

**Bulkley Valley  
Community Resources Board  
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January 6, 2012

Larry Hartwell  
President  
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Dear Larry Hartwell:

Thank you for your letter of December 1, 2011 in which you explain your club's reasons for declining to participate in the Summer Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP) Completion Project.

The process is now underway. The RAMP Table has addressed 5 of the 12 Planning Units of the Bulkley Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). The process is expected to continue well into next year. Progress of the project is reported on the website of the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB), ([www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/whats\\_new/](http://www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/whats_new/)), our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/pages/Bulkley-Valley-Community-Resources-Board/153563508046699](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bulkley-Valley-Community-Resources-Board/153563508046699)), and information released to local media outlets.

Opportunities for public involvement are built into the process as follows:

1. Contacting Table members by email:

Four members of the Table are tasked with representing the public at large. They may be contacted by email at [www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/table\\_members/](http://www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/table_members/) and then clicking on the particular representative's name that is to be contacted.

Any member of the BVCRB Recreation Subcommittee can be reached at [www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/crb\\_recreation\\_subcommittee/](http://www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/crb_recreation_subcommittee/). Subcommittee members are not part of the consensus decision but can be approached with questions or input of a more generic nature.

2. Written input:

Submissions may be mailed to the RAMP Table, c/o of the BVCRB at the above address.

3. Public meetings:

A public open house will be held once there is a first draft of the plan, probably in early February. Notice of this meeting will be posted on the website and through local media outlets.

Public input is viewed as essential to the process. Your members represent a very valuable resource and we do hope to receive feedback on the RAMP from your club.

Several of your points raise concerns with the makeup of the BVCRB and the RAMP Table. BVCRB members are selected, after applying, by an independent Selection Committee. In the years since its inception, over 60 citizens of the area have served as Board members. All BVCRB decisions, minutes, and correspondence are posted on the website and are available for public review. Board members are

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governed in their actions by a Terms of Reference. The BVCRB is viewed as a model of public participation in this province and is one of the longest standing groups of its kind in B.C.

The list of current Board members follows, for your information.

<b>Members of the BVCRB, December, 2011</b>	
Taylor Bachrach, Chair	Jack Hagen
Ben Heemskerk, Vice-Chair	Bob Henderson
Dave Stevens, Treasurer	Harold Kerr
Barry Smith	Dustin Harvey
Trish Oosterhoff	Rob Maurer
1 vacancy	Jeffrey Anderson

The 12 RAMP Table members were selected, after applying, by a selection committee comprised of the Recreation Subcommittee of the BVRCB and the RAMP Project Manager. Selection criteria are set out in a Terms of Reference which was developed by BVCRB, government, and recreation club representatives.

<b>Members of the RAMP Table, December, 2011</b>	
BV Backcountry Horsemen, Janette Daly and Barb Veale	Public Rep, Casey Pyper
BV Backpackers Society, Wayne Buholzer and Jay Gilden	Public Rep, Bob Mitchell
BV Mountain Bikers Association, Brian Shorter and Katie Von Gaza	Public Rep, Eugene Bekar
BV Quadriders, Lloyd Kilback and Ed Hinchliffe	Public Rep, Matt Sakals

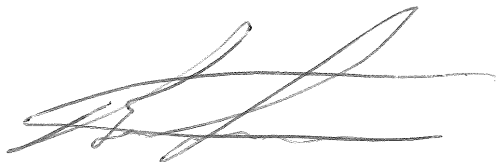
Members of both groups are selected on the basis of their stated resource or recreation values, with the goal of maintaining a balance of perspectives.

Discussions so far have been open and fair. The process is assisted by a contract facilitator who provides an independent and neutral chair. The process is completely open, and documents and correspondence are available for viewing by the public on the BVCRB website.

The Table is committed to developing a community-based RAMP that ensures opportunities for a range of motorized and non-motorized recreation in remote areas and in areas close to towns, along with the important objectives of full consideration of previous RAMP agreements and existing patterns of use.

Thank you for your interest in this project. Please contact me if further information is required.

Yours truly,



Ben Heemskerk  
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board Recreation Subcommittee

Cc: Steve Thompson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
Tom Chamberlin, Facilitator, Summer RAMP Completion Project  
Jill Dunbar, RAMP Project Manager  
Taylor Bachrach, Chair, BVCRB