff will track.</i></p> <p>23, 24, 25. MPB letter. <i>Discussed above.</i></p> <p>26. Circulate response to board in reference to PIR letter. <i>Discussed above.</i></p> <p>27. Assemble for the Board a document outlining the BWMT monitoring program information, the monitoring discussion to date, and the points for the Board to consider. <i>Discussed above</i></p> <p>28. Report to Board on follow-up on DM involvement in community wildfire management plans. <i>Done.</i></p> <p>29. Write thank-you to Kathlyn Creek Watershed Group. <i>Done.</i></p> <p>30. Circulate to Board the letter appealing for board recruits. <i>Done.</i></p>			
<p>Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM</p>	<p>Next Meeting: April 10, 2012, 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza Meeting Room</p>			