

TECK COAL ELK VALLEY COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

ADVISORY INITIATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Version: Final

Issue Date: November 3, 2014

Minutes of Meeting

Location: Elkford Community Conference Centre 720 Fording Drive	Date: September 24, 2014	Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
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Purpose: Steering Committee Meeting 2014 Q3

Attendees: See attached

Meeting commenced at 1:05

Introductory Remarks

Committee Chair Simon Howse welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced himself for the benefit of the new Steering Committee (SC) member, and then had everyone else introduce themselves. Of note was the presence of the new Senior representative on the Steering Committee, Joanne Drain, who is a resident of the Crowsnest Pass. Joanne shared with the group that she has been involved in a number of volunteer positions over her many years living in The Pass including KidSport and the Crowsnest Museum.

Sharon was pleased to convey that Daniel Baher was able to locate a Student/Youth representative from Crowsnest Consolidated High School to sit on the SC for the next term. Liam Arbuckle, unfortunately, was unable to attend because of previous commitments.

Housekeeping and Safety Share

Sharon pointed out the exits and restrooms for the facility then asked if there was a volunteer to provide a safety share. Gordon Galloway volunteered and spoke to the importance of operating motorized recreation vehicles safely and with proper safety gear. He said there were over 40 reported injuries (hospital visits) between the May and September long weekends, related to the sport in the Elk Valley and including Jaffray and to the border.

Review of Agenda

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

2014/2015 Executive

Sharon reminded the members that following the unanimous nomination and election of this term's SC, no discussion was had regarding the appointment of the Executive. Those present invited Simon, Anita and Sharon to continue in their roles for this next term. They accepted. For the 2014/2015 period, the Chair will be Simon Howse, Vice Chair will be Anita Palmer and Secretary will be Sharon Strom.

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Updates

Teck Recognition: For the fifth straight year, Teck Resources has been named to the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index indicating that Teck's sustainability practices rank in the top 10 per cent of the 2,500 largest companies in the S&P Broad Market Index. Quoting Don Lindsay, President and CEO, "This ranking is a direct result of the hard work of our employees and their dedication to doing the right thing for communities and the environment." Sharon Strom added that community members such as those on this SC also contributed to this distinction. Sharon reminded the members that earlier in the year, Teck was ranked as one of the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations by media and investment research firm Corporate Knights for the second year and was the only mining company to make the list. Teck was also named one of the Best 50 Socially Responsible Corporations in Canada by global responsible investment research firm Sustainalytics based on a range of measures including key social and environmental indicators.

Steering Committee Vacancy: Regarding the only vacancy needing filling on the SC, Community Safety, Sharon spoke with Michael Crockett, CP Police, who is interested in the Advisory Initiative but doesn't feel he is representative of Elk Valley Community Safety. He gave Sharon a couple of recommendations of potential candidates from the CNP which Joanne was able to confirm. Sharon will reach out to them to see if one is interested in sitting on the SC.

COI Website: A discussion was had regarding the COI Advisory Initiative website and the need to move forward in a timely fashion with uploading content so that the site can be broadly advertised. Sharon said she will work with LeeAnne to develop the first blog and meet with Vanessa from Claris to discuss other content. Sharon mentioned to Joanne that she will need a photo of her and one of Liam as well as a brief bio for the website.

Childcare Advisory Initiative: Kim, Anita and Sharon were able to speak to the 14-Aug-2014 Childcare Advisory SC meeting. They were shares that the 2008 Kids Care Survey was reviewed by the members with input/support from Carly Hoogeveen, temporary Communication Coordinator in the Teck Coal Communities Department. Carly has a background and experience in research, surveys and analysis. The changes will be made to clean up the survey for its next review. The committee decided to do a childcare needs survey online on the COI website for general community members and for relevant Teck employees. They received verbal approval from the Manager HR Teck Coal, Chris Bleich, to send a one-page (two-sided) document with employee pay statements as long as it clearly was not coming from Teck but rather from the Elk Valley Child Care Advisory Initiative.

At that meeting, Sharon was tasked with creating Task Forces and assigning members for their review and acceptance. See meeting agenda for suggestions.

Anita noted that she connected with Liz Gillis, Acting Manager Social Initiatives with Columbia Basin Trust to talk about possible funding or partial funding for the survey to assist with software purchase and data analysis. Anita will arrange a meeting with Liz.

