

Minutes of Meeting		
Location: Causeway Bay, Sparwood Peter Flury Room	Date: March 21, 2019	Time: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Purpose: Steering Committee Meeting 2019 Q1	Version: Final	
Attendees: See attached	Issue date: October 8, 2019	

Meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m.

Welcome, Housekeeping, Safety Share

Chair, Anita Palmer, welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Jared Whidden, Superintendent HR with Teck, to the committee. Jared replaces Amy Mac Con. Sharon identified the exits, muster point and location of the restrooms. Jared volunteered a safety share. He had watched an episode of National Geographic’s Brain Games. The episode noted the natural tendency of humans to conform. Jared reminded people that when it comes to safety, do not just conform to what others are doing. Ask questions and analyze each situation yourself and do not rely on conformity.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=brain+games+peer+pressure&view=detail&mid=645CF733844D0867882F645CF733844D0867882F&FORM=VIRE>

Also welcomed was Beth Millions with the Elk River Alliance who will be Ayla Bennett’s back up at COIAI meetings if Ayla is unable to attend.

Review of Agenda

The agenda was accepted without additions.

Objectives Update

Childcare – Sharon was pleased with the activity on each of Elkford’s, Sparwood’s and Fernie’s Childcare Forum Facebook sites. People were using the tool to network.

Youth and Local Employment – an update was provided to Jared about the questions from the communities around Teck’s and others’ hiring policies for local youth. The committee expressed that it has been seeking an explanation for community members who feel that Teck does not hire local young people.

Healthcare – Sharon gave a brief overview of the Elkford Housing Society’s Senior Housing Project noting that a pre-application process had 18 applications turned in. An application for \$20,000 from RDEKA has been verbally approved. The Society’s Annual Report has been filed. Other grant applications outstanding are with the District of Elkford and the EKCCU. Sharon asked the committee if thought should be given to holding another Health Care Task Force meeting to discuss a focus area. The group was in agreement.

Shelley said there needs to be a lot of change in Interior Health because it is becoming more and more difficult to fill certain positions. There is a shortage of Health Care Assistants.

Post-secondary Education – There were 5 people who completed the Health Care Assistant Program. The Fernie Campus is hoping to offer a Kitchen Assistant Program which may be a stepping stone to becoming a prep cook or entering the Culinary Arts Program. Hopefully some who take the training can work in food services for Interior Health. A Call for Response was put out for training for another Older Workers Program. Funding from Teck and COTR contributed to installation of some additional windows and a pergola.

Housing – Simon absent. No update. Gordon commented that the Temporary Worker Accommodations were under construction in Elkford.

Community Safety – Scott shared that the Elk Valley Emergency Social Services team has purchased a portable trailer that can be set up in remote locations as a reception centre. Teck contributed some funding towards it. This spring, avalanches are the big concern, not freshet. This month a number of Elk Valley Fire and Rescue members took the two-day Rescue Canada training to get certified or re-certified for their Safety Rescue Technician Level 2 which is valid for 3 years. The training included getting into the open water to prepare for ice rescue. The provincial funding for the BC Search and Rescue Associations has not come through and many SAR groups, including the one for the Elk Valley are facing bankruptcy.

Environment – Beth shared information about Elk River Alliance's (ERA's) Community Based Water Monitoring Program. She asked if with the water monitoring being done by Teck (third party) is showing a trend up for selenium. Sharon was not able to answer this but it was decided it would be helpful for the committee to have a better understanding of Teck water monitoring/management systems if they could tour a couple of the sites. Fording River's reclamation program and Elkview's dust mitigation measures would also be of interest. Sharon will work to arrange a tour.

Ktunaxa Nation – Vickie was absent but sent email to share that KNC purchased two paintings from Ktunaxa artist Patricia Gilhuly, one each for two of the Interior Health facilities in the Qukin amakis (Elk Valley). She and Leala Tomlinson are working on how to present to the facilities from the artist. She also noted that the next culture camp in Qukin amakis is June 7-9. Friday, the 7th, will be open for friends/colleagues and their families who would like to join the KNC. There will be afternoon activities such as moccasin making and beading followed by dinner. More details will follow as planning comes together.

