

<b>Minutes of Meeting</b>		
<b>Location:</b> Teck Sparwood Communities Office 116 Centennial Street	<b>Date:</b> Sept 27, 2016	<b>Time:</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
<b>Purpose:</b> Steering Committee Meeting 2016 Q3	<b>Version:</b> Final	
<b>Attendees:</b> See attached	<b>Issue date:</b> October 17, 2016	

Meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m.

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

Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Simon noted that condolences were given to Gordon Galloway and his family following the passing of his son. Sharon put a message on the memorial page for Jimmy Galloway and made a donation on the group's behalf to the BC Cancer Agency Centre where Jimmy received his care.

Sharon pointed out where the exits and restrooms were followed by a safety message. She shared an experience she had the afternoon before where she tripped and fell hard, believing it to be attributable to lack of feeling in her toes. Just that day a colleague suggested she should look into the cause of the numbness but Sharon brushed it off. After taking the hard fall she reevaluated the situation and will follow through with medical attention to the problem.

### **Review of Agenda**

Added to the agenda were items:

- 6.5 Guest Speakers at Future Meetings
- 6.6 Getting the Advisory Initiative Message Out
- 6.7 Telus Wise: Smart Phone and Internet Safety

### **Executive Nominations**

It was determined that the executive for 2016/2017 would remain the same as the previous year: Chair – Simon Howse, Vice-Chair – Anita Palmer, Secretary – Sharon Strom.

### **Objectives Update**

Childcare – Sharon noted that the EVCCA was overdue for a meeting so one was set for October 19. A draft of part of the BC Rural Dividend Fund application was created by Sharon but was on hold pending an October 6 webinar to cover improvements and lessons learned from the first intake. Sharon will participate in the webinar. Kim had forwarded two links to Sharon regarding a BC Job Grant and a Wage Subsidy Program which at first glance appeared to be directed to the unemployed. Sharon committed to reviewing the grants more closely. Sharon had visited Christine at Claris Media to review items that should be added to the website. Christine compiled a summary of follow up tasks for her and Sharon. The community Childcare Forum Facebook sites are being used more frequently, especially for Fernie and Elkford. A roadmap to hiring a Nanny is being worked on to simplify the process. It will be put on the website with relevant links.

Kim said she participated in a call the previous day with the Regional Early Years representatives and representatives from Columbia Basin Trust (CBT). CBT's 5-Year Plan is very focused on supporting early years development. Regional childcare issues were discussed. Kim explained that there were eight Early Years tables in the East Kootenays, each having its own coordinator. A little funding comes from the Ministry of Children and Family Development. The Early Years initiative is a partnership between the United Way and Success by Six.

Youth and local employment – Amy called earlier to say she likely wouldn't be attending following long hours of bargaining but she reminded Sharon that she was to connect with Steven Thurmeier in Central Recruiting to talk about youth outreach regarding careers with Teck. Sharon asked Andrew about his schedule so that she could set up a meeting which she committed to doing within the next week. Kim had attended her husband's retirement from Teck's Fording River Operations and his years of experience, along with that of the other retirees, equaled about 530. Kim was quite certain that most if not all of them started right out of high school.

Healthcare – Janice said she would try to find out the status of the hiring of a surgeon for the Elk Valley. There was some discussion about the increase in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the dialogue had around the potential of investing in the Baby Box program. Baby boxes, for sleeping purposes, are believed to reduce SIDS. It would be expensive to provide a kit to the parents of every newborn at over \$100 each. Education about safe sleeping practices for babies may be better in the long run. Janice briefly discussed that there have been enough Fentanyl overdoses in the Province to be considered a public healthcare emergency. Interior Health is giving antidote kits to users, their friends and their families. See here for more information: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016HLTH0026-000568>

Post-secondary Education – Simon had two meetings with Teck and UBC reps in the past two months. The discussion was to determine if there was something UBC's Applied Sciences program could offer in the Elk Valley that would benefit Teck. It was suggested that a hydrology related program with research done on water and waste water might be a good fit. At the meetings, Simon presented his concept on the building and housing for the project to Teck and UBC. Things seem to be aligning and moving forward. Within Teck, the idea has general support amongst Teck representative. There is another meeting scheduled for next Friday. Simon was asked if College of the Rockies (COTR) was still considered in the discussions. He said they are but the decision to move forward can't hinge on COTR's support.

Highway Safety/Fatigue and Driving – Scott absent

Action Items Review (see table below) – notes from action items discussed:

- There is a lot of Provincial and Federal funding available for developers to build affordable housing and rental units. Janice and Kim agreed that affordable housing for seniors in Elkford is a need for the community. Kim will follow up with Elkford Council to see if the need and the application for funds have been discussed. Simon added that it is a challenge for developers to build rental housing since, from their perspective, there is a very low return on investment.
- It is good to see that the six-month Health Care Assistant certificate program through COTR is full. There is a need for care aids but unfortunately they are on the lower end of the pay scale and it is difficult to get and keep them.

Teck Feedback Received – Sharon reported that there was one Level 3 grievance (an issue, concern or grievance that is relatively minor but repeatedly an on-going concern or a significant issue or concern that normally is not a breach of the law or company policy) received through the feedback mechanism during Q2. It was from a Grave Lake leaseholder/cabin owner who noted dust coming from the Line Creek Operations without any sight of water trucks during the period of time he watched. The concern has been investigated and a response provided to the concerned citizen.

#### Teck Announcements/News Releases

- Sept. 8 - Teck was named to the 2016 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index for the seventh straight year.
- Sept. 19 – Elkview Operations’ Baldy Ridge Extension project was granted environmental assessment approval.

