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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name: Elkford Community Effects and Advisory Committee
Date: March 15, 2021
Time: 6:00 – 7:00PM
Location: Zoom
Next Meeting: May 17, 2021 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Zoom

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation
Tammy Ogden, Community liaison SPO Robert Rowe, Manager of Projects Rory O'Connor, Manager of Social Responsibility Taylor Burgess, Health and Safety Lead Julissa Rist, Communications & Engagement Co-op Student	Teck

Michael Hick, Project Manager, SPO Agenda:	
Kevin Atherton, Community Member (Chair) Steve Fairbairn, Councilor DOE Andrew Klapp, Councilor DOE Lori Lemke, Community Member Debbie Tomich, BC Ambulance Chantel Dawson, Director of Corporate Affairs, DOE Shawna Bryant, Elkford Chamber of Commerce Corey J Kortmeyer, Fire Chief, DOE Graeme Burt, ERM Consulting Jeremy Johnston, Director, Planning and Development, DOE Tammy Jane Cherry, Assistant Manager, Elk ValleyLodge	Community of Elkford

Comment [k1]: Corey

Time	Item	Responsible
6:00 PM	Welcome and Introductions	Kevin Atherton
6:05 PM	Safety Message	Taylor Burgess (Teck)
6:15 PM	Social Impact Assessment Results	Rory O'Connor (Teck) Graeme Burt (ERM)
6:30 PM	Report to Community	Corey Kortmeyer (Elkford Fire Chief)
6:40 PM	Opinion Survey	Julissa Rist (Teck)
6:50 PM	Round Table	All
7:00 PM	Adjournment	Kevin Atherton

Action Items:

Meeting Minutes
Welcome and Introductions
Safety Share Taylor presents on the clean vehicle policy with Teck, as the weather warms, please utilize the feedbackteckcoal@teck.com to report any vehicles that present coal dust.
Social Impact Assessment Results Introduction of the SIA and the History of the ECEAC as a tool for the upcoming Temporary Use Permit

(TUP) renewal Application for the Elk Valley Lodge
Greame reports on the SIA

Inquiry into the number of interviews conducted, and how interviewees were selected. Concern that it may not be a representative sample of the community.

Response: Rory –There is a methodology behind the study which aims to interview a sample of participants that represent a cross section across community groups and social receptors. It was not randomized.

Request to have the survey open to the community to garner responses from businesses and other community groups. This would avoid and adjust for any selection bias from the interviews.

Response: Graeme - we can look into deploying a broader survey. A similar survey was done about 6 months after Lodge operations began.

Inquiry about whether the feedback from this session will be incorporated into the application, or if the SIA is being presented as a completed review.

Response: Rory - The feedback will be utilized in Lodge planning and into the upcoming TUP renewal application

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Comment [JR2]: Verify for accuracy

Clarification on use of the term “The application” – Teck holds a temporary use permit, for the Elk Valley Lodge accommodations and will be submitting a renewal of that use permit in the next few months.

Community comment clarified that the last Staff Sergeant from the RCMP said the volume of police calls had increased since the Lodge opened but that it did not necessarily impact service. The actual vehicle incident call volume is said to have increased, which may be due to an increase in population.

Inquiry regarding Teck outreach to local businesses about 1.5 years ago regarding their concern with a presumed loss of business to the Lodge. Would like to know if businesses felt this engagement was adequate to address their concerns.

It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce recently followed up with 6 local businesses about their letters of concern, and four of them indicated that they were dissatisfied with the level of engagement from Teck, and stated they hadn’t seen the presence of the Lodge as having a positive impact for their businesses. Data from a follow up done in 2020 also saw a slight drop in local business and the local hotel had expressed concern about the loss of long-term contractors being housed at the Lodge but Teck responded to that concern and got it resolved for the hotel.

Response: Graeme and Rob - Requested more information regarding the follow up with local businesses conducted by the Chamber. Mentioned that the Lodge capacity didn’t increase as quickly as expected when it opened, may have affected the expected increase in business activity. Noted that there had also been concern about cannibalization of business from the Lodge convenience shop, but when that had been investigated it was concluded that the Lodge charged higher prices than local convenience store and has a basic selection of core items residents may require for their stay.

A follow-up community comment noted that transportation was a larger contributing factor than price, and that a recommendation had been made to have Teck buses stop at the [Kootenay market local businesses](#).

Comment [k3]: Local businesses

The Fire Chief mentioned that the fire department is a volunteer service and with increased call volume they may find capacity constraints that affect their ability to respond to calls. There have been observed incidents with intoxicated residents that are minor but real, as well as additional litter.

Other community members noted personal incidents of getting cut off in traffic by the morning rush to the mine.

Chair: Marks the time at 7:00 pm. Notes that discussion is going well, so asks if there are objections to continuing past the scheduled meeting time. No objections heard.

Comment made that the SIA should not note the impact of the Lodge on traffic incidents could be considered minor. Suggests that there should have been more interviews with emergency services about their response calls, and that should be considered moderate. States concerns about the slides being publicly shared in their current version and that presenting them as such would bury the statistical increase of emergency response calls. Teck agreed to follow-up and gather additional statistics if available.

Jeremy Johnston inquired about the draft SIA report and its availability to review with Teck's application.
Response: Rory - Will make sure that Jeremy will have access to be able to make comments.

Fire Chief made mention of the Safer Highways campaign of 2016 in response to 5 traffic deaths. The initiative was a collaboration between Teck, Komatsu, Rayco, and Finning and was effective. Has significant ongoing safety concerns about the quality of driving on HWY 43, at three times in the day. With the increased population expected from more Lodge residents in the future, this concern should be increased from a minor to moderate ranking.
Response: Graeme - would love to hear more about the 2016 safer highways campaign and any other thoughts on traffic safety.

Comment [k4]: Maybe delete this – seems confusing or needs further explanation

Chair: Suggests that the group continue the conversation about the purpose of the ECEAC at the next meeting to not disturb the remainder of the agenda items.

Comment made that since Elkford is a small community dependent on much community support and volunteerism, that capacity constraints are felt to a stronger degree. Would like to hear more from community facilities and get their input on any potential impacts from capacity constraints, including those that might be the result of the presence of the Lodge.-

Chair: Invites committee members to participate in the upcoming Elk Valley Lodge Open House.
Response: Tammy - Will be sending out an invite to the committee members for the Lodge Open House on April 7th, 2021.

Report to the Community

Update from the Fire Chief:

Elkford Fire Rescue is a volunteer fire service. 2020 was the busiest year on record, with a call volume of 140 calls. A dramatic increase from the previous year. Often weather events and ill-equipped vehicles were the cause of the incidents.

A recent Global News article highlighted the increase of fatal road accidents related to distracted driving.

The fire department received several false fire alarm calls when the Lodge first opened its doors but the Lodge has improved upon and addressed that.

Concern was raised about the visibility of drug usage within the community as well as mental health issues, including suicide. There is a lack of mental health services available to respond to this crisis.

Response: Rob – Shared a story of Lodge residents intervening when they saw a change of behavior in another resident. Were able to offer support for the individual's mental health.

Opinion Survey

Julissa introduces the opinion survey on Menti.

Survey available at <https://www.menti.com/odidp8g8j8>

Round Table

Tammy: is Zoom the best possible platform for these virtual meetings? No objections to continuing with Zoom.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting date will be May 17, 2021 from 6pm – 7pm