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**Meeting Minutes** 

Meeting Name: Elkford Community Effects and Advisory Committee

**Date:** January 19, 2021 **Time:** 6:00 – 7:00PM

**Location:** Zoom

**Next Meeting:** March 15, 2021 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Zoom

## Attendees:

Name	Affiliation
Tammy Ogden, Community liaison SPO (chair)	Teck
Robert Rowe, manager of projects	
Taylor Burgess, health and safety lead	
Michael Hick, project manager SPO	
Julissa Rist, communications & engagement coop	
Lisa Wieterman, facilities admin.	
Rory O'Conner, manager SR	
Steve Fairbairn, councilor DOE	Community of Elkford
Kevin Atherton, community member	
Lori Lemke, community member	
Ken Timlin, lodge manager, ATCO	
Andrew Klapp, councilor DOE	

**Comment [RRS1]:** Require last name

Graeme Burt, ERM consulting Agenda: Kim Bauer, community member
Kim Bauer, community member

Time	Item
5 Minutes	Introduction & Safety Message
10 Minutes	Lodge Year in Review
20 Minutes	Lodge Social Impact Assessment
50 Minutes	Review of Terms of Reference  Feedback Review  New Agenda Items
10 Minutes	Review of Action Items
20 Minutes	Public Feedback
5 Minutes	Next Meeting: TBD

## **Action Items:**

Item	Responsibility	Timing
Share document handling link with committee - will include in monthly meeting	Tammy	March8, 2021
Teck to send invitation to sit on the ECEAC committee to the Fire Chief and head of Ambulance unit.	Tammy	Feb 1, 2021

# **Meeting Minutes**

## Introduction

Tammy Ogden starts the meeting. Roundtable introductions

## **Safety Share**

Taylor Burgess presents on COVID-19 - update on Teck's response.

Be aware of rising local cases as well as seasonal effects on mental health

- Stay home when feeling ill
- Maintain physical distancing
- Innovative solutions implemented at Teck include Digital contact tracing, and proximity devices

Kevin Atherton: Have there been precautions put in place for indoor ventilation?

Taylor: Hatch engineering was brought in to complete ventilation assessments of our facilities. Taylor happy to present findings of the study as a future safety share.

#### Year in Review

Rob Rowe presents on 2020 report of the Elk Valley Lodge and their response to pandemic.

#### **Lodge Social Impact Assessment Review**

Tammy Ogden presents on the Elk Valley Lodge social impact assessment

#### Committee Business - Terms of reference

Tammy: Quick overview of the terms of reference for the Elkford Community Effects and Advisory Committee

#### Membership & Chairing Discussion

Tammy opens the floor: Are there members of the community that we should reach out to for membership in ECEAC.

Steve: Perhaps invite the Fire Chief and the head of the ambulance unit.

Tammy: Committee membership is a three year term, Teck will support.

Katherine Kitt was the previous chair. This role should be filled by a community member. Are there any recommendations to fill this role?

Kevin Atherton: Willing to volunteer as the chair of the committee.

Lori Lemke: Willing to volunteer as vice-chair for the committee.

Steve: The committee vice-chair ought to be a representative of the District of Elkford.

Lori: In the past this role would rotate with representatives of the District of Elkford. Andrew confirmed. Andrew will be Vice Chair until next rotation.

Tammy: Recurrence of meetings. Currently set out on a bi-weekly schedule until May at which point it would switch to a quarterly schedule.

#### **Event Discussion**

Tammy: Would we want to host an event this year.

Andrew: Suggested aligning an event with the volunteer highway clean-up event.

Kevin: Mentioned that it's a good idea to hold an event, but it's too early to be able to set a date. Ken Timlin: Echoed the idea of an event being good, but it wouldn't be able to be held in the lodge due to COVID.

Rob: would like to revisit the planning in the near future

#### **Round Table**

#### **Increased Elkford Traffic**

Steve: Comment on traffic impacts on HWY 43. Increased traffic and increased speed is a common theme in council reports. The lodge is seen as influencing this. This may not be a minor impact for the SIA

Lori: Receives comments about the lot appearing full, and there is concern that the vehicles parked there are an indicator of too many people being present

Taylor: The increased vehicles may be a result of COVID guidance recommending against carpooling. This also increases the number of busses running due to decreased capacity. This may have led to the increased traffic.

## **Crowding in the Community**

Andrew: Disagreed that the perception in the community is that the community is becoming crowded and the lodge is often perceived as the source. Frustrations around parking or the grocery store being busy or campground being full is a common theme.

Steve: Has noticed that the campgrounds and backcountry were largely occupied by contractors, which makes the lodge a better solution.

Kim: Some sub-contractors are not eligible to stay at the lodge, and these are often the ones staying in RVs in the campground and back country and short term rentals.

Rob: Some of the increased pressure on community housing capacity could be due to the decreased capacity of the lodge by 50% due to COVID

Kim: Some families have relocated to Elkford for longer project terms. This may be an aspect that we would love to look at accommodate.

Lori: Some contractors have been purchasing real estate to accommodate their crews.

Leala: Offered COVID testing information to the group

# **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

Next meeting date will be March 15, 2021 from 6pm – 7pm