

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: September 14, 2010. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Attendance:

Board Members: Mike Murray, Don Goalder, Jack Hagen, Taylor Bachrach (Chair for this meeting), Ben Heemskerk, Barry Smith, Rob Maurer, Trish Oosterhoff

Regrets/absent: Eugene Wittwer, Dave Stevens, Gerry Jameson, Jack Hooper

Visitors: Pierre Cote

Executive Assistant: Jill Dunbar

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Selection of Executive for 2010/11	According to BVCRB Terms of Reference, the Chair sets the agenda for each meeting, runs meetings, signs letters and acts as liaison with public and government agencies on behalf of the Board. There is no firm procedure for selection of Chair – usually members volunteer to take this on and Board agrees by consensus. The Board members present at this meeting discussed things to consider when volunteering to take this on: Internet connection speed, experience (or lack of) as a Board member, possible conflicts of interest. Previous Chair had a forestry background and it might be too soon to repeat this. Dave Stevens may be interested in the Chair position. Other Board members may be interested as well, so members should be canvassed to gauge interest. The Vice Chair acts as back-up for Chair. Ben Heemskerk is interested. The Treasurer manages Board finances. Taylor Bachrach is interested in continuing with this.	Send e-mail to all Board members asking for expressions of interest in acting as Chair for 2010/2011.	Taylor	ASAP
Agenda review	Agenda for this meeting was reviewed. Additional topics to discuss are: The Core Ecosystem (CE) letter, update on Core Ecosystem management:	Accept agenda with additions.	Board Members	This meeting
Minutes of June 8, 2010	Minutes of June 8, 2010 reviewed.	Minutes accepted as presented.	Board Members	This meeting

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Subcommittee Membership	<p>The role of subcommittee members is to give a brief report on any actions that have occurred over the past month, research issues, and write responses as needed. Occasionally members of the public who are not BVCRB Board members join subcommittees to work on projects or issues.</p> <p>Mining Subcommittee: Rob Maurer and Don Goalder will sit on this committee.</p> <p>Recreation Subcommittee: Trish Oosterhoff, Gerry Jameson, and Ben Heemskerk.</p> <p>Referrals and Land Tenures Subcommittee: Mike Murray, Barry Smith, Dave Stevens (to be confirmed).</p> <p>Water and Fish Subcommittee: Don Goalder, Jack Hooper (to be confirmed).</p> <p>Forestry, Range and Agriculture Subcommittee: Jack Hagen, Barry Smith, Mike Murray, Eugene Wittwer (to be confirmed).</p> <p>Monitoring and Land Use Plans Subcommittee: Ben Heemskerk, Taylor Bachrach, Barry Smith, and BVCRB Chair.</p>	Members that are absent should confirm which subcommittees they are interested in.	Eugene Wittwer, Dave Stevens, Gerry Jameson, Jack Hooper	Next Meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/ Correspondence	<p>1. Recreation</p> <p>RAMP update: Discussion: The RAMP portion of the LRMP requires completion. Funding for a facilitator and administration is required in order to go ahead. Emily McGiffin, who has been hired by the Town of Smithers to prepare funding proposals for community groups, has submitted a proposal on behalf of the BVCRB to the Mountain Equipment Co-op. No results of this proposal have been received to date.</p> <p>Ben: The BVCRB letter commenting on the Job Opportunities Program projects should be sent out.</p> <p>Core Ecosystem management: Some mountain bike trails go through CE's. There is probably little impact but it is positive that the Ministry of Forests (MoF) is recognizing that they are being located in CE's.</p>	Finalize and send JOP letter.	Ben/Jill	ASAP

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	<p>2. Mining and Energy Development Rob Maurer: This has been quite a good year for mining, and it looks like work will increase. Eagle Peaks/Metal Mountain at Dome Mountain is getting close to producing. This is a small scale gold mine. Milling will be done off site for now. Investors are still needed. There is other activity at Coles Creek, Poplar Lake, and the Zymo property at Louise Lake. Rob explained that “junior” companies do feasibility and exploration work, while “senior” companies buy the junior companies and run the actual mining operations. There may be a conference on mining for non-miners coming up, and Rob will provide details of this to the Board when they are available.</p> <p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture No update.</p> <p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures Referral 6408302 McKnight: Discussion: This is an application to construct a driveway. It does go through a Core Ecosystem but this is probably not a problem. Access plans weren’t always developed for subdivisions as they are now. The owners, however, have a right to access their property. Agencies should check zoning and refer to the LRMP in referrals and the Board will request this in referral responses.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish: No news.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans MoF LRMP workshop: “Revisiting the Balance”. Discussion: The BVCRB would like to co-convene the event, and not have it agency-driven. It is agreed that two days will be</p>	<p>Prepare draft reply to this referral, and circulate to Board members. Call Lands and advise that reply is coming ASAP.</p>	<p>Barry Smith and Mike Murray</p>	

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	<p>required; weekdays are preferred. Either Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday preferred, in order to tag on to the weekend. Invitations should be extended to all BVCRB members, and some former members – e.g. Wes Giesbrecht, Sybille Haeussler.</p> <p>Rick Trowbridge is suggested as facilitator. Rob is willing to approach him as/when needed.</p> <p>The CRB has a budget of \$1000.00 to contribute, thanks to a grant from the Bulkley Valley Credit Union, obtained by Dave Stevens.</p> <p>The workshop focus should be expanded from a forestry focus. The SRMP would need to be included in discussions. Private land development, visual quality, and recreation could be additional topics.</p> <p>Venue possibilities are: MOF, Glacier Toyota, BV Research Centre, Old Church, Pioneer Place, other???</p> <p>Smithers Exploration Group has audio/visual equipment to lend if required.</p> <p>LRMP 101: Ben: The Board will hold an introductory session on the LRMP this fall for new Board members. Topics will include: Purpose of the BVCRB; how the LRMP, SRMP, and Objectives Set By Government fit together; how legislation and the plans work together; etc. Original Board members could be invited, to discuss trade-offs that were negotiated. Agency employees could be invited. Some of the content would be appropriate to include in the “Revisiting the Balance” workshop as well.</p>	<p>Continue to participate in developing plans for this workshop; provide feedback from Board to MoF.</p> <p>Schedule “LRMP 101” for an upcoming BVCRB meeting.</p>	<p>Dave and Ben</p> <p>Board Members</p>	
Administration	<p>Treasurer’s Report: Current bank balance is \$2,900.95.</p> <p>Meeting venue: There is currently no charge to use the Alpenhorn meeting room; however, a fee will be charged in the near future. Other venues will need to be considered.</p>			

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Other business	<p>Letter to Gerry McDougall re: LRMP minor updates: No reply has been received yet, so follow-up is needed.</p> <p>Telkwa Beetle Management Plan. This plan is at an early stage. The BVCRB role in the process is not known. The only documentation available at this time is a draft plan which is not for circulation. Ben: There will be an open house which BVCRB could attend, but this has not been scheduled yet.</p>	Contact Gerry MacDougall.	Taylor	
Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM	Next meeting: Oct 12, 2010, 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn Meeting Room. Executive positions and plans for LRMP 101 to be discussed.	Reserve Alpenhorn meeting room.	Dave Stevens	