

TECK COAL ELK VALLEY COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST INITIATIVE	
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING	
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Minutes of Meeting		
Location: College of the Rockies – Fernie Rm 114	Date: September 25, 2013	Time: 9:00 am-noon
Purpose: Steering Committee Meeting #1 of 2013/2014		
Attendees: See attached		

Meeting commenced at 9:00 am

Members were welcomed by Sharon Strom since the Steering Committee had yet to elect the Chair and Vice Chair. She then provided housekeeping details including location of emergency exits.

As a safety topic, Sharon reminded everyone that if they didn't already have them installed, winter tires should be on vehicles in the near future. It was noted that studded tires can be on vehicles from October 1 on. A brief discussion about passing vehicles safely on the highway was prompted by the fact that a 19 year-old area man's funeral was this day. He was fatally injured when he pulled out to pass a vehicle and collided head on with another vehicle. It happened during daylight.

Everyone in the room was asked to introduce themselves for the benefit of those new to the Steering Committee.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted with one addition to Special Interest Items from Sharon Strom. The topic of The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards program in the Elk Valley was added.

Election of Executive

The Steering Committee matrix was reviewed, noting that Kim Sedrovic was appointed Community Safety representative. Since the June meeting of the group at large, Mike Mertz acquired a new position with the Government of Alberta which will make it difficult for him to attend meetings. He stepped down from the Steering Committee with the recommendation that Kim Bauer be appointed. Kim, who lives in Fernie, is the Executive Director of the Elkford Women's Task Force.

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair for the Steering Committee were open for nominations. The Teck rep, in this case Sharon Strom, is the Secretary in perpetuity. The student rep, in this case Daniel Baher, is the Student Vice Chair in perpetuity.

Lois Halko, who was unable to attend the meeting, advised Sharon Strom that she would not let her name stand for the position of Chair. Simon Howse was nominated for Chair, accepted the nomination and was unanimously voted in. Anita Palmer put her name forward for the position of Vice Chair and was unanimously voted in.

Special Interest Items

Sharon noted that Gordon Galloway and the ATV club have actively assisted two environmental projects in the area because of connections made through the Advisory Initiative meetings. Gordon gave a

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summary of how they assisted with the planting of Whitebark Pine and with this year's cleanup of the Elk River.

Sharon Strom gave an overview of the introductory meeting to form a Childcare Shortage Task Force noting there was a good turnout and great dialogue between those in attendance. Minutes of the meeting were made available. Steps are being taken to move forward with a working task force.

A sample of the photos taken of the Steering Committee members by Teck Vancouver for its next Sustainability Report was passed around. There was some laughter about how 'staged' it looked but it was noted by those in the background of the photo were having a 'real' discussion, despite the staging.

Olympian Karina LeBlanc with the National Women's Soccer Team, who won bronze in the 2012 Olympics, and the team coach, John Herdman, will be coming to the Elk Valley courtesy of Teck and the Canadian Olympic Committee. It is the first of Teck's Coaching Series resulting from a renewed partnership between the two organizations. The purpose is to have a Coach's Reception to at which Karen and John will speak to provide motivation to those who volunteer their time to youth sports. In addition, a soccer clinic will be led by Karina and John to area youth.

An internal announcement was made to Teck employees sharing the news that Elkview Operations will be receiving a Leadership Award from the Mining Association of Canada. This is a result of its outstanding performance in the Towards Sustainable Mining protocols having reached a minimum of Level A in each. Steering Committee members were advised by Sharon Strom that an award reception will be held at the end of November or beginning of December and that the Advisory Initiative group will be receiving invitations to attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award program had a ceremony to honor recipients from the Elk Valley, Cranbrook and surrounding region. It was held September 6th at the Royal Alexandra Hall in Cranbrook with the Lieutenant Governor of BC, the Honourable Judith Guichon, presenting the awards. There were 5 recipients from the Elk Valley. Teck sponsors the program in the Elk Valley (extended to the Crowsnest Pass) by paying the registration fees for all levels for participants.

Elk Valley Water Quality Plan Update

An update on the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan was provided by Sharon Strom. Following the acceptance of the Terms of Reference by the Ministry, a nine member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed. Representatives are from: Teck, the BC Ministry of Environment, the BC Ministry of Energy and Mines, the BC Environmental Assessment Office, Environment Canada, the US Federal Government, the Montana State Government, the Ktunaxa Nation Council and an independent third-party qualified professional scientist. The first meeting is being held September 26 and 27 and will include a tour of Fording River and Line Creek Operations. The first public consultation period begins at the end of October for one month and will include Open Houses in each of Elkford, Sparwood and Fernie on November 12, 13 and 14 respectively.

Initiative's Challenges per June 18, 2013 Meeting

The challenges to the Advisory Initiative as expressed by the two groups' discussions at the June 18, 2013 meeting were reviewed. One group noted they had prioritized issues the way in which they believed to be the order of importance to the Elk Valley. They wondered why their list was not

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included. Sharon Strom said she did not get that with the June meeting facilitator's summary. She will contact him to see if he kept the flipchart scratch notes. Simon Howse thought he may have them somewhere in his notes.

