

BV Community Resource Board - Final Minutes

Feb 21, 22 - Virtual Meeting

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

Next Meeting: Mar 21, 2022

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Agenda items were reviewed.

Organizational

Review of minutes.

FYI - there may be some Call Lake debris pile burning soon

FYI: the Wildfire Service is hiring for full year positions now

Financial Report

Other than the monthly BC web hosting fee to pay and the final payment to Phil for the website development, there is nothing outstanding.

Our Terms of Reference (ToR)

We still need to confirm a couple more Directors are on board with the Motion to modify the Terms of Reference (Jan. 17, 22). Revisit this the next meeting.

AI*** Sue to update the Terms of Reference, highlight the changes and send to Matt.

Correspondence:

Water Licences:

- small discussion regarding how the Province's interest in ground water would affect the Bulkley Forest District and the values agreed to by residents. Non-domestic groundwater users must now apply for a NEW water licence. They have been in touch with water diversion licence holders and 'wells and grazing' licence holders.

Babine Mountain Park Survey:

- the stakeholders met to discuss access to the Park from the Cronin access and the Upper Fulton. There was also an on line survey which is now closed. Some talk included the use of the Chapman Rd. for quicker access to that part of the Park and Higgin's Creek.

State of the Forest:

- no news, we await to hear about Ministry organizational changes.

Serb Creek Drainage:

- no updates
- a Director is asking MLA offices if the Province assesses the Basin for any other values?

In answer:

- the BC Meteorological society might have mineral value estimations
- there might be landscape bubble assessment work - habitat based, this would have informed the LUP originally

AI*** Ted will look up mineral potential and see if he can get any info.

Telkwa Coal:

- the next step in the process is an official application by Telkwa Coal, they expected to put it in this week
- the road is part of the EA so they have to go through the process to get a variance from the ALR and create a right of way. This requires public consultation and yet doesn't really speak to mine operations per se. It will be an industrial rd., with video surveillance at gates.

Seymour Ridge Trail:

- there was recently a good presentation by Garnet Mureau regarding wildfire protection in Logan Lake
- a Director reiterates the incongruity of the fire abatement planning at this Park:
 - o There is no abatement planning for adjacent or nearby private property
 - o brief discussion regarding the many issues with this plan. Directors should refer to email circulations from Dec. 21st and Jan, 2022 to be reminded.

AI*** Matt will try to find a link to the presentation by Garnet

LLP:

- landscape level planning still seems to only occur between high levels of government (BC government and First Nations)
- the CRB would have a lot to add to local landscape level planning where they included
- it appears there is no industry consultation at this level
- recently West Fraser pushed for locally led planning, keep posted

Meeting adjourned at: 8:40pm