

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: October 13, 2009. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Board Members Present: Greg Storie (Chair), Anne Harfenist, Rob Boyce, Don Goalder, Mike Murray, Jack Hagen, Ben Heemskerk, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Regrets/absent: Jeff Anderson, Dave Stevens, Eugene Wittwer, Taylor Bachrach

Visitors: Jim Easterday, Outdoor Recreation Society; Dan Rebbetoy (possible new Board member)

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Agenda reviewed.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Review of minutes of June 9, 2009; and September 9, 2009	Minutes discussed. Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.	Review June 9, 09 and Sept 9, 09 minutes.	Board Members	Next meeting
Action items from the minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Check status of recent recreation project proposals where referrals were not received.</i> 2. <i>Review BVCRB executive positions of chair, vice-chair, and treasurer in case any Board member has objections.</i> 3. <i>RAMP completion: Present additional new proposals for RAMP table selection to RAMP project committee.</i> 4. <i>Check with Kevin Eskelin re: RAMP funding possibilities.</i> 5. <i>Check criteria for job creation partnership funding eligibility, re: RAMP.</i> 	<p>No answer yet from Kevin Eskelin. Anne will follow up.</p> <p>Next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion of RAMP to follow, later this meeting.</p> <p>Discuss later this meeting.</p> <p>Greg: Regional District has an alternate suggestion which he will ask Mike to check.</p>		

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	<p>6. <i>Discuss when/if to send letter requesting update on mine reclamation work.</i></p> <p>7. <i>Circulate Don Morgan's project proposal where he requests that BVCRB be a client. Prepare response to proposal based on Board input.</i></p> <p>8. <i>Ask Max Starr/Smithers Snowmobile Association for a recommendation for a new Board member.</i></p> <p>9. <i>Update subcommittee roster.</i></p>	<p>Next meeting.</p> <p>Letter has been sent.</p> <p>No response. Greg will follow up with Max and SSA.</p> <p>Next meeting.</p>		
<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</p>	<p>1. Recreation RAMP completion: Terms of reference (TOR) are complete except that there is not agreement by the subcommittee regarding selection of who is to sit at the RAMP completion table. Anne has had some input since the last BVCRB meeting. However, input is still needed from the SSA.</p> <p>RAMP Funding: Discussion: A member of the Recreation Subcommittee should research funding possibilities.</p> <p>2. Mining and Energy Development Rob: Blue Pearl has reinitiated the Environmental Assessment process. The BVCRB can expect a response to our comments. Molybdenum prices are up; spending at Endako is underway.</p>	<p>Ask SSA about a possible rep to sit on RAMP TOR subcommittee and provide input regarding member selection for the RAMP completion table.</p> <p>Discuss RAMP funding and options for member selection at next subcommittee meeting.</p>	<p>Greg</p> <p>Anne</p>	

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	<p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture Greg: There is a proposal to amalgamate the Lakes, Bulkley, and Morice Timber Supply Areas (TSA). This would dilute the cut falldown projected for Babine Forest Products but would affect Bulkley areas mills adversely. Would public consultation be required? The Bulkley Timber Supply Analysis is underway. The Ministry of Forests may still be calculating the caribou Wildlife Habitat Management Area effect on timber supply. The Board may wish to have a presentation on this process.</p> <p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures Letters were sent concerning two referrals: REC 98530, Piper Down area mountain biking trails; and REC 98532, hiking and mountain biking trails on the Bluff area of Hudson Bay Mountain.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish Jeff Anderson sent an e-mail proposing that water and fish take a higher profile in BVCRB discussions due to their importance to the watershed; and to the industrial pressure that they will be subject to in years to come. Discussion: Perhaps MOE should come to a meeting and explain how they are monitoring compliance with the LRMP or specific aspects of it such as water quality.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans The Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust will attend the next meeting and give an outline of their monitoring framework.</p>	<p>Contact Jane Lloyd Smith, District Manager, Skeena-Stikine, regarding public consultation implications of TSA amalgamation.</p> <p>Contact Glen Buhr about caribou WHMA calculations and the TSA analysis.</p> <p>Contact Tom Bell from MOE re: Attending a meeting</p>	<p>Ben</p> <p>Greg</p> <p>Greg</p>	
Administration	No new business.			

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<p>Other business</p>	<p>Other issues or presentations of interest to Board members Maps: Better maps are needed for reviewing referrals. Greg has some good copies which he will bring to the next meeting. It may be possible to set up a link with the Valley Vision website, which has good map coverage of the area, to the BVCRB website. Front Counter BC should pass on the link to anyone submitting a project for referral.</p> <p>Results of referrals: The Board would like to find out results of referral processes. Front Counter BC should be consulted about this.</p> <p>Cybernet tower: The tower on Hudson Bay Mountain was put up prior to approval, and constructed in a different place than designated on the referral map. Apparently a fine has been imposed. There may be additional action in future.</p> <p>Status of the LRMP: The LRMP is now 15 years old, and needs updating to keep it relevant. Management conditions and issues have changed. Terminology requires updating as well. However, government support and a concerted effort from a committed group is needed – there may not be the energy/funding to take this on at this time.</p>	<p>Bring map copies to next meeting.</p> <p>Contact Dave Stevens re linking BVCRB website to Valley Vision.</p> <p>Prepare list of referrals from the last year. Submit list to Ruth Edwards at Front Counter, ask for outcomes, invite Ruth to a meeting to discuss.</p>	<p>Greg</p> <p>Ben</p> <p>Jill</p> <p>Greg</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM Next Meeting: TBA (Nov 2009)</p>				