

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes, November 17, 2015. Meeting convened at 7:10 PM, Skeena-Stikine District office, Smithers, B. C.

Board members in attendance (not quorum): **Paddy Hirshfield (Acting Chair and Treasurer), Eric Becker (Vice Chair), Bob Mitchell, Christoph Dietzfelbinger, Executive Assistant: Jill Dunbar**

Absent with notice: Ruth Lloyd, Karen Price, Joey Welch

Absent without notice: Cor Vander Meulen

Presenter: Len Vanderstar

Guests: Mike Dunbar, Ed Hinchliffe, Jim Easterday, Anne Hetherington, Bill Wookey

Item	Discussion
Introductions	
Minutes, Oct 20, 2015 meeting	Minutes previously accepted by the Board <i>via email</i>.
Agenda	Christof: Add land sales in Quick area. Len: Add Summer RAMP discussion. Agenda accepted with additions.
Presentation	<p>Telkwa Wildlife Habitat Area – update from Len Vanderstar</p> <p>The WHA is an order and will be signed soon. Licensees are in acceptance. VRAMP process will get underway in a week or so to deal with recreation access to the area.</p> <p>Q: What is the process to get the WHA removed?</p> <p>LV: Extirpation of the caribou herd is defined (see memo to PIR, June 19, 2015, section 7). Len will discuss in more detail later this evening.</p> <p>Under the LRMP, if logging is constrained in one area (e.g. to help caribou) then the loss must be made up elsewhere. Impact must be 10% at most. In this case impact is on PIR only, so FLNRO is trying to make up for that within PIR chart areas. PIR is actually meeting LRMP objectives with 8.2% impact - this reduces the impact by half over the TSA as a whole. For the first 5 years of the WHA order the offset can readily be met, and during that time the offset for the following 15 years will need to be found. It is the equivalent of about 32 hectares of logging per year. Len and colleagues at FLNRO have worked with the licensee to comply with key tests: 1) the package does not affect cost of wood delivery and 2) it does not affect wood supply.</p> <p>Comment: The 32 ha will need to come from restricted zones.</p> <p>LV: Finding the offset will be a public process and public input will be considered.</p> <p>Q: Is this based on the current AAC or the AAC at the time of the LRMP?</p> <p>Board comment: It wasn't a specific mathematical calculation.</p> <p>Q: What will the public process look like? This may take some Board member time to assess.</p> <p>LV: We are working on presenting a proposal that the lay public can work with. It will focus on next 20 years.</p> <p>Comment: The Board is concerned with the whittling away of ecosystem networks.</p> <p>Q: If the order is signed and there are no animals for 5 years, would it be 10 years before the order is dropped?</p>

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	<p>LV: No, there will be annual surveys so it could be less than 10 years. There will be full assessment every 5 years.</p> <p>Q: If the definition of extirpation is not signed into law, could the definition be changed over time? There is no guarantee that after 20 years of not finding caribou the order will be removed.</p> <p>LV: It is not necessary to legalize it. It is a measure of success or failure. It is the benchmark that we are presenting to the public.</p> <p>Comment: For WHA's in general there is a process for removal.</p> <p>Q: Is it common for any order to state how it would be removed? Is a statutory decision required to remove an order? That would provide some assurance.</p> <p>LV: No. The DDM gets a package of documents, which contains all concerns raised.</p> <p>Comment: (Board member) am in favour of the WHA but not confident that it would be removed. There would be inertia around removing it.</p> <p>LV: Just as with the adherence to the LRMP over the years, which is also not written into law, we must keep this transparent and trust each other.</p> <p>Q: Where is the logging impact located on the ground?</p> <p>LV: The order locks up most of the ESSF, about ½ million m³ in the Bulkley.</p> <p>Q: If new wood is found in inventory or grown via intensive silviculture would it go to the offset?</p> <p>LV: No, it would be part of the overall timber supply for the TSA, but clarification is needed. This package is based on the latest timber supply review.</p>
<p>New business</p>	<p>Land sales in Quick area</p> <p>Board: Why is this parcel, which is within a Landscape Corridor, up for sale? It is important wildlife habitat and sale has been denied in the past.</p> <p>Discussion: Sale has been put on hold while Lands looks at it. Paddy will report back to the BVCRB.</p> <p>VRAMP process</p> <p>The process to address recreation access in the Telkwas will begin next week, with the VRAMP group and a professional facilitator.</p> <p>Summer RAMP</p> <p>Len Vanderstar will attend the December meeting to discuss this.</p>
<p>Action items from Oct 20, 2015 meeting</p>	<p>1. Telkwa WHA: <i>Bob Mitchell to invite Len Vanderstar and Eamon O'Donoghue to Nov 17 meeting.</i> Done; presentation notes above.</p> <p>2. NewPro Pellet Plant Proposal: <i>Ruth and Paddy to follow-up with Todd Bresser and Barry Watson regarding the scalability of the permit.</i> Done; Barry advises that increases would not be done without public consultation. Action: Paddy will request further clarification from the DDM, based in Kamloops.</p>

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	<p>Board Comment: PIR may have designated adjacent land for a grinder. May be outside CRB mandate but if any postings are seen we may want to discuss.</p> <p>3. Website redesign: <i>All Board members are to review the website and forward comments on any changes needed to Jill Dunbar by November 17.</i> Website is about 75% updated; Jill and Bob are working on it. Action: Jill will ask Spark Design for a quote for adding a search function.</p> <p>4. Telkwa Pass Recreation Area: <i>Paddy to respond to Ben Heemskerk indicating 1) the proposal has been received and noted it is consistent with Summer RAMP. 2) Some concern for the consequences of increased traffic. 3) The CRB looks forward to receiving notice of future applications.</i> Done. Discussion: There seem to be a problem with receiving referrals. The Board needs to take a look at the Summer RAMP. Some of the sites have been designated. Some RAMP recommendations need to be acted on. Action: Paddy will ask for an update from Ben Heemskerk.</p> <p>5. Firewood Cutting: <i>Ruth tabled a draft letter addressed to the District Manager. All to provide comments to Ruth by October 27.</i> Action: Bob Mitchell will check with Karen Price regarding status of the letter.</p> <p>6. Efforts to Recruit Board Members: <i>Paddy has contacted previous Board members and will contact Northword staff.</i> Done. Northword recommended writing an “advertorial”.</p> <p>7. Open House: <i>To be carried over to spring 2016.</i></p>
Administration	<p>Credit Union Account: BVCRB signing authority changes have been taken care of.</p>
Other business	<p>Meeting attendance: Board members are reminded that they can participate by conference call if unable to attend in person.</p> <p>Further discussion on the Telkwa WHA: Most of the input seems to be from biologists. Not sure that all Board concerns have been addressed. e.g. the definition of extirpation. It would be good to have someone named as responsible for the removal of the order. Board will discuss again when all members are present.</p> <p>Items for next meeting: Summer RAMP, update on Telkwa WHA for all members.</p>
<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. Next meeting December 15, 2015, Skeena-Stikine District office, 7 PM.</p>	