Motorized Recreation – Gordon asked Beth if she thought it would be okay for the Elkford ATV club to move their shoreline clean up a month. She noted that getting the clean up done was more important than the timing.

Old Business

Action Items Review – the decision whether or not to draft a Letter of Support from the Steering Committee for Simon's post-secondary institution proposal was postponed in Simon's absence. The Committee is awaiting further information from Simon on his request for the letter.

At a previous meeting, Sharon had been asked how the contractor for the highway haul of coal between Elkview Operations and Coal Mountain Operations was paid. Was it by the number of hauls per day or for the project as a whole? Sharon confirmed the contract is for the project as a whole and not by the number of loads per day.

New Business

Administrative Support – Jared said that he may be able to provide administrative support for COIAI meetings for minute taking.

Teck Feedback Received – There were 56 items of feedback received in Q1: 1 complaint about blast from EVO, 5 complaints about dirty Teck/contractor vehicles, 17 concerns about the coal haul between EVO and CMO and 33 concerns about dust from EVO

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

- Teck Named to 2019 Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations List
- Teck and World Food Programme Partner to Tackle Zinc Deficiency and Improve Economic Opportunities

Photos/bios – Sharon reminded the new members that she will need a photo and a brief bio to have the website updated.

Fernie Fix ads – Sharon is running out of topics for the Fernie Fix monthly ads. The Committee suggested that each representative could take turns using the space to promote something. Beth will use the May space to share about Community Based Water Monitoring. Kerri thought it would be good to introduce Interior Health's Wellness Team for the area in a future ad.

Round Table

Scott – nothing to add

Jared – glad to be a part of the committee and to get a good awareness of what is known/not known about Teck hiring practices

Kerri – Kerri explained that BC now has a poverty reduction strategy under one umbrella as part of its healthy public policies. Legislation exists requiring a report on poverty every five years

Shelley – the speed limit on Michel Creek Road has been reduced to 50 km/hr from 60 and, in addition, there is more RCMP presence on the road. Dirty vehicles is still an issue. Shelley is pleased that people who were afraid to speak up about concerns are now starting to do so.

Gordon – welcome to the new members. Gord shared that he is on a waiting list for heart surgery to be performed in Kelowna. Sharon asked that he keep the group updated.

Beth – asked to be put on steering committee email distribution list. She noted that Elk River Alliance continues to work on area beaver wetland projects.

Anita – welcome to Jared and Beth

Sharon – thanked everyone for attending and contributing.

Closing Remarks

Anita closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

Next Meetings:

Steering Committee – June 2019
Partners – July 2019

Attendance

Name	Representing	Role	
Galloway, Gordon	Motorized Recreation/Elkford		
Millions, Beth	ENGOS/Fernie		
Palmer, Anita	Education/RDEKA	Chair	
Robinson, Scott	Community Safety/Fernie		
Strom, Sharon	Teck Communities/Sparwood	Secretary	
Wall, Kerri	Healthcare/Fernie		
Wedderburn, Shelley	Michel Crk Rd Residents/Sparwood		
Whidden, Jared	Teck HR/Crowsnest Pass		

Unable to attend:

	Representing	Role	
Anonson, Terry	Metis/Elkford		
Bauer, Kim	Social Programs/Elkford		
Drain, Joanne	Seniors/Crowsnest Pass		
Howse, Simon	Business/Housing/Fernie		
Schuh, Noah	Youth/Crowsnest Pass		
Thomas, Vickie	Ktunaxa Nation/St. Mary's	Vice Chair	
Tomlinson, Leala	Healthcare/Sparwood		
Wall, Kerri	Healthcare/Fernie		

Action Items

Action Items	Who	Deadline
OLD		
Add environment to standing agenda	SS	Done
Seek administrative support for SC	AP/SS	Unsuccessful
Photos and bios from new SC members	SS	In progress
NEW		
Arrange for the committee to tour water treatment facilities	SS	Spring/Summer
Presentation of Patricia Gilhuly's artwork to IH	VT/LT	No timeline
Provide details on upcoming KNC Culture Camp	VT	When available
Check into getting admin support from within Teck	JW	ASAP
May Fernie Fix ad	BM	Per Claris
Keep the committee updated on status of his heart surgery	GG	When date is known
Put Beth on email distribution lists	SS	ASAP