

**Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes**

**Meeting Date: 7 Nov 2006. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room**

**Board Members Present:** Adrian deGroot, Dallas Kerr, Rob Boyce, Emily Bulmer, Ray Carrier, Max Starr, David Watts, Peter Tweedie, Rosemary Fox, Jack Hagen, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

**Visitors/Presenters:** Jim Easterday (Outdoor Recreation Alliance), Ted Cullis and Ed Hinchcliffe (BV Quad Riders)

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
<b>Agenda review</b>	Leah Sheffield won't be able to attend – Dallas will give an overview. Ted Cullis and Ed Hinchcliffe will discuss Orange Trail access. Adrian will present Woodlot Expansion program update, BC Timber Sales letter, and website update. Agenda accepted as revised.	<b>Agenda revised</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>This meeting</b>
<b>Review minutes of June 6, September 13, and October 10, 2006 meetings</b>	Minutes reviewed and approved.	<b>Minutes approved</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>This meeting</b>
<b>Action items from the October 10, 2006 minutes</b>	<b>Blue Pearl:</b> Environmental Assessment likely not available until next year. <b>Coalbed Methane:</b> Letter to Ministry of Mines, Titles Branch sent Oct 20. <b>Bulkley CRAA:</b> Adrian gave comments to Fred Oliemans. <b>RAMP completion:</b> Letter to Eamon O'Donoghue sent Oct 20. <b>Bulkley Agriculture/Wildlife Management Areas:</b> To be discussed later this meeting. <b>Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures Draft Master Plan:</b> Letter to Terry Pratt sent Oct 23.			
<b>Arability in the IRM Zone</b>	<b>Dallas: Ministry of Agriculture Bulkley Valley IRM Zone Arability Project</b> showed higher % arability (76%) on lands classified than expected. Complete report and maps are available. Leah			

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<b>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</b>	Sheffield will present, next meeting.			
	<b>(1) Mining and Energy Development</b> <b>Blue Pearl update: Rob:</b> Jack Hagen will take over from Rosemary on PLC. Rosemary will do minutes. Rob will continue to attend meetings. Environmental Assessment will not be completed until next year. Blue Pearl will have a community meeting before the application is issued. Rosemary – they may be procrastinating due to other projects and local concerns.	<b>Continue to attend PLC meetings</b>	<b>Rob, Jack, Rosemary</b>	<b>On-going</b>
	<b>Coal Bed Methane:</b> Response to referral was sent Oct 20. Discussion about role of BVCRB – this is the first time an issue has come up that is not reflected in the LRMP. It appears to be within BVCRB mandate, it is a significant issue with some degree of risk to water quality. Conclusion: BVCRB to follow government decisions and respond as needed.	<b>Continue to monitor this issue</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>On-going</b>
	<b>(2) Recreation</b> <b>Driftwood Road deletion proposal:</b> Plan to remove road from the Park – ATV and snowmobile restrictions won't change but maintenance will be highways responsibility. We should state our position even though proposal is likely to go ahead.	<b>Finalize letter</b>	<b>Adrian</b>	
	<b>RAMP:</b> Advice from Eamon O'Donoghue to Adrian was to send letter to Dave Byng, ADM, ILMB. Max: Decision-making is hampered by lack of RAMP completion.	<b>Finalize letter</b>	<b>Adrian</b>	
<b>Orange Trail:</b> Ted Cullis and Ed Hinchcliffe, BV Quad Riders: Concerned that Orange Trail motorized access is closed although it has been used for many years. Adrian: Closure was determination of LRMP – to open, public input and LRMP amendment process must be followed.	<b>Recreation subcommittee (Rudy, Adrian, Emily) to meet with BV Quad Riders</b>	<b>Emily to arrange</b>		

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	<p>BVCRB agrees with the proposal and can help with the process.</p> <p><b>(3) Range and Agriculture:</b> Concerns regarding Len Vanderstar’s report, “Bulkley Valley Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and Fish &amp; Wildlife Reserves” were discussed: Areas for wildlife need to be maintained but to reserve these areas permanently as Section 16 and 17 Land Act Reserves may be overprotection. More discussion with Len regarding alternatives to reserves is needed.</p>	<p><b>Peter, Dallas, Ray, Rosemary, and Adrian to discuss further with Len Vanderstar</b></p>	<p><b>Adrian to arrange</b></p>	
<p><b>LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures</b></p>	<p><b>Dallas</b> saw an Ag Lease application in the newspaper – should BVCRB have received this?</p>	<p><b>Check with Liz Williamson</b></p>	<p><b>Dallas</b></p>	
<p><b>Other business</b></p>	<p><b>(1) Woodlot Expansion program:</b> Two top-ups are in process, McDowell Lake and Schippers Creek. They include parts of Wildlife Habitat Management Areas but applications were submitted before the deadline of June 8, 2006 (see Vanderstar report cited above). Board members do not object to the process.</p> <p><b>(2) BC Timber Sales Forest Stewardship Plan Open House</b> is November 27, 2 – 8 PM, Aspen Motor Inn. This can be viewed at the office as well. PIR FSP is also available for viewing.</p> <p><b>(3) Blue Pearl environmental assessment</b> – funds could be available from ILMB for assistance with reviewing. Ray: External reviewers could report to us as well.</p> <p><b>(4)</b> Adrian may sit on an interview panel for ILMB as BVCRB rep. Board members voiced no objections.</p> <p><b>(5) Website:</b> Hosting will be transferred to BC Web – there will be fees but local technical advice will be valuable.</p> <p><b>(6) Mountain Pine Beetle Meeting</b> – Jack and</p>	<p><b>Determine course of action as needed</b></p>	<p><b>Board Members</b></p>	

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	<p>Peter attended. We may not be able to take control measures. Core ecosystems have forest health provisions.</p> <p><b>(7) Telkwa Water Working Group:</b> Next meeting is Nov. 21, 9:30 AM.</p> <p><b>(8) GST:</b> Max: BVCRB should be filing tax credits on any GST paid.</p>	<p><b>BVCRB rep to attend meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Rosemary</b></p>	
<p><b>Next BVCRB Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006</b>  <b>Alpenhorn meeting room, 7:00 PM</b></p>			
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM</b></p>			