BV Community Resource Board Minutes Dec 15, 2025

Present:
Directors: Ron, Anne, Kevin, Petra, Ted
Secretary: Sue Brookes
Public: Daphne Hart, Bob Mitchell

Next Meeting: Feb 16, 2026, 7pm, Nadina Community Futures Smithers: Suite #200 - 3848 3rd Ave.

Meeting convened at 7:15pm

Chair: Ted Vanderwart

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1. Review of Agenda Items and Motions

1. The agenda was accepted.

2. A motion to approve the Nov. 17 minutes was put forward by Anne and seconded by Ted.

2. Forestry Working Group (FWG) Update

1. Refer to the list of workshop ideas from Anne titled: Forestry Landscape Planning (FLP) FWG Workshop Ideas & Structure 2.0.pages. It was last updated in Jan 2026 and has been shared with the working group and Cam Bently.

2. A report on the Bulkley Morice FLP stakeholder meeting.

- Anne had a follow up call with Cam Bently. She explained the side tables were the idea of First Nation groups and they were created as an opportunity to work from the bottom up using community resources and experience not currently represented at the FLP table. What resonated with the First Nations they would take forward in the FLP process.
  Cam expressed concern that:

- there is no industry represented on the Board. Our response was that consultation with industry happened in the planning phases and the result was the Land Use Plans. Also consultation with industry happens between Directors and stakeholders outside of meeting dates.
- offensive language coming from the Board. Anne will follow up asking for examples. She reiterated it wasn't our intention to cause animosity we are only trying to continue stewardship and implementation of the plan.

3. LRMP Discussion

1. We would like to measure effectiveness. We need to know whether the intentions of the plan were upheld. (As in the case of biodiversity - we have no quantitative values to measure).
2. Landscape corridors have experienced exemptions from being maintained, how do we identify these and track them?
3. If you did implement the 7 objectives set by government, you would maintain the course wilderness. Then you would use WHMA's to set specific wildlife objectives. This tool (the WHMA designation) is limited so instead the Province could apply Regionally Identified Wildlife designations which allow for alternate management plans.
4. Important considerations in any FLP process are course woody debris and riparian structure.
5. The FLP process will cover a larger timber supply district but the values need to be more specific and focussed in certain areas. We can paint the whole district with one brush. There is no overlying plan for the landscape that will help guide all activity.
6. What about issues that were never resolved in the LRMP? ie - the ecosystem network, how will the new process proactively address holes in the LRMP?
7. One reply to Anne's letter was that the we should work through the FLP to protect the LRMP but the LRMP is actually the higher level plan.
8. Tyhee Trails is an example of a clear cut right in the area of Regionally Identified Wildlife. A WHMA can have some forestry treatment, there is flexibility.

The future is still positive for our TSA - is that in part because of the LRMP?
Its not the case in other areas of the Province like near Burns Lake.

Effectiveness:

1. Bob mentions that there is a 5 year review, a report showing joint industry met the objectives and exceeded the objectives set by government. BC Timber Sales declined to participate in this process. The report hasn't been released publicly. Should we follow up and ask Matt Sear former Chair?

2. West Fraser does seem to be quite open to working with the public with better tools.Thats why Anne has included a workshop using tools West Fraser can help us develop for the FWG.

3. The 2 stages needed for wildlife to thrive is early shrub and old growth stages. How and where are we keeping these stages is integral. The current models show we are managing tree farms. We are no longer managing wild forest. Intensive forestry sectors use the same silviculture prescriptions (SP's) as anywhere else.

4. The plan was never hard to implement - its just that the Province doesn't want to do it. They want revenue and timber volume - if there is any pressure on this then they government will get around it. Over 30 years the pressures are getting worse. We have better opportunities working with First Nations and Industry than the Province.

5. The Province is calling their implementation a unique interpretation when really its disregard of the current LRMP. In future 80 years will be old growth, then 60 years and so on. Managing a dynamic state is difficult.

