

Minutes of Meeting		
Location: Causeway Bay, Sparwood Peter Fleury Room	Date: March 20, 2018	Time: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Purpose: Steering Committee Meeting 2018 Q1	Version: Final	
Attendees: See attached	Issue date: June, 2018	

Meeting commenced at 1:05 a.m.

Welcome, Housekeeping, Safety Share

Simon was unable to attend the meeting. Anita welcomed the committee. Sharon reviewed the location of exits and restrooms.

Sharon shared a note of thanks from Shelley Wedderburn for the flowers the committee sent to her while she was in the hospital in Calgary. A photo of the arrangement was included.

Amy shared a story of an electrical concern at her house following an ice dam build up.

Review of Agenda

The agenda was accepted without additions.

Objectives Update

Childcare – Sharon explained that she was part of the Teck Diversity Committee’s working group around childcare. Teck will be bringing in the owners of Au Pair Solutions to the Elk Valley in April to give presentations on the requirements and benefits of an au pair as a childcare option.

Sharon was invited to, and will be attending, a round table discussion around childcare in Cranbrook on March 22 with MP Karen Vecchio, the Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development.

Anita noted that the Fernie Childcare Society is desperate for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs).

Youth and Local Employment – Amy explained that the Teck Diversity Committee has a task group focussing on educating Grade 9 and 10 students about STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Math – to provide the opportunity for more local youth to consider those paths when preparing for post secondary education. Teams of three engineers and geologists will be addressing students. Amy is hoping the diversity committee will consider sharing information about roles in Teck outside of STEM.

Healthcare – Sharon provided an update on the senior housing project in Elkford. The Elkford Housing Society was formed in January. Funding was secured from the District of Elkford to hire Phoebe Scotland to develop a senior housing needs and wants assessment, to analyze the data and report back recommendations. The survey has been completed with a good number of completed surveys turned in. Phoebe is currently drafting the final report for review.

Post-secondary Education – Anita confirmed that following the College of the Rockies campus plan reviews, there were no major improvements for the Fernie Campus.

Housing – Simon absent. No update.

Community Safety – Scott has a new role as Emergency Social Services Director for RDEK areas A and B. He covers the Elk Valley South Country and Fernie. He does not cover Sparwood and Elkford. He said that it has been quiet for Search and Rescue in the backcountry but unfortunately, there was one fatality. Anita shared that an accidental emergency call came through to the College from someone in the backcountry with the Mountain Adventure Skills Training program. The emergency button on the satellite phone had been accidentally compressed. Thankfully, the group had cell service and it was determined there was no emergency. Scott said there is at least one false alarm a year. Scott added that now is the time that avalanches can occur. He noted that the snowpack is currently 120% above average, which also means the freshette should be monitored for potential flooding. There are videos on proper sandbagging techniques available online if necessary.

Environment – Lee-Anne followed the discussion on potential flooding with the news that Columbia Basin Trust is supporting 12 climate action projects through the first year of its three-year Climate Action Program with \$540,000. This support will help several communities in the Columbia Basin adapt to climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Ktunaxa Nation – Vickie noted that there was a Community to Community Forum being held in Sparwood on Thursday. The event, sponsored by UBCM, is intended to increase understanding and improve overall relations between First Nations and local governments.

Vickie said the Ktunaxa Nation will be planning for its annual culture camp to be held in 2018 and hope to have it at Grave Lake. Unfortunately, the 2017 event was cancelled because of the risk of wild fires. The intended outcome is to bring traditional Ktunaxa Nation knowledge to people within Teck and the communities.

Old Business

Action Items Review - none

New Business

Teck Feedback Received – Sharon reported there was one level 3 feedback received in the last quarter. It was a concern about coal deposits on Hwy #43 bridges from the coal haul between EVO and LCO.

Teck Announcements/News Releases – Sharon reviewed Teck news releases on:

- Fort Hills update
- Elkview Dryer pressure event update
- Climate Action & Portfolio Resilience Report

Affirmation of Support for Tertiary Education – Simon absent. The group confirmed they want more information around Simon's request.

Ready, Set, Live- there was a discussion around the pilot project coming up in April at Sparwood Secondary School. If there was a fit for someone from the committee or Teck to occupy a table was questioned. The project is a collaboration between SD#5, Interior Health and Youth Action Sparwood to forge connections between youth and stakeholder groups and services that will assist as they grow into adulthood. Sharon will give further consideration into a possible fit.

Website Marketing – Sharon asked the group if they felt the COIAI should continue advertising in the Fernie Fix. It was agreed that there was value in doing so.

Riversdale Resources – Sharon was invited to meet with the community relations manager for Riversdale Resources, who had heard good things about the work Teck was doing with its communities of interest and wanted to hear more about it. Riversdale Resources is a company planning to mine coal in the Crowsnest Pass.

Round Table

Scott – nothing to add

Lee-Anne – there is a meeting today between Teck and ERA to discuss partnering for Mining Week. The topic of water quality is being considered: what it is, why it matters and what one can do about it. In a recent Classrooms to Communities workshop, teacher feedback was that they want to ERA to present topical information that Teck then addresses in relation to the theme and their operations.

ERA will once again be offering their watershed day camps where attendees interact with the environment using applied math and science. Last year's camps exit interviews with parents and participants had a 100% response that they would like to participate again.

As Lee-Anne is phasing into retirement from ERA, Allie Ferguson will be acting Executive Director during the transition.

Andrew – hopes the Ready, Set, Live project is successful and that it is offered in other high schools in the future.

Vickie – wondered how she could go about arranging a mine tour for KN elementary school children. Sharon advised her to connect with Tammy Ogden who manages the tours.

Amy – nothing to add

Terry – said the meeting was great and contained lots of information. It was always better to get it firsthand. He shared that Greenhills Operations was on TV as part of the Rocky Mountain Railway series. It involved the hauling of steelmaking coal.

Gordon – concurred with Scott that backcountry users need to be aware of avalanches. He also discussed the firebreak trails around Elkford, parts of which are maintained by the ATV club.

Anita – said the College of the Rockies course guide will be out during spring break and there are new and exciting programs being offered. The Mountain Hospitality Program is being extended. It will run from May 14 – June 22 for those who are EI eligible. Anita thought the meeting was fantastic, although rushed.

Sharon – thanked everyone for attending and contributing.

Closing Remarks

Anita closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

Next Meetings:

Steering Committee – June 2018
Partners – July 2018

Attendance

Name	Representing	Role	
Anonson, Terry	Metis Nation/Elkford		
Craig, Andrew	Youth/Fernie		
Galloway, Gordon	Motorized Recreation/Elkford		
Mac Con, Amy	Teck HR/Fernie		
Palmer, Anita	Education/RDEKA	Vice Chair	
Robinson, Scott	Community Safety/Fernie		
Strom, Sharon	Teck Communities/Sparwood	Secretary	
Thomas, Vickie	Ktunaxa Nation/St. Mary's		
Walker, Lee-Anne	ENGOS/RDEKA		

Unable to attend:

Name	Representing	Role	
Bauer, Kim	Social Programs/Elkford		
Drain, Joanne	Seniors/Crowsnest Pass		
Halko, Lois	Municipal Government/Sparwood		
Howse, Simon	Business/Housing/Fernie	Chair	
Talarico, Janice	Healthcare/Sparwood		
Wall, Kerri	Healthcare/Fernie		
Wedderburn, Shelley	Michel Crk Rd Residents/Sparwood		