Housing – Simon said that the Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA) continues to promote the Get it In Writing initiative. In recent news, The Canada Border Services Agency invoked the Special Import Measures Act, with respect to certain drywall, based on complaints from one supplier in Western Canada that the US is dumping low cost drywall here. The decision is at the tribunal level with input sought from US manufacturers and Canadian suppliers. CHBA feels that imposing exorbitant duties is not in the public interest and will adversely impact consumers and the home building industry.

Website – Sharon explained that in addition to childcare related items for the website, Christine Thompson from Claris Media and she discussed other items. Andrew’s photo has to be taken and he needs to provide a brief bio as soon as possible. Liam’s photo and bio have been removed. Christine is still waiting for a blog or two. Sharon or someone on the Steering Committee is to develop a Facebook page for the COI Advisory Initiative with a link to be placed on the website. The Wall of Accomplishments needs to be created.

Guest Speakers – Simon suggested the Steering Committee resume having a guest speaker at the quarterly meetings. Everyone was in agreement.

Getting Message Out – More effort is required to get the message of the COI Advisory Initiative out to more people. Sharon said she budgeted for some advertising and more website development and hopes it gets approved.

Smartphone/Social Media/Internet Safety – Sharon explained to the group that since Teck has switched over to Telus, a Telus community relations rep reached out to offer information on the Telus Wise program that teaches phone/social media and internet safety at four levels: young elementary school children, teens and young adults, parents and seniors. Tammy Ogden and Sharon attended a training session in Calgary so they can act as ambassadors and offer the workshops within our communities. Sharon asked if this would be a good presentation for the next Steering Committee meeting and it was agreed that it would be.

#### **Round Table**

Gordon – called earlier in the day and said he could be available to attend the meeting if it was important for him to be there. Sharon assured him that there was nothing too important and recommended he not attend so he could spend more time on family matters.

Gordon did pass along the message that a couple of Elkford ATV Club members attended the Open House in Elkford for the Fording River Operations Active Water Treatment Facility proposal and they found it to be well done and informative.

Kim – had nothing additional to add.

Simon – had nothing additional to add.

Janice – had nothing additional to add.

Andrew – had nothing additional to add but he did remind Sharon she needed to take his photo before he left.

Sharon – thanked everyone for coming.

### Closing Remarks

Simon thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting just before 10:00 a.m.

### Next Meetings:

Steering Committee – Thursday, December 1, 2016

Partners – Thursday, December 8, 2016

### Action Items

Action Items	Who	Deadline/Results
<b>OLD</b>		
Add Wall of Wins to COI Advisory Initiative website <i>Will schedule meeting with Simon to discuss by mid-October</i>	SS	Oct. 20, 2016
Determine if Scott is able to produce a blog around safety <i>Sharon to follow up on timing of article</i>	SS	Confirmed to write one
Write article/blog about benefits of new college to Elk Valley <i>Will schedule meeting with Simon to discuss by mid-October</i>	SH/SS	Oct. 20, 2016
Discuss updating housing assessment for City of Fernie <i>It was an agenda item at a Fernie Council meeting where it was approved for inclusion in the budget.</i>	SH	Done
Form Healthcare Task Force <i>Sharon to arrange meeting with Janice, Kerri, Lois, Anita and herself in the near future</i>	SS	By mid-November
Send Phoebe's draft journal article		Done
Reconnect with secondary schools in EV and CNP for reps <i>Sharon to do before the end of October</i>	SS	Oct. 31, 2016
Schedule meeting between Amy and Sharon re: Retirees <i>Amy said the retirees should approach their respective sites HR/Benefits personnel for help. Kim confirmed there wasn't enough information for retirees from her husband's recent experience. A general information package would be helpful.</i>	SS	Done
<del>Secure speaker from Safer Highways committee for a presentation at the Partners meeting in July</del>	SS	Done
<del>Put out a call for 2016/2017 Steering Committee nominations</del>	SS	Done
<b>NEW</b>		
Review BC Job Grant and a Wage Subsidy Program to see if they can help with child care situation in the Elk Valley	SS	asap
Schedule a meeting with Steven Thurmeier and Andrew to	SS	asap

discuss Teck's HR youth outreach		
Follow up on surgeon recruitment	JT	End of October
Follow up with Elkford Council regarding affordable housing grants and the need for seniors housing	KB	End of October
Get photo and bio from Andrew for uploading to the website	SS	By end of week

### Attendance

Name	Representing	Role	
Bauer, Kim	Social Programs/Services / Elkford		
Craig, Andrew	Youth / Fernie		
Howse, Simon	Business & CHBA / Fernie	Chair	
Strom, Sharon	Teck / Communities/Sparwood	Secretary	
Talarico, Janice	Healthcare co-rep/Sparwood		

### Unable to attend:

	Representing	Role	
Anonson, Terry	Metis Nation/Elkford		
Drain, Joanne	Seniors/Crowsnest Pass		
Galloway, Gordon	Motorized Recreation/Elkford		
Halko, Lois	Municipal Government/Sparwood		
Mac Con, Amy	Teck / Human Resources / Fernie		
Palmer, Anita	Post-Secondary Education/RDEK A		
Robinson, Scott	Community Safety/Fernie		
Walker, Lee-Anne	ENGOS/Fernie		
Wall, Kerri	Healthcare co-rep/Crowsnest Pass		
Wedderburn, Shelley	MCR/GN Road Residents/Sparwood		