

**Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes**

**Meeting Date: November 10, 2009. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.**

**Board Members Present:** Dave Stevens (Acting Chair), Anne Harfenist, Don Goalder, Mike Murray, Jack Hagen, Jeff Anderson, Ben Heemskerck, Taylor Bachrach, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

**Regrets/absent:** Rob Boyce, Greg Storie, Eugene Wittwer

**Visitors/presenters:** Jim Easterday, Outdoor Recreation Society; Dan Rebbetoy (possible new Board member); Jane Lloyd-Smith, Karen Price and Richard Overstall, representing Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust; Gary Quanstrom

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>By When</b>
<b>Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust: Monitoring protocol presentation</b>	<p><b>Richard Overstall</b> The Babine Watershed has high resource values: Forestry, fisheries, tourism, wildlife. The Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust (BWMT) was established as the legal entity charged with monitoring land use plans in the watershed. The trust considers whether objectives of the plans are being met, based on scientific assessment.</p> <p><b>Jane Lloyd-Smith</b> The monitoring cycle includes the BWMT looking at the scientific side and the BVCRB looking at objectives of the LRMP (the “political” side) and representing the public (in this case for the portion of the LRMP covering the Babine Watershed). Ultimately scientific knowledge from the BWMT must go to the BVCRB which decides if the new information should trigger an amendment to the LRMP.</p> <p><b>Karen Price</b> The BWMT monitoring framework has been built as a process to assist with assessing objectives, building the knowledge base, and selecting monitoring projects for the watershed. It is based on assessing risk and uncertainty. For example, core ecosystems are at low risk of not meeting their objectives so there is no need to monitor them. The process is inherent in the trust document so trustees must adhere to it when selecting projects. There have now been 5 years of projects and the BWMT would like to present results to the BVCRB.</p>			

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	<p><b>Discussion</b>  <b>Mountain pine beetle epidemic:</b> From the Ministry of Forests perspective, the LRMP needs to be looked at in light of the mountain pine beetle epidemic. Some LRMP objectives no longer fit. The MOF will be meeting with the BVCRB soon to discuss this.</p> <p><b>Funding:</b> The BWMT had seed money from the B.C. government to get started. Current funding is mostly from fishing lodges. Outside agencies support some of the projects, e.g. Habitat Conservation Trust.</p>			
<b>Agenda review</b>	Agenda reviewed. Additional topic for discussion: Licensing for off-road vehicles.	<b>Accept agenda as revised.</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>This meeting</b>
<b>Review of minutes of June 9, 2009, September 9, 2009, and October 13, 2009.</b>	Minutes approved.	<b>Approve minutes as presented.</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>This meeting</b>
<b>Action items from the October 13, 2009 minutes</b>	<p><i>Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13 will be discussed later in this meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Items 6, 11, 12, 15: Greg is absent and will report on these items next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Item 14. Prepare list of referrals from the last year.</i></p>	<b>Done</b>		
<b>Board discussion of BWMT presentation</b>	<p><b>Discussion:</b>  The BWMT should be invited back to present annual monitoring results to the BVCRB. Perhaps results can be applied to the whole of the LRMP area.</p>	<b>Invite BWMT reps to the BVCRB January meeting to present annual monitoring results.</b>	<b>Dave</b>	
<b>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</b>	<p><b>1. Recreation</b>  <b>RAMP completion:</b> Terms of reference (TOR) are complete except that there is not agreement by the subcommittee regarding selection of who is to sit at the RAMP completion table. Input is still needed from the SSA (Smithers Snowmobile Association) (Action items #5 and 7 Oct 13 09).</p>	<b>Ask SSA about a possible rep to sit on RAMP TOR subcommittee and provide input regarding member</b>	<b>Anne/Greg</b>	

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	<p><b>RAMP Funding:</b> The Town of Smithers called for RAMP funding at the UBCM conference. This did not go forward as it was deemed a regionally specific project, but does show support from the Town office.</p> <p>Support for the RAMP was called for in the house from MLA Doug Donaldson – response from Minister Pat Bell was that BVRB had been offered funding but did not accept. A background briefing note to the MLA should be presented.</p> <p>Wetzinkwa Community Forest puts money back into the community and perhaps would support this project (Action item #8 Oct 13 09).</p> <p><b>Status of recreation project proposals where referrals were not received</b> (Action item #1 Oct 13 09): We received 3 referrals. The 4<sup>th</sup> project did not go out as a referral but BVCRB comments regarding the other referrals were applied to that project and adhered to.</p> <p><b>Licensing for off-road recreational vehicles:</b> All such vehicles must now be licensed.</p> <p><b>2. Mining and Energy Development</b>  <b>Letter re: Mining reclamation:</b> Annual update from MEMPR is needed for our monitoring purposes. (Action item #4 Oct 09).</p>	<p><b>selection for the RAMP completion table.</b></p> <p><b>Prepare briefing note on RAMP funding for MLA.</b></p> <p><b>Invite Wetzinkwa Community Forest reps to a BVCRB meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Prepare letter to MEMPR requesting update on mining reclamation work.</b></p>	<p><b>Taylor</b></p> <p><b>Ben</b></p> <p><b>Jeff</b></p>	

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	<p><b>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture</b>  <b>Bulkley Timber Supply Review:</b> Analysis is underway and the MOF will meet with the BVCRB soon to discuss this.</p> <p><b>Caribou update:</b> Calculations of the caribou Wildlife Habitat Management Area effect on timber supply are not yet complete. Results will be presented to the Board when they are ready. (Action item #10 Oct 09).</p> <p><b>TSA Amalgamation:</b> (Proposal to amalgamate the Lakes, Bulkley, and Morice Timber Supply Areas (TSA)): Ben contacted Jane Lloyd-Smith; little info was available. Letter requesting further information will be prepared and sent to Nadina Forest District. (Action item #9 Oct 09).</p> <p><b>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures</b>  <b>List of past referrals:</b> List will be completed by adding a column with referral outcomes. Link to BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands site which includes referral information will be forwarded to board members.</p> <p><b>ILMB letter regarding Cybernet towers:</b>  Board will discuss via e-mail. Include past president, Adrian de Groot, in the discussion.</p> <p><b>5. Water and Fish</b>  No new business.</p> <p><b>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans</b>  No new business.</p>	<p><b>Prepare letter re: TSA amalgamation</b></p> <p><b>Complete list of referrals.</b></p> <p><b>Send link to the Lands referral site to board members.</b></p> <p><b>Initiate e-mail discussion.</b></p>	<p><b>Ben and Mike</b></p> <p><b>All Board members submit details to Jill</b></p> <p><b>Taylor</b></p> <p><b>Dave</b></p>	

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<b>Administration</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's report:</b> Taylor Bachrach reported that there is \$6,941.15 in the account.</p> <p><b>Executive positions:</b> The board confirmed that Greg Storie will act as Chair, Dave Stevens as Vice Chair, and Taylor Bachrach as treasurer for this year. (Action item #2 Oct 13 09).</p> <p><b>Website:</b> Website is out of date. If Contribute is not able to be used as a program for updating, Kompozer is a possibility.</p>	<b>Investigate programs for updating website.</b>	<b>Jill and Dave</b>	
<b>Other business</b>	<b>Link to Valley Vision on BVCRB website:</b> Map layers are being loaded onto public version of IMap - to be completed by Dec. 6. Link can be set up after that (Action item #13 Oct 13 09).	<b>Set up link on BVCRB website to Valley Vision website.</b>	<b>Ben and Dave</b>	
<b>Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM Next Meeting: Dec 8, 2009</b>				