

Minutes of Meeting		
Location: Causeway Bay, Sparwood Peter Fleury Room	Date: November 29, 2018	Time: 9:00 – 11:00 am
Purpose: Steering Committee Meeting 2018 Q4	Version: Final	
Attendees: See attached	Issue date: February, 2018	

Meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m.

Welcome, Housekeeping, Safety Share

Anita welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided information regarding exits and restrooms.

Anita provided a safety share regarding slips. She reminded everyone to watch his or her footing outdoors with the icy conditions. Sharon mentioned to check your CO detectors and fireplaces. Provide good ventilation to avoid CO buildup. Simon noted that detectors should be wired in according to code.

Review of Agenda

Item 5.8 – Gordon added Elkford Temporary Worker Accommodation to the agenda.

Item 5.9 – Gordon added Grizzly Bear Count to the agenda

Objectives Update

Childcare – no update

Youth and local employment – awaiting an HR rep from Teck

Elkford Senior Housing (Healthcare) – Site selection is being considered with the possibility of Teck donating its property next to the Health Centre. District properties and properties near the Health Unit are also being considered. Parastone will do the project development.

Education – Simon is looking into collaborating with UBC to build a research station. No further update.

Anita updated that, currently, COTR has three haul truck students registered. The Health Care Assistant (HCA) students all have jobs with Golden Life as soon as their studies are completed. The next HCA rotation in Fernie is scheduled for 2020.

Housing – Simon provided an update. The BC government is very interested in housing and putting it on the legislature agenda to make housing more attainable. Currently billions of dollars are available for the right projects if the housing project proves the need. The BC Home Builders association has a step code for new housing, which provides energy neutral housing by 2032. The code has five steps with Step 1 being 72% energy efficient and Step 5 being 100% energy efficient. The higher the step code, the less affordable the housing would be. Every year builders must have credits in order to maintain their status. Group A is fieldwork and 20 points are required. Group B is examinations and 20 points are required. Simon approached Anita to discuss the College of the Rockies possibly offering courses for continuing professional credits for area builders. She is close to being able to offer the Construction Safety Training System (CSTS).

Community safety – Scott not in attendance

Environment news/updates – no ENGO representation in attendance

Ktunaxa Nation Update – Vickie spoke about the past culture camp at Grave Lake, which was a success. June 7 – 9, 2019 is the next camp and the Ktunaxa Nation is issuing an open invitation for the Friday of the camp. It is unsure where it will be but it will be somewhere in the Elk Valley

The Impact Management Benefit Agreement between the Ktunaxa Nation and Teck allows access to Teck conservation lands. This is Qukin amakis, Raven's land.

Old Business

Environment updates was added to the agenda as a standing item.

Simon's request for a letter of support for his proposed post-secondary project is still in progress.

New Business

Administrative Support for Steering Committee – Helga Katrichak has agreed to provide administrative support on a trial until June 2019. At that time, she will make a decision if she would like to stay on as admin support.

Teck Feedback Received - Sharon advised the committee that in Q4, Teck received 25 concerns, 19 of which were related to the Elkview to Coal Mountain coal haul (dirty highway and safety concerns). Six concerns were related to dirty light vehicle trucks. Elkview has a drive through car wash and Elkford employees receive vouchers for the local car wash. The Steering Committee recommendation is that a vehicle wash that cleans undercarriages be installed at each exit of all mine sites.

From Q1 to now, 170 concerns were received, most regarding dusting and the coal haul.

Shelley mentioned that a rumor was circulating that the coal haul contractors were being paid by the load, and therefore, this could be the reason that they are not taking the time to clean off their vehicles prior to entering the highway. Sharon is to check how the contract for the highway haul is set up. On December 6, she was able to confirm that the contractors are NOT paid by the load.

Teck Announcements/News Releases

- October 10, 2018 – Teck Announces New Sparwood Office: the scope of the project is currently being developed but it is expected that construction will begin within the next two years.
- October 15, 2018 – Teck Reaches Milestone in Water Quality Research Program: the saturated rock fill (SRF) facility at Elkview has been rated a success.
- November 9, 2018 - Teck named one of Canada's Top 100 Employers by Mediaworks: the program recognizes companies for exceptional human resource programs and forward-thinking workplace policies.
- November 18, 2018 – Teck Reports Fatality at Elkview Operations: a vehicle collision occurred, resulting in the death of an employee.