6. What was the intent with the COREs and Landscape corridors and did it work and what else is happening in the forest?

7. Cann't we just hire someone to do some effectiveness monitoring?

8. Some discussion about Netazul. Not many infractions are known and snowmobiliers seem to be respecting the trails.

4. Director or Business Updates

1. Anne met with Les about a predator workshop and how do reduce some of these problems. Discussions are ongoing.

2. Ted reported briefly on Claims in the Dease Lake area. The Province may have started setting high value permits, on some territories like Prosperity in the Chilcoutin. In mines and exploration - the big question is where can we go, security is key. If we stake the claim we have to have security of tenure otherwise the market withdraws or investment is pulled.

3. Brief mention of Larry Joseph and the Gitxan Land Use Plan. First Nations can do their own plans and compare results/process. The FLP process is subject to different pressures than that of mining. Forestry has way more latitude but still needs access to long term timber supplies. Every time they upgrade a mill, jobs are lost. Reference to Skeena Cellulose was made. In it's day the Province said Skenna Cellulose could not open, suggesting we didn't have enough timber supply. Acting independently Skeena Cellulose operated on the principles of a free market.

4. Brief discussion about the LRMP in the long term.

5. Review of Open Action Items

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6. Adjourned at 9:00pm

Table 1

type	task	who	date
Referrals	Referral No. 186472291 - proposed new snowmobile trail to Microwave Ridge, SSA Sent in email Jan 23, 2026, responses due March 8th		2026
Workshop	1) recruit Petra or possibly DebW to spearhead a structured based decision making process with regard to grizzlies and land management in the Blunt and Evelyn. 2) Call this a subcommittee and have Deb and Petra document the known and unknown from their biologist background, speak individually or invite the Cattlemen, House Chiefs or reps., provincial biologists, private bios, and kill verification officers to contribute. 3) workshop solutions for predator control. 4) share the Board's or sub committee recommendations	Sue, Anne - others	Sep
Referrals	Lands: ask to review Tantalus format with Lands Officer and see if an additional column might help link legal and non legal direction sections. Check with Front Counter that CRB has a valid BCID for accessing and responding to public referrals. Check individual BCIDs also. Work with MOF and WLRS to link effectiveness and implementation monitoring for LRMPs and related planning.	All	Ma
Ongoing	BC Environmental Office (EAO) - Ted will be the liaison	Ted	Ap
Ongoing	FLP Forestry Working Group (FWG) meetings, this is ongoing with Anne as the coordinator and Nic, a contributor and representing the Wet'suwet'en First Nation	Anne and Nic	Ap
Ongoing	Drop a print copy of the agenda and relevant documents to Ron's house prior to the start of the next meeting.	Anne	Ma
Mapping	Create layered maps, that can help us identify the areas in the Bulkley TSA experience high intensity development or projects. We need the groundwork for spatial modelling. Anne and Les suggested seeking support for combining maps from the Province and Wetzinkwa.	Anne, Les	No
Guest/FWG	Sue is requesting an audience with the Board in March. She wants to present on air quality management. The BVLD Airshed Management Society also wants to partner or cohost a workshop.	Sue	No
Guest	Should we ask Matt Sear or another forestry rep to present highlights from a recently released industry report: a 5 year review, a report showing joint industry met the objectives and exceeded the objectives set by government -		De
FWG	Connect with Cam Bently regarding his impression of offensive language. Try to work on this relationship.	Anne	De
FWG	Connect with Glen Buhr possibly and ask for the original shape files or updated versions for the WHMA's.	Anne	De
Correspondence	Follow up with BCHydro regarding Walcott and wire technologies available in California and why they are not using the same.	Sue	Ju
Correspondence	Keep Mitch Flowers in the loop about the CRA:	Sue	Ju
Correspondence	CRB to FLP reps officially sending workshop proposal and asking for how collaborative linkages to process might be structured. It needs to include reference to several past letters from Ministers, directing CRB to work with FLP to resolve issues sent to Ministers, including WHMAs. This gives some formal, higher direction and establishes a record and rationale for our involvement beyond just a 'stakeholder'.	Anne	De
Correspondence	A request to suspend logging in the WHMA within Tyee Trails Rec Area, adjacent to Burnt Cabin Bog. The Burnt Cabin Bog Ecological Reserve itself being a BC Park is not within BCTS' jurisdiction to offer up for logging, but any adjacent logging affects its integrity.	Anne	No