

Agenda

Attendees

Brandy Moriarity (EVR), Cody Wakeford (EVR), Anita Palmer (RDEK), Creighton Glober (Employment), Tim Schoahs (Education), Kerri Wall (Interior Health), Shelly Wedderburn (Michel Creek Road), Tom Kramer (Public Rec), Rosa Maria Rocca (Seniors), Anne-Caroline Kroeger (ENGO's)

Agenda

1:00 Opening Remarks – Anita Palmer, Steering Committee Chair

- General welcome and housekeeping (emergency exits/restrooms)
- Land Acknowledgement – Cody
- Safety Share – School being in session – Brandy
- Round Table Introductions

1:20 COIAI Housekeeping

- Review Steering Committee Composition
 - Youth - Would be good to see if we could get someone from Sparwood or within proximity, will reach out to Councilor at Sparwood Secondary.
 - 2SLGBTQ+ - Reach out to someone in Fernie to see if they know someone who would be interested in joining.
 - Indigenous - See if the current representative is still interested in being on the committee.
 - People of Color – there might be an opportunity to see if we could get a spouse of one of EVRs' South African mechanics.
 - Families – Might be an opportunity to see if one of the new families in Elkford from South Africa who would be interested in joining.
 - Arts and Culture – Check in with Fernie Arts Coop
- Review COIAI Terms of Reference
 - College hosts "Project Heavy Duty," a 3 day program. Kids get hands-on experience with equipment.
 - Students are informed of mining and the opportunities at a young age.
 - Discussion around what EVR is doing to educate school aged students on the opportunities in mining.
 - Conversation regarding the housing task force.

Sparwood Senior's Drop-In Centre
101 4 Ave, Sparwood, BC V0B 2G0

Sept 9th, 2025
1:00pm –3:00 pm

- EVR and COTR are in discussions regarding expanding educational programs in the Elk Valley.
- No concerns on the updated Feedback Mechanism Procedure review.
- Sharon Strom would like to sit on the COIAI. Sharon was previously in Brandy's role, many years ago with Teck. Sharon sits on the CRN (Community Response Network). Shelly shared what the CRN is. The group agreed that Sharon will represent Elkford Housing. Brandy will add her to all communication moving forward.
- Website update
 - No updates

2:00 Round Table Updates

- Tim – COTR is looking at establishing a management program with the small businesses in Fernie, (provided an earlier update on COTR and EVR partnership).
- Kerri – Discussed a workforce housing plan and how we can implement some of these recommendations. Also talked about how we can do more Active Transportation and Kerri will be presenting in Kimberley about what we can do in a rural environment.
- Shelley – Have not felt any blasts this entire summer. Several residents on Michel Creek Rd have been concerned with the heavy traffic and pavement is starting to see cracking. Talk about limiting the number of axles allowed on Michel Creek Rd.
- Tom – Trails inventory has not yet been completed on EVR property. ATV Trails BC released an economic benefits report. Looking at putting a 72-inch-wide bridge crossing the Elk River. Housing task force seeing vacancy rates increasing as a result TC Energy pipeline being complete.
- Creighton – YTD we have hired 648 external employees (HT and Laborers). On pace to hire over 700 HT and Laborers this year.
- Rosa – When seniors come to her with a concern, she will guide them where they need to go; wants to do more but doesn't know how to do more in our committee.
- Anita – No updated on the Hosmer Fire Department. Is going to see if she can find any updates.
- Anne-Caroline – Received a truck to do their community work. Monitoring programs and planting is going well.

December 2nd Partners Meeting

- FRX and Cougar 8/9 to the agenda – this was meant to be presented at last Partner's Meeting
- A good topic might be violence against women/femicide
- Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) might be able to do a good presentation on settlement
- EVR to do a presentation on what they do for newcomers and CBAL (Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy) on what they do for newcomers



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Q3 Steering Committee MEETING

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- Meeting to take place at Sparwood Seniors Centre
- EVR to present on the new Community Investment Portal if it is up and running

(EVR Update) Questions for EVR:

- Provided an update on the house washing program and over 500 houses were washed.
- Feedback Summary June - September – 3 dust complaints, 3 traffic complaints, 10 dirty vehicles in the community, 1 missed water delivery
- Opportunity for the individuals running the summer tours to have an individual who might better promote and educate on what is happening at the mine, (a subject matter expert).
- Potential to have one of the COIAI meetings at a mine, tour AWTF potentially.

Closing Remarks

- Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

Meeting Closed: 2: PM

Action

- Reach out to the Sparwood school and see if there is a representative who would like to be on the committee (Brandy Moriarity)
- Reach out to the Youth Action Network (Kerri Wall)
- Reach out to Lwren Farkas about a 2SLGBTQ+ representative (Brandy Moriarity)
- Chat with Terry Anonson to see if he is still interested in his Indigenous role, if he is not, Anita will ask him if he knows someone else. Contact Jean Salzer (Elk Valley Metis member) if Terry is not interested. (Anita Palmer)
- Reach out to recruiting to see if we can get a contact(s) for potential interest in a People/Person of Colour member role. (Brandy Moriarity)
- Connect with some folks in Fernie to see if they might be interested in a People/Person of Colour member role. (Tom Schoahs)
- Connect with Lena MacDonald and Carley Hughes in Recruiting to see if we have anything formal in regard to high school/middle aged students. (Cody Wakeford).
- Change the wording on the "Housing Task Force." A new task force does not need to be created; there is an existing task force. (Brandy Moriarity)
- Reach out to Sharon and let her know she is joining the committee, share contact details with Brandy (Anita Palmer)
- Send the group the St. Eugene partners meeting photos (Brandy Moriarity)
- Send Brandy updated pictures/bio for the website (Committee)
- Add Anne-Caroline Kroeger to the Partner's Meeting Invitation (Brandy Moriarity)



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- Connect with Mandy Daniels in Recruiting and CBAL on presenting at the Partners meeting (Brandy Moriarity)
- Add timelines to the partners meeting agenda. Ensure the speakers follow the timelines to keep us on track (Brandy Moriarity)