

Minutes of Meeting		
<b>Location:</b> Causeway Bay, Sparwood Peter Fleury Room	<b>Date:</b> October 4, 2017	<b>Time:</b> 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
<b>Purpose:</b> Steering Committee Meeting 2017 Q3	<b>Version:</b> Draft	
<b>Attendees:</b> See attached	<b>Issue date:</b> December 5, 2017	

Meeting commenced at 9:06 a.m.

### **Welcome, Housekeeping, Safety Share**

Simon welcomed the attendees and Sharon followed with information regarding exits and restrooms.

Sharon also provided a safety share, relaying the story about the live mouse in her office whose foot was caught in a trap. Not wanting her colleagues to see it and potentially kill it, she picked it up and released it out back. While releasing its foot from the trap she received a very small bite to one of her knuckles. A colleague, who had just taken her first course the day before, made Sharon follow protocol which required a visit to the doctor. The doctor assured Sharon that Hanta virus is not transferred by saliva but rather from dry droppings. The lesson learned is that Sharon should have closed her door so her colleagues were unaware of the mouse's presence. Then she should have put on gloves before picking up the mouse.

### **Review of Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

### **Objectives Update**

Childcare – Sharon provided information regarding the Columbia Basin Trust's September 18, 2017 announcement regarding a three-year commitment of \$3.6 million to create new childcare spaces in the basin. The Child Care Support Program will provide:

- Capital grants to support improvements to existing facilities and construct new child care spaces
- Training support for Early Childhood Educators to help fill workforce gaps and meet professional development requirements
- A Program Advisor to support child-care providers and work with the sector to find solution for common business challenges

Sharon was pleased with the results of the consultation process in which she participated and feels that her voice was heard.

Youth and Local Employment – Amy was unable to attend the meeting. During a brief discussion it was suggested that Andrew Craig informally ask his peers about their post-grad plans and what information they would see as beneficial coming from potential future employers.

Healthcare – Sharon provided information on work that has been done under the umbrella of the Health Care Task Force to try to develop affordable senior housing in Elkford. There are no services for seniors in Elkford and it has been expressed by CMHC, BC Housing and CBT that funds are available and the time is right for applying for funding and other forms of support. Anita and Sharon were going to find out

which, if any, of the three Elk Valley communities have a Meals on Wheels program. Joanne Drain confirmed that there is one in the Crowsnest Pass. Lois mentioned the Whistler Centre for Sustainability's project to scan leading practices in affordable housing in small communities.

Post-secondary Education – Simon noted that progress has slowed down with the Post-Secondary project he has been working on with UBC and Teck as it appears each is waiting for the other to determine what they want. Anita shared that a plan and architect drawings have been done for a facelift to the Fernie Campus of College of the Rockies (COTR) but they haven't been released yet. Andrew was concerned that an expansion would mean the Campus would lose parking which is limited now. Anita said once the plans come out, she can address the concern.

Housing – Simon advised that October is reno month for CHBA BC. He provided a document called 'Get it in Writing' that outlined 10 tips for homeowners to protect themselves. It was suggested that Sharon put the document on the COIAI website. Vickie confirmed the importance of getting project expectations in writing and shared a story about work done at the Band Administration Office where what was expected wasn't what was done.

Simon also discussed the benefits of energy efficiency projects for housing noting that houses built prior to 1984/85 provide the biggest return on investment when energy retrofitting.

Community Safety – Scott said the fires of recent concern have been contained and the risk is dropping. He hoped that provincially lessons have been learned from the situations in Fort McMurray and Kelowna. The FireSmart scheme on how to mitigate forest fires is a good one but the problem comes down to ownership of land (eg. Jemi Fibre). Scott said that as a FireSmart project, the area in Ridgmont near the cemetery has been cleared and trees trimmed.

Sharon confirmed that she attended Elkford's Town Hall regarding its evacuation alert. It was well attended and she felt the District was very much on top of the issue.

Anita wondered how Grasmere and Edwards Lake residents were notified. Scott confirmed that volunteers went door-to-door to alert them of the situation.

Lois added that Sparwood took on a FireSmart project 14 years ago, divided the community and cleared a prescribed amount per year. It took 10 years to complete.

## **Old Business**

### Action Items Review

Members were assigned to touch base with area High School councillors regarding possible provision of information on careers and hiring from Teck.

