

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: 10 Oct 2006. Meeting convened at 7:10 PM, NWCC, Forest Technology Building

Board Members Present: Adrian deGroot, Dallas Kerr, Rob Boyce, Emily Bulmer, Ray Carrier, Rudy Scholz, David Belford, Jill Dunbar
(Executive Assistant)

Visitors/Presenters: Jim Easterday, Gary Quanstrom, Kerrith McKay

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda reviewed and accepted.	N/A		
Review minutes of June 6 and September 13, 2006 meetings	Minutes reviewed, not approved due to lack of quorum.	Approve minutes	Board members	Next meeting
Action items from the minutes	<p>Bulkley Agriculture/Wildlife Management Areas: Len Vanderstar's report was circulated. Response to be discussed later this meeting.</p> <p>LRMP Implementation Plan: To be discussed later this meeting.</p> <p>Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan: Dallas talked to Crissy Isabelle; there will be improved consistency, we will get referrals if any Crown land withdrawals are proposed.</p> <p>Blue Pearl: Environmental Assessment not yet available. Will discuss later this meeting.</p> <p>Coalbed Methane: Letter to Ministry of Mines, Titles Branch: To be discussed later this meeting.</p> <p>State of RAMP: Comments on G. Quanstrom letter: To be discussed later this meeting.</p> <p>Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures Draft Master Plan: Rosemary and Rudy have begun a response, more later this meeting.</p> <p>Website: Jill working on updating process.</p> <p>Meeting Schedule: Adrian has presented schedule for this year.</p> <p>Bulkley Higher Level Plan: Adrian met with James Cuell re: Water quality. Provisions are in FRPA so not required in higher level plan.</p> <p>State of the Forest Report: Kerrith McKay will</p>			

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	update, this meeting.			
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence	<p>(1) ATV use in Telkwa Caribou Recovery Area, Jim Easterday, Outdoor Recreation Alliance: Closure is voluntary. ATV's and dirt bikes were in the area on Labour Day weekend. Most riders were aware of closure but were not concerned. George Schultze has recorded comments, and will find out if legislation is possible. Adrian: This is an access management issue. Could add to RAMP.</p> <p>(2) Mining and Energy Development Blue Pearl update: Rob: Jack Hagen and Rob attended Sept 21 PLC meeting. Still no plan for dealing with water from test hole. Spill Plan and Environmental Management Plan are complete, need to be signed. Amount of bond may change, Gov't wants \$500k but this may drop. Environmental Assessment will be a large document. We may need help with the review. There may be funds available for support with the review that we could apply for.</p> <p>(3) LRMP Implementation Report Presentation and Discussion, Kerrith McKay, ILMB: Kerrith gave an overview of LRMP implementation, and monitoring processes and strategies for the Skeena Region. Kerrith presented 3 reports: -Recommended Indicators for Monitoring Implementation of the Bulkley Higher Level Plan, D. Daust and Karen Price -LRMP Monitoring, ILMB (PowerPoint presentation) -Bulkley LRMP Implementation Plan and Progress Report v.1.4, ILMB. Comments should go to lead agency, cc: ILMB. Other reports discussed were:</p>	<p>Review the Environmental Assessment during the screening period to determine if we should seek help with the review.</p>	<p>Board members</p>	<p>When available</p>

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	<p>The State of the Forest - Provincial – prepared annually and due end of October.</p> <p>The State of the Forest – Bulkley TSA, March 2004 – Next version planned for 2009.</p> <p>The State of the Resource – Bulkley version – Kerrith will complete and advise when it is ready for BVCRB to review.</p> <p>Analysis of Indicators (Daust and Price) – Kerrith will notify when available.</p> <p>RAMP: Is in our hands for comments.</p> <p>AUP: Priority has changed, Brian Fuhr is initiating. Quality Waters Management Committee meets in Smithers, Nov. 23.</p> <p>Monitoring conference – mid March in Smithers.</p> <p>(4) Mining and Energy Development – con’t</p> <p>Coal Bed Methane: Response to tenure referral/Community Engagement: Adrian: We need to respond to referral with concerns related to the LRMP and potential impacts. Rob: Telkwa Water Working Group: Representatives of broader public interest are needed – we could make suggestions for reps, but keep a BVCRB rep as well. Rob will stay on for now, Emily volunteered as alternate in case of scheduling problems.</p> <p>(5) Recreation:</p> <p>Bulkley CRAA (Current Recreational Access Agreements): Comments are to be submitted ASAP.</p> <p>State of RAMP: Gary Quanstrom draft letter re RAMP completion (Sept 12, 2006 letter to Eamon O’Donoghue): Discussion of BVCRB position re: Commercial recreation, mechanized vs. non-mechanized recreation. Letter needs to be</p>	<p>Write response to referral</p> <p>Board members give any further comments to Adrian, for submission to Fred Oliemans</p> <p>Provide further comments to Adrian</p> <p>Prepare final letter to</p>	<p>Board members</p> <p>Board members, Gary Q.</p> <p>Adrian</p>	<p>Oct 31</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

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	<p>finalized.</p> <p>(6) Range and Agriculture: Len Vanderstar's report, Bulkley Agriculture/Wildlife Management Areas: Discussion of concerns about size and extent of these areas, exclusion of motorized vehicles, and need for legalizing. Comments to be submitted to Len.</p> <p>(7) LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures: Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures Draft Master Plan: Rudy attended Sept 21 meeting. Discussion of amount of detail – engineering, wildlife, hydrology, socio-economic studies haven't been done. Response due end of October.</p>	<p>Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands (resp for ILMB)</p> <p>Prepare draft comments on the report and circulate</p> <p>Prepare draft response and circulate</p>	<p>Ray</p> <p>Rudy</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
Other business	<p>Meeting schedule: Tues, Nov 7, 2006 Tues, Dec 5, 2006 Tues, Jan 9, 2007 Tues, Feb 6, 2007 Tues, Mar 6, 2007 Tues, Apr 3, 2007 Tues, May 22, 2007 Tues June 19, 2007</p>			
Next BVCRB Meeting	<p>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006 Alpenhorn meeting room, 7:00 PM</p>			
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM</p>			