

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: 16 October 2007. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room

Board Members Present: Adrian de Groot, Rob Boyce, Greg Storie, Taylor Bachrach, Dave Stevens, Ray Carrier, Max Starr, Jeff Anderson, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Visitors/Presenters: Jim Easterday (ORS), Gary Quanstrom, Bill Golding, Joc Konst

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Welcome to new member Jeff Anderson				
Agenda review	Addition: Report of TWTWG – (now TWIG). Agenda accepted as revised.	Accept agenda	Board Members	This meeting
Review of minutes of June 19 07 meeting	Minutes discussed.	Adopt minutes	Board Members	This meeting
Review of minutes of September 18 07 meeting	Minutes discussed.	Adopt minutes	Board Members	This meeting
Action items from the September 18 07 minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss need for Secretary, since there is an Executive Assistant: Members decided there is no need for a secretary at this time. 2. Advise Adrian of subcommittee interest. 3. Review June 19 07 minutes. 4. Orange Trail: Circulate recent letters. 5. Send letters to Forest Practices Board and Town of Smithers re: Access Management. 6. Organise field trip to look at MPB impacts/values. 7. Mining reclamation: Follow up with Craig Stewart. 8. Hudson Bay Mountain development plan: review new info. 9. Blue Pearl: Find out how plans have changed. 10. RAMP completion: Determine study completion dates. 11. Proposed ski run to town: Find out if there is a plan and if there will be a public review process. 12. MOE snowmobile use study in the Telkwa Mountains: Contact George Schultze for results. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No action required 2. Discuss later 3. Done 4. Discuss later 5. Discuss later 6. Trip held Oct 9. Discuss later in mtg. 7. Adrian has contacted Craig; no response yet. 8. Discuss later 9. Discuss later 10. Discuss report later 11. Presentation later this meeting 12. Discuss later 		

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	13. Letter re: Bulkley LRMP IPPR: Ask James Cuell for an update.	13. Done, letter received.		
Presentation by “Trail to Town” committee	<p>Bill Golding and Joc Konst: The Rotary Club is leading this project, which aims to construct a multi-purpose 4-season trail from the ski area to the valley bottom. The club has 2900 signatures from individuals and over 30 letters from organizations supporting the project.</p> <p>Comments in response to Board questions: Project has the support of Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures. It will be groomed and patrolled at the end of the day during ski season. Parking at trail bottom needs to be worked out. About 5 hectares of the total 20 to be logged is Rotary’s portion. PIR has indicated they will purchase the wood. History shows a full season snow pack can be expected. Club wants trail to be non-motorized except for maintenance equipment and emergency vehicles – this is a change from current use. If project goes ahead, a management plan would address issues of uphill vs. downhill traffic, unimpeded public access, etc. Terrain modeling shows visual quality not likely to be an issue. Local recreation groups have committed to doing brushing as required. Board remarks: BVCRB must be involved in public review, and must review any forthcoming management plan, to ensure that LRMP provisions are met.</p>	Prepare letter to committee: BVCRB supports the concept, and requests to see the referral and management plan when available.	Taylor	
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence	<p>(1) Mining and Energy Development</p> <p>Blue Pearl: No application to date, not a lot of activity. Randy MacGillivray hired as Vice President, "Environmental Matters" for Thompson Creek Metals. Issues are: excess water, waste rock treatment, social factors such as traffic.</p> <p>Coalbed Methane: No license to date. Sampling protocol looks good. Fall water sampling was missed - now looking for a contractor</p>			

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	<p>(2) Recreation RAMP completion: Comments on T. Vold’s scoping study are due by October 26. Individuals were interviewed and asked to respond. Adrian is not sure if there will be another opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Report on Telkwa Mountain Range Winter Recreation Use Surveys: Helicopter surveys found some snowmobile use in non-motorized areas, and some skier traffic in closed areas.</p> <p>Letter to Town of Smithers re: Proposed outdoor recreation park.</p> <p>Letter to Forest Practices Board re: Access report: BVCRB needs to know if there has been action on recommendations.</p> <p>Orange Trail: No action. Issue may arise during RAMP completion process.</p> <p>(3) Forestry, Range and Agriculture: Tour of operations with PIR and MoFR: Landscape corridors, Core Ecosystems, caribou habitat, seral stage distribution, and harvesting in MPB areas were reviewed. Harvesting near towns will be an issue. Tour was informative and well organized, thanks to PIR staff. More tours should be considered in future.</p>	<p>Individuals interviewed should respond, and recreation subcommittee will meet to discuss a possible coordinated response.</p> <p>No action required. Information only. Dave Stevens will distribute report to those interested.</p> <p>Reply to Town of Smithers.</p> <p>Prepare letter to FPB.</p>	<p>Recreation subcommittee (including Gary Q.)</p> <p>Adrian will prepare draft for comment. Adrian will prepare draft for comment.</p>	<p>October 26</p>

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	<p>(4) LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures: Board has received referrals for agricultural applications at Round Lake and Evelyn.</p> <p>Draft Ski Smithers Master Plan: Taylor: This is a strata development. Some changes have occurred since BVCRB last commented, such as the management team, addressing of environmental factors, lift plans.</p> <p>New Ski Smithers chair lift and pod development proposal</p> <p>(5) Water and Fish: No items.</p> <p>(6) Monitoring and Land Use Plans The Bulkley LRMP Implementation Plan and Progress Report (IPPR): ILMB has informed other agencies of items requiring completion. BVCRB can review progress in future.</p>	<p>Review Applications</p> <p>Review Draft Master Plan, meet with Terry Pratt.</p> <p>Determine if this can proceed without a Master Plan in place.</p>	<p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>Recreation subcommittee. Ray and Max will assist as well.</p> <p>Taylor, Jeff.</p>	<p>Comments due by October 31. Meeting with Terry Pratt as available.</p>
Administration	Meeting schedule for next 8 meetings	Draft schedule will be circulated.	Adrian	
Other business	Smithers Library has funds for a mineral and First Nations collection and has asked if BVCRB can help with selection of titles. No members felt qualified but we could put names forward if required.	Ask Library if other names are needed to help with selection.	Adrian	
Next BVCRB Meeting	TUESDAY, Nov 13, 2007 Alpenhorn meeting room, 7:00 PM			
Meeting adjourned 10:20 PM				