

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: 13 Sept 2006. Meeting convened at 7:10 PM, Government Regional Office, Caribou Meeting Room

Board Members Present: Adrian deGroot, Dallas Kerr, Peter Tweedie, Rob Boyce, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Visitors/Presenters: Jim Easterday, Len Vanderstar (MOE), Bob Mitchell (MOF), Leah Sheffield (Ministry of Agriculture and Lands)

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda reviewed and accepted.	N/A		
Review minutes of June 6, 2006 meeting	Minutes reviewed and discussed, not approved due to lack of quorum.	Approve June 6 06 minutes	Board members	Next meeting
Action items from the minutes	Adrian reviewed action items. All action items were carried out.			
Bulkey Agriculture/Wildlife Management Areas	Presentation by Len Vanderstar: Bulkey Agriculture/Wildlife Management Areas. Len described the process of establishing the areas including agency interactions. Priority for these areas is wildlife habitat and agriculture development. Woodlots are not an option. Bob: Forest License holders are responsible to stocking stage only. Len: Now MOE is asking for support from the BVCRB; especially want to move forward with legal designation for Section A areas (see Bulkley Valley Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and Fish and Wildlife Reserves). Leah has availability info for IRMZs and could bring to next meeting. Adrian: Since we do not have quorum, we will circulate to rest of Board for review and will forward recommendations to Len in 3 weeks.	Len will forward revised version to Adrian. Adrian will circulate to Board for review, and return recommendations to Len.	Len Adrian Board members	Oct 4
Subcommittee Membership	Adrian will stay on as chair. David W. – Vice? Emily has said she will do recreation, water, and fish. Peter: LRMP monitoring and LU Plans. Adrian will contact absent members to fill in other positions.	Complete subcommittee roster	Adrian	Next meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence	(1) LRMP Monitoring and Land Use Plans: Gary Quanstrom submitted comments and draft response (Sept 7, 2006 letter to Eamon	Present to K. McKay	Adrian	

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	<p>O'Donoghue). Adrian will give to Kerrith McKay and discuss.</p> <p>(2) Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan: Adrian: Plan has been changed so that it no longer conflicts with LRMP. Len: Call Lake was the issue. Bob: Some of the language in the Community Plan is still not consistent. Is Regional District acknowledging the LRMP? Dallas will contact Crissy to see if there can be more consistent wording.</p> <p>(3) Forest Communities Initiative: Letter of support has been sent.</p> <p>(4) Water and Fish: Adrian: Letter from Howard Madill and discussions with Hugh Markides and Dana Atagi indicate that MOE has funds to prepare the Angling Management Plan. ILMB will hire a planner and move forward with this, covering all classified waters in the Region, by March 2008.</p> <p>(5) Mining and Energy Development Blue Pearl Update: Rob: Test hole drilled, lots of water to deal with; tech study for road access is being done; draft closure plan has been submitted; final emergency spill plan is now out. No acid rock drainage so far. Next step: Environmental Assessment. Adrian: We will review when available. Rob will attend next PLC meeting Sept 19. Coal Bed Methane: Adrian has received some correspondence and maps. BVCRB sent letter essentially stating that community consultation process wasn't extensive enough. Rob: He and Jack Hagen met with Burns Cheadle. Open</p>	<p>Contact Crissy Isabelle re consistency</p> <p>None required</p> <p>Review Environmental Assessment</p> <p>Letter to Ministry of Energy and Mines, Titles Division</p>	<p>Dallas</p> <p>Board members</p> <p>Rob</p>	<p>When available</p>

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	<p>House now Sept 27/28. Public review period will end Nov. 1. West Coast Environmental Law has info at www.wcel.org regarding what a community can do to minimize impacts. BVCRB role is to protect resource values within our mandate. Adrian: We should submit a letter to Titles Branch, covering items we might be able to influence, since they have asked for a response.</p> <p>(6) Recreation: State of RAMP: Gary Quanstrom submitted draft letter re RAMP completion (Sept 12, 2006 letter to Eamon O’Donoghue). Adrian: Agencies need to know that funding support is required; we need to revise the letter. Fred Oliemans may attend next meeting; we should comment before then. Burnie Lakes: Letter from Christof to BVCRB, requesting that snowmobilers book their weekend: An example of why we need a RAMP.</p> <p>(7) Range and Agriculture: Grazing tenure application: Won’t go into Core Ecosystem, so no BVCRB concerns. Thanks to Len for checking.</p> <p>(8) LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures: Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures: Draft Master Plan is now on Internet. Terry Pratt will send a hard copy. Adrian will contact Rudy to see if he will lead BVCRB response.</p>	<p>Review letter, submit comments to Adrian</p> <p>None required</p> <p>None</p> <p>Review and submit comments to Adrian</p>	<p>Board members</p> <p>Board members</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

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Administration	Website: Jill has software and will update.	Update website	Jill	Regularly
Other business	<p>Meeting schedule: Adrian will send out proposed schedule.</p> <p>Higher Level Plan Update: Len: BVCRB should review MOE Plan one more time before it is signed. Adrian will talk to James Cuell.</p> <p>State of the Forest Report: Is it available yet?</p> <p>Annual Work Plan: Do we need one? Rob: The public can see what we are doing; things won't slip through the cracks.</p>	<p>Advise Adrian if schedule works</p> <p>Contact James Cuell</p> <p>Check availability</p>	<p>Board members</p> <p>Adrian</p> <p>Jill</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
Next BVCRB Meeting	<p>Date to be announced</p> <p>Alpenhorn meeting room, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Main Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terms of reference and subcommittee work for new members - Discussion of new and on-going issues and referrals <p>Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM</p>			