

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: Sept 13, 2011. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Attendance: Board Members: Dave Stevens (Chair), Ben Heemskerk (Vice Chair), Taylor Bachrach (Treasurer), Trish Oosterhoff, Barry Smith, Bob Henderson, Jack Hagen, Harold Kerr, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Guests/Presenters: Ron Fowler

Regrets/absent: Dustin Harvey, Rob Maurer, Jeffrey Anderson

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda for this meeting was accepted.	Accept agenda as presented.	Board Members	This meeting
Minutes of June 14, 2011	Minutes reviewed and discussed. Minutes approved, with changes submitted by Ben Heemskerk. Final minutes will be circulated and posted on the website.	Approve minutes of June 14, 2011.	Board Members	This meeting
Attendance	Dave Stevens: No response was received from Jeffrey Anderson regarding attendance at this meeting.	Check that Jeffrey Anderson is on BVCRB e-mail list.	Dave Stevens	ASAP
Finances	The BV Research Centre is taking care of bookkeeping for BVCRB operations and RAMP. Bob Henderson: Bob paid Gary Runka for his meeting and his work with the BVCRB and has been reimbursed by the Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust.	Send thank you letter to BWMT for their support.	Dave Stevens	ASAP
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence	<p>1. Recreation</p> <p>RAMP: Ben Heemskerk: RAMP was promoted via the public information session on June 30, the Interior News article, CFNR and Peak announcements, CFTK interview, and e-mail and Internet notices. About 20 people attended the public meeting.</p> <p>Expressions of Interest for the facilitator work have been received from 3 parties and are currently under review.</p> <p>17-18 applications for the RAMP table have been received including 4 clubs.</p> <p>Ron Fowler: Why limit applications to TSA residents?</p> <p>Ben: We have decided to be consistent with the BVCRB terms of reference. We would consider going beyond the TSA if we don't receive enough applicants.</p> <p>Ron: Is it important to have 6 clubs and 6 individual members of the public represented?</p>			

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	<p>Taylor Bachrach: That is the goal. There is no minimum/maximum.</p> <p>Ben: We developed separate ToR for the RAMP.</p> <p>Ron: When are minutes posted on the website?</p> <p>Dave: Minutes are posted once approved by the Board at a regular meeting.</p> <p>Ron: Who will decide on the facilitator for the summer RAMP process?</p> <p>Ben: The BVCRB recreation subcommittee is doing the selection.</p> <p>Ron: How is membership on that committee decided?</p> <p>Taylor: Volunteers come forward to serve on the BVCRB subcommittees. They can be Board members or members of the public. Subcommittees follow the BVCRB values perspectives.</p> <p>Ron: Regarding clubs on the RAMP table: Why not ask for clubs with more than 25 years rather than clubs with more than 25 members to apply?</p> <p>Ben: We looked at the number of local clubs and decided that this would be unwieldy. We asked smaller clubs to align with larger clubs.</p> <p>Taylor: There is nothing to prevent people from applying as individuals. We will enable public feedback by setting up clear procedures for contact with RAMP table members.</p> <p>Dave: When will we have a facilitator? Ben: By the end of next week, with table members appointed by the end of September. Decisions will be posted on BVCRB website.</p> <p>Ron: The Smithers Snowmobile Association did submit applications – they are bona fide applications.</p> <p>Ben: We will review them and advise of the outcome.</p> <p>2. Monitoring and Land Use Plans: Revisiting the Balance: Barry Smith: Has contacted Glen Buhr. Glen still wants to work on the DDM principles. A public info session could be timed for November or early December.</p>			

