

# TECK COAL ELK VALLEY COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

## ADVISORY INITIATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Version: Final

Issue Date: August 7, 2014

### Minutes of Meeting

<b>Location:</b> Teck Sparwood Communities Office 116 Centennial Street	<b>Date:</b> June 10, 2014	<b>Time:</b> 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
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**Purpose:** Steering Committee Meeting 2014 Q2

**Attendees:** See attached

Meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m.

#### Introductory Remarks

Committee Chair Simon Howse welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### Housekeeping and Safety Share

Sharon Strom pointed out the locations of the restrooms and exits. She then shared a message about water safety based on a recent incident near Fairmont. A mother took her one-year old daughter and her three-month old baby boy rafting on the river in a rubber dinghy. When the boat got caught on debris it flipped dumping the three into the water. The mother was able to get out of the water with the baby, but the toddler was swept downriver. The young girl, who was wearing a flotation device eventually got hung up and was rescued. Thee little girl was later flown to Calgary by STARS air ambulance in critical condition. Sharon reminded everyone that the water is high and fast this time of year and in addition to the use of PFDs caution and common sense should be used.

#### Review of Agenda

Simon asked everyone to review the agenda and advise if changes were required. There were none.

#### Updates from Sharon Strom

As everyone is now aware of the poor market conditions for coal, Sharon shared with the group how Teck is responding to such conditions. She noted that there is expected to be a workforce reduction of 600 people by the middle of the year but that the reduction is across all of Teck Resources and as much of it as possible will be through attrition. In addition, all sites have been asked to cut at least 5% from their 2014 budgets. Such things as travel will be allowed only if videoconferencing is not an option. The community investment budget has been frozen until further notification with the exception of payment of previous commitments. With these constraints, it is not feasible to continue to use Jane Boyd, particularly given the lack of tangible results from her to date. Those present expressed their feelings that money would be better spent supporting work from within the Initiative and believe the website can be populated and managed with the assistance of Vanessa Croome.

Sharon was pleased to share with the Committee the news that Teck was recently recognized in two separate sustainability rankings for both corporate citizenship and social responsibility. Teck was named one of the Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada by media and investment research company Corporate Knights. Teck was also named one of the Top 50 Socially Responsible Corporations in Canada by Sustainalytics, a global responsible investment research firm. Lee-Anne Walker took the opportunity to share with the group that she wrote a letter from Elk River Alliance in support of the Kootenay

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Conservation Program's nomination of Teck for the BC Land Award – Private Sector Category offered by the BC Real Estate Foundation. When she has more information regarding the nomination, particularly if successful, Lee-Anne will provide more information to the Committee.

Kim Bauer and Sharon Strom had a meeting with Bill Bennett and his assistant Heather Smith, at his Cranbrook constituency office to discuss childcare concerns. Mr. Bennett was well aware of the struggles that childcare providers have in the Elk Valley but noted money had been contributed by the Province in the past but to no avail. He felt the situation has to be looked at 'outside of the box'. Kim and Sharon agreed, noting that the childcare issue is very complex with one of the main problems being a shortage of qualified childcare workers. This is in part due to the inability to pay a fair wage and benefits. Kim noted that the pressure would be relieved somewhat by licensed in home providers but the licensing process is very prohibitive to many. Mr. Bennett said that he will address this with his colleague in the Ministry of Children and Family Development to see if there are ways to make licensing easier and more appealing. He also noted that it is his hope that Premier Christy Clark will pay a visit to our region and will agree to meet with several groups on topics of importance. He said the Childcare Advisory Initiative Steering Committee will be at the top of his list.

#### **Website Discussion Around Next Steps**

With the decision made to move forward with the COI Advisory Initiative website, internally, the document from Jane Boyd titled *Website Navigation Planning & Content Framework* as part of the summary notes from the April 8, 2014 meeting was reviewed. Vanessa Croome was present to help the Committee determine what information can easily be provided by the members and Claris Media to begin populating the site.

The Home Page already contains a slideshow of community imaging. A welcome paragraph will be created and added. Lee-Anne offered to draft a first blog entry upon her return from vacation. Discussion was had around the importance of updating and actually using the blog site.