Agenda and Speaker Tops for Partners Meeting on December 5, 2018 – Sharon has lined up tentative speakers to discuss:

- Updates from Teck

- Update on the Coal Mountain Operations Closure
- Community Water Quality Monitoring
- MainRoad Practices
- East Kootenay Columbia Community Investment Co-op

Terms of Reference 2018/2019

Sharon distributed the Terms of Reference as revised, following feedback from the committee. The changes were reviewed and accepted.

Review of Feedback Mechanism Process document – Sharon pointed out changes made to the Feedback Mechanism document, some relating to the new version of TrackLine (the system Teck uses to record feedback and engagements). The Committee accepted the changes as reviewed.

Photos of Committee Members for Website – New members were asked to get pictures and bios to Sharon in order to update the website.

Temporary Worker Accommodations in Elkford - Gordon confirmed that a camp is going to be built in Elkford. Gordon and Murray Haight met with Graeme, who is with the consulting company Teck hired to discuss residents' concerns about temporary accommodations in the community. They discussed traffic, travel, impacts on hunting/fishing and other social issues. There is an Open House planned for December 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Community Centre in Elkford.

Grizzly Bear Study – Gordon noted that the Elkford ATV Club collected 262 samples of Grizzly fur from 35 tree rub locations. Funding has been confirmed for sample collecting next year for Weigert Creek, Crossing Creek, and up the Elk Valley.

Round Table

Simon – Simon had nothing more to add other than to welcome Helga.

Kerri - Interior Health now has its first female CEO, Susan Brown. The term Residential Care Facility has been changed to Long Term Care due to the negative connotations connected to residential schools from the past. Kerri will give presentations to new municipal governments and staff in the Elk Valley in 2019 to outline her role. Kerri announced that Noah Schuh would represent Youth and the CNP on the Steering Committee.

Vickie – Vickie welcomed Helga and hopes she considers staying with the Committee.

Shelley - Light vehicles are not complying with the speed limit on Michel Creek Road (MCR). Sharon said she had a meeting with the RCMP and the District of Sparwood with respect to how to monitor the traffic speed. Flashing speed monitors are a high cost and not very effective after some time. Teck has agreed to pay for speed spies to be installed. There is now heavier vehicle traffic on Michel Creek Road. Shelley to send information to Sharon regarding curb cuts and narrow roads as speed deterrents.

Shelley asked Sharon how the compensation was determined for the Black Rain events. Sharon explained that people who formally complained and sent photos through the feedback mechanism immediately following the events, were offered compensation of \$500 for cleaning.

Shelley said Sharon has arranged for an arborist to visit the residential properties on MCR and GN Road to flag potential danger trees for removal.

Gordon – Gordon had nothing more to add other than to welcome Helga.

Sharon – Sharon thanked Helga for coming to check out the Initiative and hopes to see her at all the meetings.

Anita – Anita is looking forward to welcoming Helga, or someone else if Helga is not interested, to provide administrative support to the Committee.

Closing Remarks

Anita thanked everyone for actively participating and sharing information.

Next Meetings:

Partners – December 2018
Steering Committee – March 2019

Action Items

Action Items	Who	Deadline
OLD		
Arrange for a Youth representative for the Steering Committee	Kerri	Done
Draft of Letter of Support from SC for Simon's proposal	Simon	TBD
NEW		
How are contractors on the highway coal haul paid?	Sharon	Done
Send information to Sharon regarding curb cuts and narrow roads.	Shelley	Next meeting

Attendance

Name	Representing	Role	
Galloway, Gordon	Motorized Recreation		
Howse, Simon	Business & CHBA / Fernie		
Palmer, Anita	Education/RDEKA	Chair	
Katrichak, Helga	Guest		
Strom, Sharon	Teck / Communities	Secretary	
Thomas, Vickie	Ktunaxa Nation	Vice Chair	
Wall, Kerri	Health		
Wedderburn, Shelley	Michel Creek/GN Road Residents		

Unable to attend:

	Representing	Role	
Anonson, Terry	Metis Nation/Elkford		
Bauer, Kim	Social Programs/Elkford		
Bennett, Ayla	ENGOS/Fernie		
Christensen, Jason	Local Government		
Drain, Joanne	Seniors/CNP		
Robinson, Scott	Community Safety/Fernie		
Schuh, Noah	Youth/CNP		
Tomlinson, Leala	Health Care/Sparwood		
TBD	Human Resources		