Good news was passed along by Anita regarding the COTR Fernie ECED 113 course that is being offered. She had to convince a lot of senior personnel at the main campus that the course should be offered and she feared that it was going to have a poor enrolment, costing her campus money. A few days before the start date, there were only three students registered. Anita was pleased to say that by the time the course started, the enrolments were at 10.

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New Business

Strategic Direction: The Strategic Direction for 2013/2014 was reviewed for potential changes for the 2014/2015 term. Under Strategies, it was decided, upon Simon's recommendation, that the final bullet should read as follows:

- Explore options for data gathering and analysis, to establish communities' issues of priority

This is amended from the wording which includes 'Hire a consulting company....' since hiring a company is one of a number of possible ways to gather and analyze data.

New College Discussion: Simon noted that the COI Advisory Initiative SC has made some significant movement with the childcare issue via its child care advisory committee, the EVCCAI. With that initiative well underway and in control, he felt it was time for the COI Advisory Initiative SC to take on one of their other notes issues of concern. He and Anita spoke to the fact that meetings have been going on between the College of the Rockies Cranbrook and Fernie Campuses and the Centre of the Rockies Society to discuss the need for the development of an expanded college presence in the Elk Valley. The idea would be to create something of a legacy nature in the near future so that citizens can enjoy the benefit now. Children and spouses of Teck employees, for example, would have more choices and opportunities that would allow them to stay in the area. When thinking of the multiple possibilities such a training facility could incorporate, such things as a wing for childcare and training and a water quality research department were suggested. Following the discussion, Simon asked the members if they approved of the SC supporting the research of such a project, that is, the development of an expanded college presence in the Elk Valley. Kim Bauer proposed the committee support the project. The members unanimously agreed.

Round Table

Everyone was given the opportunity to say a few words before the meeting closed:

Gordon thought it was good news regarding Teck being named to Dow Jones Sustainability Index again and to hear Don Lindsey's support of the efforts of those who helped Teck receive the award. Gordon was pleased that Nic Milligan contacted him to send information about Dry Creek to his motorized recreation user distribution list. The discussion the group had regarding improvements/advancements in the College (of the Rockies) is important for the communities now and in the future.

Joanne noted that she needs time to get 'her feet wet' and absorb and understand the premise behind the Initiative. She will do some inquiring in the Crowsnest Pass regarding childcare and potential concerns to bring forth information at a future meeting.

Anita congratulated Teck on the Dow Jones Sustainability announcement. Good on the Committee if they had a part of the accomplishment. She noted that the course for childcare workers that COTR is offering would not have happened if not for the efforts of this group.

Sharon thanked everyone for attending and is excited about the participation of CNP residents this year. She is looking forward to more accomplishments resulting from the meetings.

Kim thanked Sharon for organizing the meeting and noted she is excited about the childcare survey getting done.

Simon said it is good to see the progress being made regarding childcare. He hopes the Initiative can have an influence on enhancements to the current state of the College of the Rockies in Fernie and the opportunities for post-secondary education in the Elk Valley.

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Closing Remarks

Simon thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the discussions.

Meeting ended around 3:30

Action Items

Action Items	Who	Deadline
Find candidate from CNP to rep Community Safety on SC	SS	Next Q meeting
Connect with Vanessa regarding uploading of material to web	SS	As soon as possible
Get bios and photos from Joanne, Liam and Safety rep	SS	As soon as possible
Work on first website blog	LW/SS	As soon as possible
Confirm meeting with Liz Gillis	AP	As soon as possible
Update ToR with 2014/2015 Strategic Direction	SS	End of October
Complete and distribute minutes	SS	End of October
Schedule Q4 SC and next Partners meeting	SS	End of October

Attendance

Name	Representing	Role	
Bauer, Kim	Social Services / Elkford		
Drain, Joanne	Seniors/Crowsnest Pass		
Galloway, Gordon	Motorized Recreation/Elkford		
Howse, Simon	Business & CHBA / Fernie	Chair	
Palmer, Anita	Education / RDEK A	Vice Chair	
Strom, Sharon	Teck / Communities	Secretary	
Guests:			

Unable to attend:

Name	Representing	Role	
Anonson, Terry	Metis Nation/Elkford		
Arbuckle, Liam	Youth/ Crowsnest Pass		
Talarico, Janice	Healthcare/Sparwood		
Walker, Lee-Anne	ENGOS/RDEKA		
Wedderburn, Shelley	Michel Crk Residents/Sparwood		

Next Steering Committee Meeting:
Next Community Partners Meeting:

Early November 2014, CNP
Late November 2014, Sparwood