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Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation
Rory O'Connor Tammy Ogden Barry Duff Nich Godry	Teck
Kevin Atherton	Community of Elkford
Jason Meldrum Shawna Bryant Jeremy Johnston	District Councilor District Councilor District of Elkford

Meeting Name: Elkford Community Effects and Advisory Committee

Date: February 6, 2022

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: Elkford Community Hall – Small Room

Next Meeting:

Action Items:

Agenda:

Time	Item	Responsible
6:00 PM	Welcome	Kevin Atherton
6:05 PM	Safety Message	Kevin Atherton
6:10 PM	Approval of Previous Minutes	
6:15 PM	Committee representation and membership discussion	

6:25 PM	Update from Teck and ATCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Status • Future Occupancy Projections • What Contractors/Project • Feedback Received • Key Performance Indivators 	Barry Duff
6:50 PM	Round Table	All
7:00 PM	Adjournment	Kevin Atherton

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Safety Share: What Causes Avalanches – Tammy Ogden

- When enough snow falls to cover the ground surface smoothly, it's deep enough to form an avalanche
- Avalanche Canada video on what causes avalanches; most avalanches happen on terrain between 30-45 degrees
- Most fatal avalanches are triggered by the victim or someone in their group; they can also be triggered naturally.
- Current avalanche conditions in the EK remain 'heightened' on specific terrain features
- Avalanche Canada is a great resource and offers many online tools for preparing and planning back country activities

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mover: Rory
Seconder: Barry
Carried

Committee representation and membership discussion

Kevin: This forum is not well advertised besides the immediate group. What ideas do people have to join the committee or committee representation. Put ad in the Elkford library Focus – deadline for focus is the 30th of the month. Teck and DOE are unable to advertise community committees. Elkford Chamber can post on their page and share to Elkford Bulletin Board. Physical printing of flyers for post office and Kootenay Market. Advertise feedback mechanism and ECEAC committee meeting dates and encourage people to attend the meetings. Rory to get back to Kevin about setting up flyers and Focus ads by Monday, February 13th.

Teck and ATCO Update

Barry reviewed Elk Valley Lodge Update.

- Improvement to the earth berm – Top Crop supplied trees and shrubs have been planted. Irrigation system has been trenched but not installed, to be completed in the spring. \$32,000 of trees and shrubs.
- Staining of the parking lot light standards and plug in rails. Bearspaw Contracting awarded the PO and it's been completed.
- ATCO continues to support local schools; breakfast/lunch programs

- Current lodge occupancy is at 147
- Occupancy forecast in peak of spring and summer is 400-450; major projects: EVO Harmer relocation project, GHO tailings project, Teck's new Sparwood office. Lodge will be full capacity again between April and October.
- The Lodge has opened for new Teck employees as a temporary measure until employees find suitable accommodation in the area. Highest we've had were 24 and currently sitting at 11. Once they have found accommodation, they move out.
- Teck continues to support local contractors with accommodation at The Lodge
- Overflow parking lot will be constructed. Every summer parking is an issue. Looking at area of left to handle some of the overflow. This will allow the contractor vehicles to be moved to the overflow parking and allow the residents to park in the main lot.
- Barry announced his retirement in April. Teck in process of hiring Barry's backfill and Barry will work with his backfill to become familiar with the ECEAC committee.
- Jeremy asked if the Teck employees staying at The Lodge, are they being promoted to stay in Elkford as a place to live? Barry responded that it would be an HR function.
- Tammy to contact Elkford Chamber to drop off Elkford magazine to The Lodge
- The Lodge will move 5 temporary units to permanent units
- Shawna: How long do the employees stay at the lodge? Barry: 3-5 months, employees pay portion of lodge expenses. After 6 months max, they should be finding different accommodation.
- Shawna: question construction of the overflow parking lot. Barry: it's in the preliminary stages of planning.
- Shawna: 100 copies of the Elkford magazine were dropped off to The Lodge in the fall of 2022.
- Kevin: ATCO providing meals to the schools, has that been promoted in the community? It seems like something that should be communicated. Tammy to reach out to schools to find out how the programs work and how they are advertised among the school/community
- Jason: Status of the camp being a dry camp – what is the definition of a dry camp. Barry: no alcoholic beverages/containers/products are prohibited on the property of The Lodge. Should anyone break this policy, the incident is reviewed by the Lodge Board made up of Teck management. The individual may be requested to leave The Lodge, they will not necessarily be fired. Jason, they are now hanging out behind the Union Hall; drinking, smoking, littering/loitering. Not making the river trail family friendly. Has concerns about the projected numbers this spring/summer with more incidents like this. Barry: each Lodge resident receives a copy of the code of conduct and sign off on policies. Once a month there is a Lodge meeting with ATCO and these incidents would be brought up at those meetings. If someone is coming to The Lodge intoxicated, it is reported to the employer as a 'not fit to work'. Rory: So what you are saying are 'the rules are there but they aren't having enough effect', correct? Jason: yes. They are also doing it up by the ski hill and campground. Rory: if you have any more ideas on how to manage, there will always be that element of what we can control. (to Barry) some things to think about for your backfill on some ideas how to enforce this better. Jeremy: within the next month the DOE will have a fulltime bylaw officer and Jeremy will make connections with bylaw and security at The Lodge. If people aren't letting the DOE know of these incidents, it's hard for them to do anything. The DOE hasn't heard anything in the last 6-8 months. Jeremy encourages people to let the DOE know of these incidents. Rory: one more thought on that, is there any place to put a nice sign 'no loitering etc' . Jason: hard to do when there is a memory bench 3 feet away. Maybe the signage could say 'family friendly area' or 'loiter responsibly'. There are 4 recycling bins along the river trail. Jeremy: respecting sign bylaws/location. Will

need to be approved by the DOE before installed. The Union Hall property would still require review by the DOE. 'Anything on DOE property needs to be reviewed'

Round Table

Jeremy: for future agenda item, the last TUP application included some socioeconomic indicators and would be good to have a report. Tammy to add to next agenda.

Kevin: Has there been any thought on hosting another open house at The Lodge? Last one was in 2019 pre-opening. Barry: there could be some handout and food sampling. Barry/backfill and The Lodge to plan. Jeremy: this was one of the indicators/mitigations in the social management document. Enforcing his point on adding follow up on those indicators at the next meeting.

Group: verify advertising has been done before next meeting. Check the Focus/Social Media (Elkford Bulletin Board)

Adjournment (time)

Next meeting: Monday, May 15th 6pm – 7pm in person