

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: June 9, 2009. Meeting convened at 6:30 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, BC

Board Members Present: Greg Storie (Chair), Anne Harfenist, Rob Boyce, Don Goalder, Taylor Bachrach, Jack Hagen, John Emmerson, Mike Murray, Eugene Wittwer, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Regrets/absent: Jeff Anderson, Max Starr, Peter Tweedie, Ben Heemskerk, Dave Stevens

Visitors: Jim Easterday, Outdoor Recreation Society; Loren Kelly, MEMPR; Josette Weir, Jay Gilden; BV Backpackers.

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Welcome to new members	John Emmerson, Mike Murray, and Eugene Wittwer were welcomed as new Board members. Peter Tweedie and Max Starr are stepping down. The Board thanks these individuals for their work.			
Role of the BVCRB	For benefit of the new members, Greg described the main role of the BVCRB, which in general terms is to review and comment on issues pertaining to land and resource use in the Bulkley TSA, based on the LRMP and SRMP. Issues that the Board has worked on recently include Blue Pearl, RAMP, referrals, Telkwa caribou WHA proposal, Hudson Bay Mountain development. The Board carries weight with government agencies but needs to raise its public profile. To help with this, a brochure has been prepared and a newspaper article will be written.			
Agenda review	Agenda reviewed.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Review of minutes of May 12, 2009	Minutes discussed. Dave Stevens is to be added as a new BVCRB signing authority at the BV Credit Union.	Minutes accepted as revised.	Board Members	This meeting
Mine Development in the Bulkley TSA	<p>Presentation by Loren Kelly, Regional Director, MEMPR, Mines and Minerals Division, Smithers.</p> <p>Significant Projects in the Northwest at this time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endako molybdenum • Huckleberry copper • Seasonal (small) mines – mainly placer • In development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galore Creek Tulsequah Chief 			

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	<p>Ruby Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 100 exploration projects <p>Mine approval process: The steps are tenuring; exploration; development; production; and closure and final reclamation as per the chart provided by Loren. Discussion: Is there any obligation to monitor, following final reclamation? Loren – yes there is, for example Bell Copper at Granisle will be doing aquatic effects monitoring this year in Babine Lake, and this will carry on for 100 years. Some “orphaned and abandoned” mines which were closed prior to establishment of the reclamation bonding requirements are being monitored.</p> <p>Presentation by Josette Weir, BV Backpackers: Public consultation regarding mining projects.</p> <p>Josette has had a few instances where she thought that public information regarding mining activity was not available or adequate. She encountered ATV traffic while hiking in Babine Provincial Park. She also found wires at entrance to the parking area and was not aware of the induced polarization work going on or whether it was safe to cross or not. As well, Cronin Mountain is designated as a hazardous area and in her opinion members of the public should be aware of potential water quality issues at Cronin Creek. Josette requests that there be a means of informing the public of mining activity or effects so that trips to the backcountry can be planned with this in mind.</p> <p>Discussion: Loren – doesn’t have the resources to create a website. The BVCRB or another agency such as the MLA’s office or the Town of Smithers could consider being the conduit for such information. Perhaps recreation clubs could chip in to fund such a project. Greg will discuss more extensively with Loren.</p>	<p>Discuss public information dissemination with Loren Kelly</p>	<p>Greg</p>	
<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</p>	<p>1. Recreation RAMP completion: The project committee has met twice. Terms of reference may be complete following the next</p>			

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	<p>meeting.</p> <p>Job Opportunities Program recreation proposals: Four proposals have been submitted, with two approved to date. Anne - this is a piecemeal approach which goes against our goal of developing an overall plan. Greg – the projects are suitable and the money is there. However, we should review to ensure that they are consistent with the LRMP.</p> <p>2. Forestry, Range and Agriculture</p> <p>Telkwa Caribou Wildlife Habitat Area proposal: Proposal has been amended to include additional no-harvest area. Boundaries must be finalized and analysis of effect on long-term timber supply must be completed. If an LRMP amendment is needed in order to maintain the 10% budget, public review might be required. Board will review once the analysis becomes available.</p> <p>3. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures Anne Hetherington has suggested that a more collaborative approach to referrals would be effective. However, the BVCRB would not want to lead this. This is government responsibility and government agencies should be working towards this. No action on the part of the BVCRV required at this time.</p> <p>4. Water and Fish No new business.</p> <p>5. Monitoring and Land Use Plans The BVCRB has given support towards two initiatives: An application for funding from the Community Adjustment Fund, for MapChat, BVSC community assets, RAMP, and the BV Community Server, by the BV Research Centre; and a proposal to the Future Forest Ecosystem Scientific Council to cover the "Framework for Climate Change in Northwest BC" from Erin Hall.</p>	<p>Review projects for consistency with the LRMP</p>	<p>Board members</p>	

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Administration	BVCRB e-mail address: The contact on the website has been updated to info@bvcrb.ca . Referrals over the summer will go to subcommittees for review and preparation of draft responses, and then to the entire Board for approval			
Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM Next Meeting: TBA (Sept 2009)				