

BV Community Resource Board – Final Minutes

Dec 20, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

Present: Bob Mitchell, Matt Sear, John Fisher, Eric Becker, Sue Brookes, Jeff McKay, Ron Vanderstar, Ted Vanderwart
Guests: none
Absent: none
Chairs: Matt, Jeff
Recording: Sue

Next Meeting: Jan. 17, 2021

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Agenda items were reviewed.

Organizational

The Nov. 15th minutes were approved with minor changes, changes from Cam are incorporated now in the final minutes.

All approved Oct. 18th meeting minutes. FYI Meeting minutes are available for 1 month on Zoom and can always be downloaded.

Financial Report

- today's bank statement shows \$14 681.00 in the checking account as expected.

Website

- We could consider a voip phone line for telephone inquiries
- follow up the analytics and banner corrections
- keep email directed to Eric for now, info@bvcrb.ca

Review of the November presentation re: The Old Growth Deferral Strategy and it's impact on the Bulkeley LRMP

- of the 195 First Nations provincially many have said we need more time before implementing this strategy
- a director spoke to DaveDeWit, OW and will report back

Action Item:** Christof to share what he knows regarding the OW response to the Strategy and how we refer to First Nations, do we also use the term Proper Right Holders? What is their preference?

- recently there was a panelled presentation to Town of Smithers regarding old growth
- this was not at a regular council session
- council mostly expressed concern about old growth and the logging protests but was assured there are reasonable land use plans in effect
- the reference to the BVCRB was like a house, As it gets old it could use some renovations, however the Old growth deferrals along with other changes, is like knocking over the old house, before you've build a new one. Disruptive.
- **Action Item**:** a slideshow of PIR's segment will be circulated by Matt

Our Terms of Reference (ToR)

First there was a motion that the Terms of Reference not be changed at this point.

Consensus was to post pone this but then we read the current Terms of Reference and found that...

The board does have power to make amendments and changes to the ToR according to our Terms of Reference so long as they are in keeping with spirit and intent. Copies need be sent to appropriate government agencies and governments and First Nations: after the fact.

Next it was decided that John would read the current Terms of Reference in full and make some suggestions for amendments. Once this is done then we forward this to Provincial, Municipal and Hereditary Chief governments.

He is also looking for an older version of the Terms of Reference.

Action Item:** John to assess the current ToR, write up some amendments for discussion and comments.

Amendments listed in previous discussions and a 2015 draft copy of the ToR include:

- favour maintaining the integrity of the airshed and the enhancement of the Air Quality value as a quality resource, measurable by...
- favour maintaining the integrity of watersheds...
- what references are there in an April 2016 copy of the Terms that didn't make into the June 2016 version
- check out all references to drinking water quality, air and other natural resource values
- from now on refer to First Nations as a government body

Correspondence:

- none outstanding

State of the Forest

We were offered 5 year reviews by the Province at the inception of the LRMP. We've got one in 15 years. We cannot expect government to uphold agreements like this in future.

Serb Creek Drainage

- BC Timber Sales plans seem to be on hold

Telkwa Coal

- upcoming meeting in Jan. 19th, regarding the status of the project
- targeting the end of Jan. to submit its application to the EAO
- **Action Items***:** Ted will send a note on developments and the meeting details

Seymour Ridge Trail

- A summary of what's involved in wildfire hazard reduction prescriptions is circulating in email.
- A winter ground tour will not reveal much, we may ask for a presentation to the CRB once BCTS plans are defined.
- **Action Item***:** Bob will send prescription summary

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM