

BV Community Resource Board

Final Minutes Oct 20, 2025

Present:

Directors: Anne Hetherington, Kevin Tyler, Ted Vanderwart

Secretary: Sue Brookes

Public: Marvin Strimbold (Zoom)

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

Meeting convened at 7:15pm at the Community Futures Office rather than town hall. Brief introductions were made for our Zoom guest Marvin Strimbold. Ron and Petra send their regrets.

Chair: Anne Hetherington

Acronyms can be found at this link: https://bvcrb.ca/images/uploads/documents/crb_acro_1.pdf

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1. Review of Agenda Items

Motion to approve the agenda by Ted. Anne seconded. All in favour.
Ron and Petra send their regrets.

2. Guest Speaker: Marvin Strimbold

Marvin has a marvellous background in many activities. Cross country skiing is dear to his heart, he was a former National Team member and has been coaching Jack Rabbits for years. He has a family business near Decker Lake in forestry. They are harvesting, cutting and thinning. He is also involved with his local community forest. He sees many opportunities where families can continue to work in forestry and make ourselves proud.

We discussed the LRMP with Marvin, its shortcomings in effectiveness monitoring and the challenge of recruiting new Directors.

Marvin has WCB endorsement and can qualify people in courses with woody debris. He works with Cattlemen and others on Bulkley River restoration programs.

3. Forestry Working Group (FWG) Update

- A. Anne's Oct 20th report is attached. The report was discussed.
- B. Nick mentioned concern to Anne that the group is focussed too much on forestry and would like to invite other interests to the table.
- C. Sue indicated the BVLD Airshed Management Society would be interested in collaborating in a workshop. It is their goal to review the Clean Air Plan and they are gathering comments from all stakeholders in 2025/2026. She will follow up with Anne.

4. Motions

- 1. Motion to approve the Sep 15, 2025 minutes put forward by Ted., Anne seconded it.
- 2. A motion to draft a letter to recommend a stop further logging activity in the Burnt Cabin Bog was put forward by Kevin. Seconded by Ted. All approved the motion. Anne will undertake to draft this letter. See section 7 below, the second point has more details.
- 3. A Motion to end the meeting was put forward by Anne, Kevin seconded, all in favour.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

5. Correspondance

- 1. A case study of a property sale on Seymour Ridge trail has been circulated. A future project would include reflection on this, review of this has been deferred for now.
- 2. An updated link to the Provincial Land Use Planning website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/crown-land-water/land-use-planning/modernizing-land-use-planning>
- 3. A volunteer required at the Smithers Red Cross HELP (Health Equipment Loan Program) Depot at 3790 Alfred Ave.
- 4. A new report on how to use extension and collaboration for innovative silviculture and working with the Forest Landscape Planning process. See Fig.1. <https://cdnsiencepub.com/doi/full/10.1139/cjfr-2025-0036#core-refg34-1>

6. Referrals

None at this time.

7. Director or Business Updates

- 1. Brief discussion of the **Dome mining project** which officially opened in July.
- 2. BCTS has emailed a friend of the Board stating an impression that WHMA's are cancelled in the Babine Business area. BCTS is not honouring their commitments to follow the LRMP so a motion to draft a letter citing why they should not be logging in the Burnt Cabin Bog eco reserve was approved. Anne will take this on citing the report form the independent biologist. The letter should be addressed to Jevan and cc'd to the Thyee Lake Trails society, Heather and BCTS.restating the status of the WHMA's and/or the errors and omissions in Lori Halls statement regarding WHMA status.

8. Review of Open Action Items, see table

9. Adjourned at 8:45pm.

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