

BV Community Resource Board – Final Minutes

September 20th, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Matt S., Bob M., Christoph D., Eric Becker, John F., Ted V., Ron V., Jeff M.

Quick Update

- October 4th – 7 PM Matt has scheduled a meeting with Minister Cullen, will be hosted on Zoom

Finance Update – Ron Vanderstar

- Finances are sound, minimal operating costs currently. ~ \$14,500 in the bank.
- No grant obligations. Moneys could be directed to a project or paid work with Board consensus.

Review of Terms of Reference/Nomination of New Positions

- Ron has nominated himself to return as Treasurer
- Matt has volunteered to return as chair.
- Jeff has volunteered to fulfill the Vice Chair role.
 - o A motion is put forward to nominate the above by Ted V. Seconded by Bob Mitchell. No opposition was raised, the directors have been confirmed.
- Reviewing terms of reference, Christoph considers revising Section 3.c) to provide an appropriate wording to recognize that First Nations Governments are not stakeholders.
 - o Perhaps clarification from Minister Cullen will provide insight, table this for now and consider alternate phrase.
- The purpose statement does not mention the value of clean air as a resource to be considered by the board. This could be added into Section 6.0, if the Terms of Reference allow.
 - o Clean air has a resource value, is it acceptable to add it into the Terms of Reference?
 - o Board was split in opinion of whether the reading of the Terms of Reference allows incorporation of new resource values.
 - o Ron's copy of the minute has language speaking to water quality health and airshed health. This was a copy dated April 21, 2015.
 - o **AI:** Ron will scan the copy that he has dated April 21, 2015 to compare to all other copies.
 - o Eric & Ron propose adding additional values through an addendum to reflect developing values of concern without changing the chronology or integrity of the original.

- Appendix 3 – pg 126 lists the Community Resource Values
 - It appears that previously motorized/non-motorized activity (q & r) were added to the original 1991 agreement.
 - A proposal will be made to add values, however it must weigh the public concern and reflect the public interest. Our purpose intends to accommodate how the public uses the land base.
- Issue has been tabled until the next meeting.

Serb Drainage Review

- No existing access plans have been presented to the Board to date.
- BCTS has not responded to multiple email communications requesting further information.
- What does the SM2 (Special Management Zone 2) describe?
 - In the description (pg 106 LRMP) access is allowed, so long as it minimizes impact and preserves the integrity of the watershed. No crossing of Serb Ck were allowed.
 - A vagueness in the original writing of management objectives requires clarification. Consensus on the interpretation must be found, and may be brought to BCTS on behalf of the Board.
- **AI:** Matt to attempt contacting BCTS (Curtis Paul, Planning Forester) and see if further clarification on planning is available.
- Landscape Use Plan clearly outlines that there is a approximately 5 years from harvest to silviculture, and that there should be a minimum of 15 years between harvest activities. Only one side of the creek is to be harvested at any one time.

Copper Land-Use Plan: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/natural-resource-use/land-water-use/crown-land/land-use-plans-and-objectives/skeena-region/bulkley-lrmp/copper_lupm.pdf
- **AI:** Ron to write a letter to BCTS to express the Boards concern regarding the plans as presented for harvest in the Serb Ck drainage, and encourage better incorporation of LRMP & Landscape Use Plan values.

Seymour Lake Trail

- Firefighters have undertaken a danger tree falling program.

- BV Backpackers have requested the firefighters Site Plans (SPs) prior to future falling activities.

Telkwa Coal

- Very quiet in terms of communications from the company or working group.
- Baseline sampling works continue.

Meeting ended – 8:57 PM