

Meeting Minutes

Welcome from Anita (1:00pm)

Introductions:

Jason Clifton: supervisor of Livingstone school division
Evgeni Matveev: Elk River Alliance
Sherry Sopko: clinical operations manager for Interior health
Cody Wakeford: New member of Teck's Social Responsibility Team
Creighton Globber: Representing Teck's Human Resources team
Kim Bauer: Representing Social Services
Rosa Maria: Representing Seniors
Shelly Wedderburn: Resident and Representative for Michel Creek and GN Road
Tom Kramer: Representing Recreation and Rec
Katie Taylor: EVFS
Anita Palmer: Chair of the Communities of Interest Advisory Initiative and Education Representative
Kerri Wall: From Interior Health working within communities planning.
Nich Godri: Teck COIAI representative and member of the Social Responsibility Team

Welcome New Members- Nich Godri

- Katey Taylor from Elk Valley Family Society
- Jason Clifton- Livingston Range School Division

Safety Share

Anita: Listen to your body. There is a case of pneumonia going around. If you start to develop severe symptoms, get to the hospital. There have been several severe cases going around that have led to hospitalization.

Rosa: A reminder to watch for candles. Make sure you blow them out at the end of the night or before you go to bed. Check your fire alarms.

Education- Anita Palmer

College of the Rockies is currently running a summit leadership program. It's 6 days of training for 1295\$. All of the management at the college will be taking it. Reach out if you or anyone in your organization is interested.

Health Care- Kerri Wall, Sherry Sopko

Sherry: In the process of immunization roll out for the communities of the Elk Valley. Everyone should have gotten a text message alert.

Fernie hospital is well over 100% capacity. There was an internal outbreak of Covid, but it has been controlled and patients are now able to be visited.

Kerri: Continuing to work with District of Fernie to facilitate the housing facilities working group and a homelessness working group. It's a committee that is, at a moment's notice, ready to meet and work on pressing support for at risk people.

Recreational Users- Tom Kramer

Coal Creek heritage trail is in a consultation phase. Consultation included the Elk valley trails alliance, Snowmobile club.

Tom has been working on outdated recreational bylaws with the district of Fernie and the bylaw officers.

Tom has been working on a presentation to present to the DOF regarding the state of short-term rentals and some policy solutions to the vacation rental and vacancy problem in Fernie. Action is currently in a preliminary state. Working towards reducing vacancies but there seem to be numerous vacation property owners who are reluctant to shift the use of their property.

Camping bylaw has been scrapped. In an effort to minimize the impact of non-housed transient populations (i.e Van dwellers), the district is looking at providing a designated parcel for the use of transient folks. The intent is that this will minimize enforcement burdens placed on the bylaw officers, as well as reduce the environmental concerns associated with boondocking in and around the township.

Q:Kerri—Could you consult with the Interior Health Officer Dr. Fatemeh Sabeh. She consults with municipalities when considering camps for the unhoused.

A: Tom says the DOF has taken it out of his hands, but the piece of land should help to alleviate the burden of enforcement.

Comment: Kerri—Regarding data on the Elk Valley's unhoused Population Via Interior health: data has been collected on folks who are admitted to the healthcare system with no fixed addresses. While this method of understanding is not all encompassing, it is Interior Health's only current method of gauging the population numbers. This may not be shared externally but we are working on tracking.

Social Services—Kim Bauer

Women's transition center open in Elkford.

Senior's housing project is breaking ground.

The new Elkford Childcare facility: full with 50 children on the waitlist. The challenge is qualified staff that **live here** in the valley. The facility has started doing nighttime coverage for shift workers.

Counseling center has long waitlists.

Kim is working on updating the OCP (official community Plan) for the District of Elkford. The current is very old and outdated.

Teck Human Resources- Creighton Glober

Hiring—new: 905 people. Including some transfers, 1300ish people into the Elk valley and Calgary offices.

Vacancies: Total: 127, Trades and labor: 87

Senior's- Rosa Maria

Connected with the Crowsnest pass senior's societies.
They Sent an application for an AED—Nich to Follow up

The Crowsnest Pass Seniors have requested a presentation from Teck the community impacts of operations and projects.

To note: Seniors On-The-Go is the CNP Senior's update. Bellcrest Senior's Society is the name of the Bellview and Hillcrest senior's society.

There is a request from the Bellcrest Senior's that Teck rent their space if hosting meetings in the Crowsnest Pass.

Follow up with Rosa about the presentations they want. Touch base with Gerry Kahani. 14037530807, Wendy Zack 1403863-3665

Michel Creek/GN Rd Residents- Shelly Wedderburn

Michel Creek Road and GN Road have been very busy the last few months. Fortis is upgrading their systems in the valley. One of the upgrades is right in front of Shelly's lease. They have tripled the compound coming into the front yard. It was an estimated 3-month project that turned into a 6-month project. Fortis was good at letting Shelly know about their activities.

Traffic is bad with heavy truck traffic through MCR. Speed is a great concern. A very

In other news Teck has been purchasing homes on Michel Creek Road. 5 properties have been purchased in the past year. These acquisitions are causing some level of uncertainty in the community and Shelly has requested an update on this matter to go out to Teck land lease holders.

Action: Nich to request an update be sent out on the state of house acquisition on MCR and GN road.

Elk Valey Alliance-Evgeni Matveev

Elk River Alliance has been working on the restoration project up in Morrissey. This involves restoring old agricultural lands to aquatic and riparian ecosystem. Looking for volunteers.

