

Minutes of Meeting		
Location: Causeway Bay, Sparwood Peter Fleury Room	Date: October 5, 2018	Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Purpose: Steering Committee Meeting 2018 Q3	Version: Final	
Attendees: See attached	Issue date: January , 2019	

Meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m.

Welcome, Housekeeping, Safety Share

Following Simon’s welcome and Sharon’s identification of exits, muster point and restrooms, a safety topic that Amy Mac Con provide was shared. Amy was not in attendance but she forwarded the information to Sharon to address. The topic was the quick change in seasons in the region and things of note such at winter tires, stopping distances and roadside emergency kits (presentation attached).

Review of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Executive Nominations

Anita – Chair, Vickie – Vice Chair

A Youth representative is missing from the matrix. Kerri has a youth from the Crowsnest Pass in mind. She will reach out to him if Joanne has not already found someone. Sharon announced that Teck hired Allie Ferguson, who was to take over from Lee-Anne Walker to represent ENGOs on the Committee. Sharon will follow up with Ayla Bennett from Elk River Alliance to see who may be able to backfill Allie.

Objectives Update

Childcare – Sharon and Kim had nothing to update other than that the Childcare Facebook pages for Elkford, Sparwood and Fernie are getting a lot of use.

Youth and Local Employment – Amy provided an update via email to Sharon. The Teck Diversity working group for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) will be doing presentations to schools in the Elk Valley in 2019. They are open to including general information about other roles at Teck so it is not focused solely on STEM.

Elkford Senior Housing (Healthcare Task Force) – Kim provided an update to the committee. The Elkford Housing Society has been meeting regularly. Following the senior housing survey, the types of units have been discussed, such as independent senior-specific units and may include a possibility to buy. The wish is to have supportive living like Lilac Terrace but it likely will not be part of the development in the beginning. There will be laundry and a safe bathing facility. The inclusion of housekeeping and a dining room require some research.

Post-secondary Education – College of the Rockies Fernie Campus is bursting at the seams. Mountain Adventures Skills Training (MAST) went from an 18-seat program to 24. It is full. Simon asked Anita about accommodations for the MAST students. Students budget \$600/month for accommodations and with rental shortages, there is a case where a male and female have to share accommodations. They are not happy about that. Otherwise, the students have no problems regarding accommodations.

Occupational First Aid III has a new curriculum that took WorkSafe BC five years to get up and running. The main change is that the maximum class went from 18 to 12.

There are only seven of 16 seats filled for the Health Care Assistant Program but the Government is supportive. They would allow it to run if there were only two students registered. Golden Campus has 15 students, Invermere Campus has 10 and Cranbrook Campus has 24 students in the Program.

Six additional windows have been installed in the building. The students are pleased about that. There is now a pergola that will eventually have picnic tables.

Simon updated the group about his proposed post-secondary opportunity for the Elk Valley. Drafting a suggested letter of support has almost evolved into an essay. The proposed concept is still confidential. There appears to be strong support to proceed from Teck when he met with Marcia Smith and Carleigh Whitman over coffee.

Housing – Simon said the new British Columbia Building Code (BCBC) is coming into effect in December 2018. The BC Housing website: <https://www.bchousing.org/building-smart-building-code-vancouver> summarizes the changes. The changes are meant to improve energy efficiency and safety. A couple of changes include the dimensions of door openings and step treads.

Many local contractors will require professional development for accreditation. Simon is on the BC Housing Licensing Committee and can help people with accreditation. Until two years ago, contractors did not require a lot of education to build a house. Now in British Columbia, it is a requirement to take continuing professional development (Pro D) and a builder has to write an exam for licensing. Anita and the College of the Rockies can offer some of the Pro D courses required. Builders require 40 points per year, 20 from education and 20 from attending conferences.

Gordon saw on the internet that Teck is putting a housing camp in Elkford. There was some confusion because there was recent talk about a camp being built in Sparwood near the cemetery. Lois confirmed that a delegation presented to Council two weeks earlier about a proposed executive-style camp with services on a piece of land north of the cemetery. It is a business proposal to house contractors but not from Teck. When the area projects are finished, the infrastructure will remain in place. Kerri wondered if the delegation had an ask and Lois confirmed they were looking for acceptance of the proposal.

