

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: May 10, 2011. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Attendance: Board Members: Dave Stevens (Chair), Ben Heemskerk (Vice Chair), Taylor Bachrach (Treasurer), Trish Oosterhoff, Bob Henderson, Barry Smith, Dustin Harvey, Rob Maurer, Emily McGiffen, Don Goalder, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant).

Guests/Presenters: Dean Daly, Tlell Glover, Harold Kerr, Joe Schwegler, Christof Dietzfelbinger, Dean Elmore.

Regrets/absent: Jack Hagen.

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda for this meeting was accepted.	Accept agenda as presented.	Board Members	This meeting
<p>Wetzin’Kwa Community Forest Corporation Presentation</p>	<p>Dean Daly: (Note: Presentation slides were forwarded to members in advance of this meeting.) Ben Heemskerk introduced Dean and added that there could be some opportunities for interactions between the BVCRB and the Wetzin’Kwa Community Forest Corporation (WCFC). Dean: The WCFC is run by a volunteer board. The overall goal is to manage the Forest to meet community expectations. Management is guided by the LRMP, a Forest Stewardship Plan, and through working with other groups and the public. The current AAC is 95,000 m³/yr, including an uplift to harvest mountain pine beetle-killed timber. LRMP zonation can be maintained with this level of harvest. WCFC is business-minded in order to maximize returns to the communities of Smithers and Telkwa. Over the last 3 years about \$400,000 has been distributed to community groups. Key challenges are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging public involvement – a communications coordinator has been hired; community involvement tools are being investigated. • Maintaining high forest stewardship standards while harvesting mountain pine beetle killed timber. With uplift about 1/3 of the pine in the forest would be harvested. Dead pine will be left on the landscape. No harvesting will be done in Core Ecosystems – the Board believes that it is not clearly defined what could be allowed to be harvested within them. Up to 45% of timber could be harvested and visual quality maintained in areas where visual quality is important. The Board questions if dead pine will still meet Visual Quality Objectives. • Participating in the Smithers Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Dean Elmore – there could be devastating effects on communities if this is not dealt with. <p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of the tenure area. • Increased Wet’suwet’en participation. • Bidding on BCTS timber. <p>Discussion: Bob: More transparency is needed - the Management Plan has not been available to the public. Dean: Silvicon Services is the contractor. All plans should be public. Some of the information is on the website. Dean Elmore: Can all bids be disclosed as well? Dean Daly: Winning bids and bidders have been disclosed – will check</p>			

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
	<p>with the Board about disclosing other bids. Bob: WCFC should be giving a chance to small operators. They are shut out and new ones are not coming in. Dean: Small, medium and large contracts have been offered. Only local contractors have been hired. WCFC doesn't want any contractors to go out of business and is trying to be sensitive about this. Taylor: Management of the forest is complex and hard for lay people to understand. Translating community values into tangible input is difficult. Dean: Agrees, doesn't know the answer, and is working on this. Bob: Are Board meetings open? Dean: Yes, they are.</p> <p>Ben: WCFC is to be commended for donating \$10,000 towards public participation in the Wildfire Protection Plan. Would like to discuss the principles of "Revisiting the Balance" with WCFC; Taylor will keep in touch about this.</p>			
Minutes of March 8, 2011 and April 12, 2011	Minutes reviewed.	Approve minutes.	Board Members	This meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/ Correspondence	<p>1. Recreation RAMP: Ben Heemskerk: Tlell Glover is joining the Recreation subcommittee. The subcommittee met recently and is working on selection criteria for members of the RAMP table. This is in draft form at this time. The subcommittee will not actively participate in the process but will act as the selection committee. Taylor is compiling a list of possible facilitators. The subcommittee is having discussions with Jane Lloyd-Smith re: experiences of the 1997 process, and Karen Diemert re: the caribou recovery project. A coordinator is needed – this can be discussed at the next BVCRB meeting. An additional \$50,000 in funding might be available from the Federal Rural Secretariat. No news on the MEC funding application yet. The subcommittee will meet again on May 17, 2011.</p> <p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures Referral 6408330 Commercial recreation/snowmobiling: Response letter has been circulated to Board members, reviewed, revised and discussed. The Board hereby agrees to send the response as presented at this meeting. Bob: The Board still must discuss whether it will act at a strategic level or at an operational level. Taylor: This</p>	Sign and send out the 6408330 referral response.	Dave Stevens	

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
	<p>should be discussed at the next meeting. It should be included in the new Terms of Reference which is under development. The Monitoring and Land Use Planning subcommittee will be meeting soon and will discuss this and report back to the Board at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Submit report to Board on whether operations should be strategic or operational and whether all referrals should be reviewed or not.</p>	<p>Monitoring and Land Use Planning subcommittee</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>
<p>Administration</p>	<p>BVCRB 20th Anniversary. Discussion: This public event should be held in October or November of 2011 – by then BVCRB should have a new Terms of Reference and the RAMP process will be well underway.</p> <p>BV Research Centre has provided a list of resources that are available for BVCRB use. This is flexible and meant to be supportive.</p> <p>Funding: \$6,000 from Forests, Lands and Natural Resources is forthcoming, for support of Board admin activities.</p> <p>Report from Gary Runka: (Quick Response Notes on BVCRB Terms of Reference, dated April 12, 2011): Barry: The Monitoring and Land Use Planning subcommittee will discuss and report back to the Board.</p> <p>Telkwa Wildfire Protection Plan: Taylor: The Village is investing in a public consultation process comprising a mail out and public meeting. Smithers town planner has been invited to attend a BVCRB meeting; however Council approval is needed first. Rob has circulated comments about the Smithers plan to Board members. Many of the concerns stem from concerns with the Telkwa process. Rob will send updates to the Board.</p>	<p>Review Gary Runka’s Quick Response Notes and report back to the Board.</p>	<p>Monitoring and Land Use Planning subcommittee</p>	

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
	<p>Mediation over BCTS slashburning: Rob: The issue is concerned with operations on Crown land, public involvement, and communications about operational activities. Rob spoke with Ray Chipeniuk and advised that the BVCRB is focused more on planning than on operations.</p> <p>Membership: Terms for Don Goalder and Ben Heemskerck expire this June. There is one vacancy as well. Dave has set a member selection committee with Dave Belford, Rosemary Fox, and Sybille Haeussler as members. Nominations need to be sent to Dave Stevens, to be passed on to this committee.</p>			
<p>Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM</p>	<p>Next meeting: June 14, 2011, 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza Meeting Room. Annual dinner meeting.</p>			