A major environmental concern presently is whirling disease. It has been detected near Banff. This required diligence when transferring equipment between watersheds. This disease could impact many species of fish in the

Elk River watershed. The Elk River Alliance monitors for the tracers and both disease hosts have been found present in the Elk River watershed. This is of significant concern.

Housing- Katey Taylor

Working on timbers landing. December 13th is the official move in date. The DOS (District of Sparwood) has gifted another parcel and the application process for phase 2 has commenced.

Q: What is the target demographic for Phase 2?

A: Funding groups dictate the target population. The new program through BC housing will dictate the target demographics.

One of the hopes of the project was that if folks moved into suitable housing, it would subsequently open up space in the community for others to move to Sparwood. However, of the 30 new residences in phase 1, only opened 8 new spaces in the community.

For Phase 1 of the 300 applicants for 30 rooms for phase 1

Q: what is the anticipated completion date for phase 2

A: 18month to 2 years from the day the permits and funding being granted.

Update on the Fernie Housing and Childcare facility: the land has been secured and the cost model will be that 30% of an individuals income will be the rate of rent.

Jason- Youth

Not much to report. Excited to get some students involved.

Teck Feedback Update-Nich Godri

Dirty vehicles update: since the state of drought has improved and the sites' car washes have resumed in full capacity, we have been receiving less notification of dirty vehicles in communities.

Blasting: we have received a couple of comments on blasts being felt from town. Has anyone who lives in Sparwood noticed an increase in blast related vibrations?

Shelly confirms that lately the blasts have been feeling more significant.

Teck updates- Nich Godri

Update: Acquisition

- Who- Majority Glencore part Nippon- Called Elk Valley Resources
- When- Waiting on Government approvals. Anticipate the transaction to be approved by the 3rd quarter of 2024

Additional information on acquisition:

- No net reduction in employee numbers
- EVR will maintain all existing collective bargaining agreements.
- EVR will honour all existing agreements with Indigenous nations and work with local indigenous nations to identify opportunities to increase participation in benefits from EVR mining activities.
- R&D 150 million over three years (50% increase)
- Community investment: EVR will increase contributions to community sponsorship, Community and charitable programs
- Environmental commitments: Maintain commitments to nature positive.
- Emissions commitments: Net zero by 2050
- All permit requirements or commitments transfer to the new owners and will remain in place.

Q: Does “maintaining all collective bargaining agreements” mean that agreements between now and the acquisition date will be upheld? Or does it mean that all collective bargaining agreements made prior to that statement will be upheld?

A: Nich--Glencore's statements certainly extend to commitments made prior to the communication of intent. However, I will get back to Evgeni regarding the upholding of commitments made between when the statement of intent was released and the closure date of the acquisition.

Recap: Elk Valley Lodge open house

Purpose: to gather feedback on the lodge to further understand community concerns and perceptions of the lodge. In October of 2024 the Lodge's temporary use permit expires. We have started the process of understanding what the long-term viability of this facility is, and how the community feels about it.

What respondents shared:

- Local restaurants, grocery stores and businesses appear to be busier
- Increase in traffic and people around town
- Desire for increased upkeep of trees and shrubbery on the Lodge grounds
- Residents understand and support the need for accommodations

Recap: GISTM Emergency Response Workshop

- On November 16, Teck hosted 17 community leaders and emergency responders from 12 agencies to share information and engage in discussion on our tailings storage facilities and emergency response plans.
 - Participants included Elkford, Fernie and Yaqit ʔa-knuqʔi 'it Fire Chiefs, Interior Health Authority, BC Ambulance Services, Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation, Regional District of East Kootenay, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, BC Hydro, Elkford Search and Rescue, District of Sparwood, and the Elkford and Sparwood Health Clinics.
- The day featured Health & Safety presentation, a mock emergency response tabletop exercise and breakout session with senior tailings engineers from all operations. This resulted in thoughtful discussion about our plans and how best to coordinate efforts in the event of an emergency. It also established stronger lines of communication with key partners.
- This engagement was critical for Teck Coal's conformance to the Global Industry Standard for Tailings Management.

Recap: EMC and Water Quality Open Houses

- Two significant open houses

Upcoming community events: Outdoor Recreationalist Meeting (Dec 6th)

Q: What is going on at the old Finning site in Sparwood?

A: Nich—Contrary to the rumors currently circulating, this is not a work camp. This is a temporary office building intended for use only until the new facility opens.

Q: Are these necessary because there has been a significant influx of office staff at Teck?

A: Creighton—The need for this office space has been primarily driven by the growth of Teck's Sustainable Development department through Covid. During covid times, there were many folks who worked from home. As we have started to have people coming back into the office, there has been a shortage of office space for these people.

Steering Committee Vacancies and the Matrix

We are still looking for a Community Safety Representative.

Fernie Fix Add

We have decided as a committee to have alternating Fernie fix adds for the various community interests represented by the COIAI. Nich is to make a schedule for the group.

January: Timbers

May is children month

Closing Remarks

We decided as a group to have the first steering committee meeting of 2024 prior to the first Partner's meeting. Nich is to make a meeting schedule for 2024 and circulate it with the group for review.

Action Items

Responsible	Action
Nich	Follow up with Teck's community investment group on the Bellcrest Seniors' request for an AED.
Nich	Touch base with Gerry Kahani. 14037530807, Wendy Zack 1403863-3665 from the Crowsnest Pass Seniors on what they would like to hear from Teck regarding community impacts.
Nich	Request an update be sent out on the state of house acquisition on MCR and GN road.
Nich	Make a schedule for the Fernie Fix adds
Nich	Make a schedule for steering and Partner's meeting.