Vickie asked if there were one or two housing camps being considered. Kim said there is one being considered by Teck for Elkford and there was a lot of concern from many residents. Sharon noted that Teck will be doing a Social Impact Assessment prior to the project starting.

Community Safety – Scott said there have been quite a few meetings recently around the topic of wildfires. According to experts, the Elk Valley is one of the highest risk areas for wildfires. The best thing the communities can do is adopt the FireSmart Program. It does work but community members need to get involved. Each community needs a champion.

Sharon wondered if a task force could be formed under the Communities of Interest Advisory Initiative (COIAI) to take the lead on this. Scott thought it was worth considering.

Kerri noted that there are powerful Provincial reports that can help with Awareness. Christine added that the best way to reach young people to make them aware is through Face Book.

Shelley asked why the Elk Valley is at such a high risk. Scott said it was because there were many dead trees and there have been no recent fires to slow down the burning of the available fuel.

Environment news/update – no representative present

Ktunaxa Nation update – Vickie said she did not have much to share but she was pleased to say that after four or five years of trying to youth from Aqam and Tobacco Plains a tour of one of the Teck mine sites, it finally happened at the end of June. The Grade Six students really enjoyed it so Vickie is hopeful future tours can be offered

The Ktunaxa Culture Camp was held the past weekend at Grave Lake. It was cold so the elders stayed in housing in the community. On the Friday afternoon, Teck staff joined them for some activities and dinner. Sharon proudly held up the baby moccasins that she struggled to make while attending the Culture Camp. Sharon confirmed the food was excellent. It was provided by Bonnie and Randy who own Fry Bread for Funz. Sharon suggested that they be considered to cater a future Partners meeting.

Healthcare update – Christine said the Sparwood Health Centre has so many things that need to be replaced but no budget to work with. They recently had a yard sale that went well. They are planning a family ski-a-thon for early in 2019. Christine said they are looking for artwork for the centres in Sparwood and Elkford, as well as new flags. Sharon suggested Christine reach out to Tammy in the Teck Communities office to see if she has extra flags she can donate to IH. Vickie said the Ktunaxa could provide some artwork.

Sparwood is recruiting for casual nurses for the summer to cover full-time nurses who go on vacation. Again, there is no budget to hire more nurses that are full-time. Kim asked what the staffing was like for the Elkford Health Centre. Christine confirmed it was fully staffed.

Old Business

Action Items Review – Still outstanding is for Sharon to arrange for an update to the Steering Committee and Partners on the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan and the water treatment facility. Sharon did provide the notice that the West Line Creek facility restarted.

New Business

Teck Feedback Received – Sharon said that following the Black Rain event in May, there was another in July. At the end of September, there was a Black Snow event. There have been dozens of complaints through the feedback system that needed to be addressed. There was a public information session on Elkview fugitive dust and mitigation measures held on September 18, 2018 for Sparwood residents. Unfortunately, there was no moderator at the session and one person in the audience dominated the floor. Teck representatives did not get a chance to share what steps they are taking to reduce fugitive dust.

Teck Announcements/News Releases

Notices included:

- Teck Named to the 2018 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index
- UNICEF Canada and Teck Partner to Save the Lives of Children in India
- West Line Creek Active Water Treatment Facility Restarts

Round Table

Terry – There was much to take in but today's was a good meeting. The Metis Nation BC (Sparwood, Elkford and Fernie region) was supposed to meet with the Provincial Government on Wednesday at the Causeway but the power was out. The meeting to discuss Metis rights will have to be rescheduled. This was the first time the Province asked to meet with the Metis.

Shelley – One of the updates from the Michel Creek Road (MCR) residents is the increase in traffic on the road. It started when work was being done at the intersection of Hwys #3 and #43 and traffic was detoured to MCR. Now that there is not detour, people who live in Sparwood Heights or Elkford continue to take the road because they perceive it to be a short cut. Many travel at excess speeds and the parents of children who live along the road are worried.