Lee-Anne suggested that each member have their photo taken before leaving the meeting and that each submit a brief bio as soon as possible to assist Vanessa populate the About Us page. Lee-Anne offered to draft a first blog entry upon her return from vacation.

Vanessa offered to pull existing information about the Elk Valley and Crownsnest Pass for their page and will include hyperlinks to the municipal and chamber sites.

Sharon will be able to upload all past agendas, minutes and other relevant meeting materials once Vanessa gives her a tutorial.

Additional pages can be easily added as required since WordPress is the platform and is responsive to such changes.

It was decided that a Task Force consisting of Simon, Lee-Anne, Vanessa and Sharon would be formed to meet frequently to ensure the website progresses to stage where it is can be advertised as available.

#### **Next Community Partners Meeting**

July 8, 2014 from noon to 4:00 p.m. was chosen for the next Partners Meeting at which the 2014/2015 Steering Committee will be elected. Although a meeting hasn't been held in the Crownsnest Pass recently, it was felt that a location in Sparwood would be most convenient. Sharon will see if the Seniors Drop In Centre is available and if they can cater a BBQ lunch.

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It was felt that a third party facilitator would not be required since the nomination process is well understood by the Committee.

Several suggestions were given for potential guest speakers for the event. It was decided that Mike LoVecchio with CPR will be invited by Lois to give his presentation on Safety. Sharon will contact Joe Pierre from the Ktunaxa Nation to see if he is available to do Story Telling at the event as well.

Sharon asked Daniel Baher to give some consideration to who can replace him as a rep for Crownsnest Consolidated High School and who may be interesting in sitting on the Steering Committee as CNP reps will be required on it. Sharon noted that there is a vacancy for Community Safety and Seniors representation as well and asked everyone to think about potential nominees.

#### Round Table

Before the meeting ended, everyone took the opportunity to say a few words.

Lee-Anne: It will be great once the website content is added and information can be shared with community partners via the website. The meetings are more strategic and the Initiative is gaining momentum.

Terry: The development of the website is a good positive move forward. It is important to communities to keep them involved with what is going on with Teck.

Gordon: We made a couple of good moves today. It is great to hear about Teck's sustainability awards.

Anita: She is happy with today's action items. She asked all the present Steering Committee members if they will let their names stand and with the exception of Daniel who will be going away for school, all said yes.

Kim: She is excited that the Initiative is moving forward and meeting goals. It is especially important if we want to engage members of the communities.

Janice: It is great that some concrete steps are being taken to gather valuable information to meet the goal of identifying issues.

Lois: She enjoys being here and meeting with people she doesn't normally see. She has been involved since the first group meeting. She reminded everyone that the Community Directed Funds project may have identified childcare needs among the top 10.

Simon: He thinks we are great people to work with and feels we have gotten to know each other well enough to feel comfortable saying what they believe.

Daniel: Feels the experience has been valuable.

Sharon: Is pleased they have found traction, particularly with the website project.

#### Closing Remarks

Simon closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and contributing to the discussions.

**Next Steering Committee Meeting:**

September TBD, 1:00 to 4:00 pm – TBD

**Next Community Partners Meeting:** July 8, 12:00 to 4:00 pm – lunch included – Sparwood Seniors Centre

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**Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Role</b>	
Anonson, Terry	Metis Nation BC		
Baher, Daniel	Youth – CCHS /Crowsnest Pass		
Bauer, Kim	Social Services / Elkford		
Galloway, Gordon	Motorized Recreation/Elkford		
Halko, Lois	Municipal Government		
Howse, Simon	Business & CHBA / Fernie	Chair	
Palmer, Anita	Education / RDEK A	Vice Chair	
Strom, Sharon	Teck / Communities	Secretary	
Walker, Lee-Anne	Elk River Alliance / RDEK A		
<b>Guests:</b>			
Croome, Vanessa	Claris Media		

Unable to attend:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Role</b>	
Wedderburn, Shelley	Michel Crk Residents/Sparwood		