## **New Business**

### Teck Feedback Received

Sharon advised the committee that in the last quarter, Teck received 17 level 3 concerns (repeat). One related to a FRO train duster, one to an apparent scum on Grave Lake, two to the Coal Leach Road Closure and 13 to EVO dust.

## Teck Announcements/News Releases

Sharon passed around a story written in the Teck Connect employee magazine about two transgender employees and each of their journeys. It was decided that an invitation would be extended to Hadden Kelloway to speak at the Partners meeting in December.

Other notices included:

- Teck and Global Affairs Canada renewed their partnership to save children's lives with zinc treatments
- Teck Mine Rescue Teams Achieve Top Rankings at National Western Region Competition
- Teck Named to the 2017 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index
- Metis Local 1909 and Teck Sign Project Agreement
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## **Round Table**

Joanne – shared a story about her new neighbor in Blairmore. He is a young Australian fellow who works at Teck as a HD Mechanic. He expressed to her that he loves working for Teck and can't believe how well he is treated and supported.

Anita – is happy that the committee is getting things done. She added that the COTR Fernie Campus is offering a six-week hospitality training program which is free of charge. It begins October 16.

Lois – said she enjoyed the day's topics. She explained that she attended the Union of BC Municipalities annual conference in Vancouver at the end of September. The attendance was 1800. Topics included wildfires, affordable housing, cannabis legislation and BC Energy Step Code which is striving to make buildings net-zero energy ready by 2032. Numerous Elk Valley delegates also toured Westshore Terminals at Roberts Bank.

Scott – said Fernie Search and Rescue has a new long-line dope on a rope rescue system thanks to a grant from Columbia Basin Trust. They cover the area from the Alberta border to Kimberley to the US border. The nearest other community having the system is Golden. When asked if there were subgroups to Fernie Search and Rescue, Scott noted that they are independent groups such as Cranbrook and Fernie but they often train together.

Vickie – is looking forward to how to best bring knowledge about indigenous peoples into the Elk Valley communities.

Andrew – had nothing more to add except to say the results of a survey of high school students regarding their plans following high schools should be interesting.

Sharon – thanked everyone for their involvement and noted she was pleased with the dialogue that had taken place during the meeting.

Simon – enjoyed the discussions.

## **Closing Remarks**

Simon thanked everyone for their active participation and the sharing of information.

**Next Meetings:**

Partners – December 12, 2017  
Steering Committee – December 5, 2017

**Action Items**

Action Items	Who	Deadline
<b>OLD</b>		
Find out how long resumes are kept on file at Teck	AM	By next meeting
Find out if FRO extension project will include 60 wiggle wagons	AM	By next meeting
Advise Don Crawford that Scott appreciates offer of support	SS	Done
Identify who on committee will speak with school councillors regarding students interested in working for Teck <i>Simon – TFA/Anita – FSS/Sharon – ESS, SSS, CCHS</i>	All	At next meeting <i>Done</i>
<b>NEW</b>		
Have casual conversations with peers regarding post-grad plans and information they would like regarding potential future employment	AC	By next meeting
Confirm Meals on Wheels service to Elkford, Sparwood, Fernie <i>Only in Sparwood</i>	AP/SS	By next meeting <i>Done</i>
Provide ToR with draft changes to Steering Committee	SS	ASAP <i>Done</i>
Secure presenters for December Partners meeting	SS	ASAP <i>Done</i>
COTR Fernie Campus renovation plan update	AP	When available
Post 'Get it in Writing' on COIAI website	SS	ASAP
Confirm if FRO will be hiring 100 new recruits in the near future	SS	ASAP

**Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Role</b>	
Craig, Andrew	Youth		
Drain, Joanne	Seniors/Crowsnest Pass		
Halko, Lois	Municipal Government/Sparwood		
Howse, Simon	Business & CHBA / Fernie	Chair	
Palmer, Anita	Education/RDEKA	Vice Chair	
Robinson, Scott	Community Safety/Fernie		
Strom, Sharon	Teck / Communities	Secretary	
Thomas, Vickie	Ktunaxa Nation		

**Unable to attend:**

	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Role</b>	
Anonson, Terry	Metis Nation/Elkford		
Bauer, Kim	Social Services/Elkford		
Galloway, Gordon	Motorized Recreation		
Mac Con, Amy	Human Resources		
Steinke, Lance	CNP		
Walker, Lee-Anne	ENGOS/Fernie		
Wall, Kerri	Health		
Wedderburn, Shelley	Michel Crk Rd Residents/Sparwood		