Regarding the dust in the community, Shelley shared that her husband went to chat with the contractor collecting data from the Teck air quality monitor. The contracting company has many contracts with other mines in BC and AB he confirmed that Teck in the Elk Valley is taking huge measures (like no other) to mitigate and monitor dust. Shelley added that recently, her husband picked cherries and plums from their trees and his hands were black. The fruit needed to be washed with Dawn detergent to get it clean.

Simon – Simon had nothing more to add.

Kerri – Kerri said she is still very active with the Healthy Communities Initiative for the East and West Kootenays and the boundary areas. BC Healthy Communities Society and the British Columbia Ministry of Health partnered in the development of a recently released *Local Government Action Guides for Healthy Communities*.

Kim – Kim said that Bearspaw Contracting 'Community First' Society raised \$150,000 for the Elk Valley Safe Homes and Kids Count Too – Elk Valley Children Who Witness Abuse programs.

Vickie – Vickie had nothing more to add.

Lois – Lois reminded everyone that on Saturday, October 20, municipal elections are taking place. She said she is retiring from politics and therefore giving up her seat on the Steering Committee. Lois thanked the members for their participation and said she felt privileged to be part of the Committee. It was agreed that another Sparwood Councilor would be asked to fill her seat, at least until elections in 2019.

Gordon – Gordon thanked the outgoing members and welcomed the new ones. He said he once again participated in the Elk River Alliance shoreline cleanup but there were only five volunteers this year.

Scott – Scott did not have anything to add but asked if this group can do anything more to promote First Nations and Metis people. Can there be some things added to the COIAI website such as logos and links. It was decided these actions would be considered.

Christine – Christine said she will be going on maternity leave soon so Leala Tomlinson will fill her spot on the Steering Committee.

Anita – Anita thanked the members for allowing her to be the Chair. She thanked Lois for her time on the Committee and Simon for his time as Chair of the Committee. Anita said it was a great meeting and she looks forward to future meetings.

Sharon – Sharon thanked everyone for their participation.

The meeting ended shortly after 11:00 am.

Next Meetings:

Partners – December 5, 2018
Steering Committee – November 29, 2018

Action Items

Action Items	Who	Deadline
OLD		
EVWQP and water treatment facility updates	SS	TBD
NEW		
Find a Youth representative for the SC	KW	When SS finds out if JD found someone for the seat
Find an ENGO representative for the SC	SS	ASAP
Look at how to update website to promote FN/Metis	SS/SR	TBD

Attendance

Name	Representing	Role	
Anonson, Terry			
Bauer, Kim			
Galloway, Gordon			
Halko, Lois			
Howse, Simon			
Neal, Christine			
Palmer, Anita			
Robinson, Scott			
Strom, Sharon			
Thomas, Vickie			
Wall, Kerri			
Wedderburn, Shelley			

Unable to attend:

	Representing	Role	
Drain, Joanne	Seniors		
Mac Con, Amy	Human Resources		

Teck
Presentation

Slides 1 & 2



A quick Change in Seasons Teck



Slides 3 & 4

Winter Tires Teck

Effective Today – October 1

In BC the majority of highways require that:

- Vehicle tires are M&S (mud and snow) or mountain/snowflake

These winter tires offer the best traction on snow and ice as well as in cold weather and are also known as mountain/snowflake or alpine tires.

These winter tires offer better traction than summer tires but are less effective than mountain and snowflake tires on snow and ice or in cold weather.

- Tread depth is 3.5mm (Use a toonie to check – into silver is low, gold is ok)

The fine for incorrect tires is \$109 plus no access to your planned route.

Tire Stopping Distance Teck

Tire Stopping Distance

When it comes to winter driving, all season tires simply can't compare with winter tires. They wear and skid on pavement under the heaviest snow stopping distance with different tires. All stops were from 30 MPH.

134'	Dry Pavement, All-Season Tires
143'	Wet Pavement, All-Season Tires
310'	Snowy Pavement, Winter Tires
668'	Snowy Pavement, All-Season Tires

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Slides 5 & 6

Highways Requiring Winter Tires Teck



A Couple of Final Items Teck

- If you are renting a vehicle for work purposes the car rental agencies – Enterprise and National include M&S tires on all cars. Mountain/snowflake tires can be requested.
- Consider purchasing a Roadside Emergency kit - \$70

