

# BV Community Resource Board

## Minutes Nov 17, 2025

### Present:

Directors: Anne Hetherington, Ron, Kevin Tyler, Ted Vanderwart  
Secretary: Sue Brookes  
Public: Les Ellis, Daphne Hart, Deb Wellwood

Next Meeting: Nov 17th, 7pm, Smithers Council Chambers

Meeting convened at 7:15pm

Chair: Anne Hetherington

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## 1. Review of Agenda Items and Motions

1. A motion to approve the agenda was put forward by Ted, seconded by Anne and all voted in favour.
2. A motion to approve the Oct. minutes was put forward by Anne, Seconded by Ted and all voted in favour.

## 2. Guest: Les Ellis

Please refer to the Mar 17th minutes for more detail.

Les is president of the regional cattlemen association. He is expressing concern about Province's lack of consultation with them, with regard to predators.

- He and Anne have discussed the possibility of a workshop.
- Everyone present agreed that far reaching plans for the entire TSA is non applicable to the valley bottom. It needs it's own FLP process.

- The Province elected a Cattlemen representative to the FLP Technical Working Group without consulting the Cattlemen associations. The person elected by the Province isn't interested so now the associations can name a representative.
- Anne and Les are working on a letter to Cam Bentley regarding predator control and biodiversity objectives.
- Anne reiterates that we should be citing Kira's report on how extension enhances the knowledge and practice of innovations silviculture in BC. ([cdnsiencepub.com](http://cdnsiencepub.com)) This was referred to last month.

### 3. Guest: Deb Wellwood

Deb gave a background on her career and her work in BC and the Yukon with bear - human conflicts. She refers to a US biologist who has managed these conflicts successfully. He is doing work with wolves and work in Europe too. There are various solutions but sometimes they are intergenerational.

Deb notes - bears aren't randomly located, landscape planning is very local. Les remembers a Meziadin project where sheep were used for silviculture. If a sheep died the requirement was incineration. If bears moved in sheep were moved out.

Here is a link to a former report: <https://data.skeenasalmon.info/dataset/monitoring-land-use-planning-to-maintain-grizzly-bears-project-2009-3/resource/9cfa941e-30dd-4e20-bbda-4ec35007e46d>

- A workshop would start with the identification of the hot spots.
- To reiterate what was discussed previously: the CRB is suggesting photo and GPS spatial data collection. There needs to be a map - a spatial representation of what is known or recorded. It's possible the Cattlemen have considered this. We could combine their numbers and knowledge of hot spots with kill verification officers who have worked the area and biologists.
- Forestry is a huge part of this issue.
- An area around Waterton Lake was discussed, in AB. See this: <https://www.watertonbiosphere.com/projects/carnivores-communities/>
- Deb also mentioned this report about cyclical exhaustion in politics and there was some discussion: <https://academic.oup.com/policyandsociety/article/28/2/111/6420803?login=false>

### 4. Forestry Working Group (FWG) Update

- A. Workshops: format and reporting - Anne/Nick have been talking about this. Nick's concern is that workshops are getting ahead of FLP planning. He proposes Genvieve Paterson does the first workshop on the topic of order and structure. Genvieve has agreed to facilitate workshops in Smithers.
- B. Some background on reasoning for the workshops was provided. There is no guarantee we will get anything positive out of it.
- C. Anne will ask about a fund for community workshops/facilitators.

**\*\*Action Item:** Anne is asking for support for mapping from the Province and Wetziakwa. She wants to ask the Province to officially put these together for posting on our website. We need overlap and neighbouring layers. Common maps that tell a story and are easy to interpret.

## 5. Correspondance

Ron shared some points from a personal letter from Jen Atkins regarding the moratorium on WHMA, GAR, Fish, Wildlife and Lands development, without disclosing most of the contents.

Discussion around this response included:

- new recruits at the Province, they are circled in every 6 months and not familiar
- the old guard are not interested in fixing this
- the Tyhee Mtn Society was told they are about to have an active goshawk, WHMA and one other title on their common ground removed. The Province told them the LRMP is no longer applicable.
- the Provincial branding is much higher.

We need to respond to this....

The thought was that we should reissue our email letter to the board for the letter to the editor. This is deferred until the next meeting.

An Event: protest at 2pm at Tatlow, to protest our forest management.

## 6. Referrals

There are none at this time.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

Roughly \$4500.00.

## 8. Director or Business Updates

Anne mentioned how PIR is using terrain and timber structures (the best and fastest growing sites) to lay out their blocks. This is backward, its like letting the Annual Allowable Cut be the driver instead of the result of good forest ecology. Working with PIR on their 20 year or long term planning is an opportunity to make change.

## 9. Review of Open Action Items, see table

## 10. Adjourned at 9:11pm

## Action Items

type	task	who	date	status
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	May 2025	open
FWG	Connect Anne and the BVLD AMS about co-benefits, collaboration.	Sue	Nov 2025	open
Ongoing	BC Environmental Office (EAO) - Ted will be the liaison	Ted	Apr 2025	open
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	Apr 2025	open
Ongoing	Drop a print copy of the agenda and relevant documents to Ron's house prior to the start of the next meeting.	Anne	Mar 2025	open
Members	Cattlemen regarding a workshop for solutions for predator control alongside with biological analysis.	Sue, Anne	Sep 2025	open
FWG	Anne to bring a sample map next meeting. She will also contact Glen Buhr for a shape file based on the LRMP.	Anne	Sep 2025	open
Correspondence	Anne to draft a letter to BCTS citing why they should not be logging in the Burnt Cabin Bog eco reserve and restating the status of the WHMA's and/or the errors and omissions in Lori Halls statement regarding WHMA status.	Anne	Nov 2025	open
Correspondence	Follow up with BCHydro regarding Walcott and wire technologies available in California and why they are not using the same.	Sue	Jun 2025	open
Correspondence	Keep Mitch Flowers in the loop about the CRA: _____	Sue	Jun 2025	open
Correspondence	Draft a letter for Ron and Board to approve, in support of using the spatial modelling app: Patchworks in the Bulkley TSA. Add a blip about what happened with the Bulkley Valley integrated silviculture strategy - under Glen Buhr - this was supposed to have a spatial component what happened?	Anne	Nov 2024	open