It was recognized that what the Steering Committee members felt are key community issues may not be so at all. Sharon Strom said she will revisit the quote from Ipsos Reid and arrange a meeting with the rep she was dealing with to discuss a community survey. After conversing, the Steering Committee thought it best if the rep be invited to the next quarterly meeting so members had input into the focus of the survey. Sharon would try to arrange it. In the meantime, Simon and Sharon would discuss the issues considered to be a priority for now and try to pinpoint one or two action items with which the Committee can have a positive impact. Simon and Sharon would get together to draft the action items for review by the Committee.

In relation to having a positive impact on communities, a few ideas led to questions about Teck's Community Investment Program. Simon asked if it would be possible to have someone from Teck's Corporate Office come to a Steering Committee meeting so that members can ask questions and provide input. Sharon said she will try to arrange that.

The point that some perceived the Mission statement in the Terms of Reference to be Teck oriented was discussed at length. It was decided that Simon Howse and Sharon Strom would try to come up with a revised statement to present to the Committee along with action items.

After discussing the need for better communication back to stakeholders following Advisory Initiative meetings, it was decided that the Steering Committee of the Initiative should pursue the creation of a website and perhaps incorporate other forms of social media. Simon said he would talk to a couple of website designers to see what it would involve and how much it would cost to create the website. It was understood by all that the website would in no way be Teck driven or branded.

Terms of Reference – Strategic Direction 2013/2014

The Objectives and Strategies for 2012/2013 were reviewed. It was decided to keep the existing ones and to add one for 2013/2014.

Objective: To identify and communicate the priorities of area communities to Teck.

Strategy: Hire a consulting company experienced in data gathering and analysis to establish communities' issues of priority.

Closing Remarks – Roundtable

Simon is excited about the direction of the initiative and the feedback received at current meeting. He feels it will be a great year with a number of tasks accomplished. He thanked Sharon Strom for her phenomenal support.

Daniel wondered if and how youth will be involved in the survey, particularly if done by targeted phone calls as once discussed.

Gordon thanked Simon and Anita for accepting the responsibilities of Chair and Vice Chair. He is pleased that there are progressive forward movements with the Initiative. He advised that he may not

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be able to attend the next quarterly meeting because he will be away for some time in November.

Terry indicated he is pleased with the progress being. He feels that Teck needs to 'toot its own horn' louder for the many good things it is doing.

Lee-Anne thanked Simon for assuming the role of Chair of the Committee. She noted it is important to communicate with Teck to help create a true partnership. The Committee has to assist with the key questions to enable Ipsos (if hired to do the survey) to focus on segments of interest and move forward.

Shelley thought the meeting was very positive and is looking forward to the next few months. She said the paving of Michel Creek Road is complete (after installation of municipal water lines) and the yards are looking good. It is wonderful to have municipal water.

Janice felt it was a great meeting. It has been quite a learning experience for her. She noted she really liked the water meeting she attended in the spring. She is interested in the Initiative, both personally and professionally as she works with Elkford, Fernie and Sparwood health centres. She thinks the Initiative will be valuable as the members are becoming proactive.

Anita is happy to be here and a part of the Advisory Initiative. After this meeting, she understands the objectives better. She is pleased to see forward movement as she is not one to spin her wheels. She thanked Simon for taking the role of Chair.

Sharon thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. She was pleased with the dialogue between members and is excited about the steps the Committee will be taking.

Action Items	Who	When
Check if Bob Johnstone, June meeting facilitator, has flipchart notes from group work	Sharon	asap
Connect with Tim from Ipsos to invite him to next SC meeting	Sharon	asap
Draft an action item for each community issue	Simon Sharon	asap
Invite Teck Corporate represent from Community Investments to SC Meeting	Sharon	asap
Draft a revised Mission Statement	Simon Sharon	before next meeting
Investigate website creation and cost	Simon	before next meeting

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Name	Representing	Phone #1	Phone #2
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Galloway, Gordon	Motorized Recreation/Elkford	250-865-2674	
Howse, Simon	Business & CHBA / Fernie	250-423-8674	250-423-4136
Palmer, Anita	Education – COTR / RDEK A	250-423-4691	
Strom, Sharon	Teck / Sparwood	250-425-3343	250-433-1096
Talarico, Janice	Healthcare / Sparwood	250-425-4531	250-423-9634
Walker, Lee-Anne	Elk River Alliance / RDEK A	250-423-3322	250-423-1682
Wedderburn, Shelley	Michel Crk Residents/Sparwood	250-425-6642	250-425-3761

Unable to attend:

Name	Representing	Phone #1	Phone #2
Bauer, Kim	Social Services / Elkford	250-865-2031	250-425-5125
Halko, Lois	Municipal Gov't / Sparwood	250-425-7256	250-425-6271
Marthaller, Sharon	Seniors / CNP	403-562-2102	
Sedrovic, Kim	Public Safety / Fernie	877-423-6704	