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	<p>It would be good to have a draft Terms of Reference ready and endorsed by government that the public could comment on. The RAMP will also be well underway by then. There is a new District Manager for the Skeena-Stikine Forest District – it would be good to invite him to a meeting to introduce him to the Board and to discuss this issue. The Terms of Reference should be distributed to Board members again, and Jane Lloyd-Smith should be contacted to see if she is still the contact in light of position changes in government.</p>	<p>Invite the new DM to a future meeting.</p> <p>Recirculate the Terms of Reference to the Board.</p> <p>Contact Jane Lloyd-Smith to find out who is the current contact.</p>	<p>Barry Smith</p> <p>Taylor Bachrach</p> <p>Ben Heemskerk</p>	
<p>Administration</p>	<p>Finances: The BVCRB now has several different funding sources for RAMP and operations. Details of sources and amounts will be sent to Board members separately.</p> <p>Main Street Presence: Ben: We have approval from the BV Research Centre to set up a display and have Board members sit “in session” at their office on a regular basis to meet the public and raise the BVCRB profile. Taylor: There should be a presence at the Trade Show and Fall Fair as well. Bob Henderson: Has a display board available. Taylor: Could design some panels for the display board.</p> <p>Membership selection: Rosemary Fox, former Board member and selection committee member, has noted that when applicants submit four values perspectives on Board applications it is difficult to assess, and that listing the top two values only would clarify what main values would be represented. Bob: Disagrees; values should not be restricted. Board members should be working to broaden their values perspectives. Barry: The selection system works, so why change it. There is one vacant position.</p>	<p>Design and install a display board at BVRC office.</p>	<p>Bob Henderson and Taylor Bachrach</p>	

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	<p>“Big timber” and “historical and cultural values” are not currently represented on the Board. A new member who helps to fill this gap in representation should be found.</p> <p>Executive: Chair: Taylor Bachrach volunteered for the chair position for this year, and there were no objections or other interest in the position. Vice Chair: Ben Heemskerck volunteered to act as vice chair again this year, and there were no objections or other interest. Treasurer: Dave Stevens will fill this position. Ben: Thanks to Dave for chairing for the past year.</p> <p>Signing authorities: Motion: That Trish Oosterhoff, Dave Stevens, and Taylor Bachrach are the signing authorities for the BVCRB at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union for September 2011 to September 2012. Moved by Bob Henderson. Seconded: Harold Kerr. All present are in favour.</p>	<p>Seek out membership applicants to fill the values perspectives gap.</p> <p>Contact P.I.R for possible Board member nominees.</p> <p>Contact the BVCU to establish BVCRB signing authorities for this year.</p>	<p>Dave Stevens, Taylor Bachrach, Ben Heemskerck</p> <p>Jack Hagen</p> <p>Dave Stevens</p>	
<p>Action items from the June 14, 2011 meeting.</p>	<p>1. Prepare a response to the smoke management plan. Done, Dave Stevens. Note: The annual burn operators’ conference took place in early August. A list of public concerns was raised. Ian Sharpe, MFLNRO, revised the plan based on that input. The plan is a pilot for one year. Contact Dave Stevens to view the plan.</p> <p>2. Look into acquiring a display board. See Administration section, above.</p>			

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	<p>3. Check with Steve Osborn regarding posting RAMP info on Valley Vision. Ben and Taylor met with Steve Osborn and Rick Budhwa regarding the BVCRB taking over management of Valley Vision. It was decided that the BVCRB does not have the capacity to do so. Kirsteen Laing of the BV Research Centre is updating Valley Vision.</p> <p>4. Report to the Board on effectiveness of the BVCRB Facebook page. Taylor: Effectiveness is low to moderate, but will gain momentum. It is cost effective and photos and information can be posted quickly.</p> <p>5. Continue working on DDM Principles. Discussed in Monitoring and Land Use Plans section of these minutes.</p> <p>6. Finalise revised BVCRB Terms of Reference. The Monitoring and Land Use subcommittee is working on this.</p> <p>7. Continue to participate in the Telkwa Wildfire Protection Plan process. Rob Maurer and Jeffrey Anderson are absent. Update from Taylor: The Village of Telkwa has received \$400 k to implement the plan. The Village has approved the draft plan, with commitment to refine it. Public input is really needed. The BV Research Centre did submit a proposal to the Real Estate Foundation to carry out a public process and the Real Estate Foundation was supportive, however, the Village Council did not support it. The LRMP is not mentioned and the BVCRB has not been consulted. The new DM or Protection Branch needs to be made aware of BVCRB concerns. We will wait for further info from Rob and Jeffrey.</p> <p>Dave: Phil Burton and Dave Coates may have some research results related to wildfire protection. Dave will circulate if available.</p>			
<p>Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Boston Pizza Meeting room, October 11, 2011</p>			