



Meeting Name: Elkford Community Effects and Advisory Committee
Date: November 15, 2021
Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom
Next Meeting: **Tuesday**, February 22, 2022, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Zoom

Attendees:

- Steve Fairbairn, DOE Councilor, Elkford Resident
- Shawna Bryant, Elkford Chamber
- Jeremy Johnston, Director of Planning & Development Services, DOE
- Kathryn Kitt, Elkford Resident
- Lori Lemke, Elkford Resident
- Mariah Besplug, Social Responsibility Coop, Teck
- Rob Rowe, Manager of Projects, Teck
- Rory O'Connor, Manager Social Responsibility, Teck
- Barry Duff, Lead Facilities, Teck
- Tammy Ogden, Community Liaison, Teck

Agenda

Time	Item	Responsible
6:00 PM	Welcome and Introduction *Steve Charing in Kevin's absence	Steve Fairbairn
6:05 PM	Approval of September 2021 Minutes	Steve Fairbairn
6:10 PM	Atco/Teck Update	Ken Timlin/Barry Duff
6:25 PM	Update from Teck – projects the lodge is being used for – future occupancy	Rob Rowe
6:35 PM	Review of Terms of Reference – Review Scope of Work, Update Meeting Frequency in TOR, Objective of Committee	Steve Fairbairn
6:50 PM	Round Table – discuss advertising meetings to public (Elkford) ie: social media, posters, electronic board -update email contacts	All
7:00 PM	Adjournment - Next meeting, February, 2021	Steve Fairbairn

Action Items:

Item	Responsibility	Timing
Teck communities team to meet with Interior Health (Leala Tomlinson) to find out what info for KPIs is available to us, if any, and if any info collected by the lodge would be helpful for them.	Tammy, Rory, Mariah	Before next meeting.
Advertise the next meeting.	Tammy, Rory, Mariah	Before next meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Introduction

Steve called to order at 6:03, agenda accepted.

Adoption of minutes from September 2021 – make note that curb program is meal program. Minutes approved as amended.

Rob: Safety share, highway 3 was flooded between Hosmer and Fernie, hydroplaning. If it is raining hard be mindful and cautious.

Atco/Teck Update

Barry: Improvements to earth berm – landscape options are under review. Scheduled to be done in early spring of 2022.

Painting and staining of parking lot light stands and plug in rail to be painted early spring 2022. Atco/Teck will be putting Christmas lights up late November/early December. Atco continues to support local groups, school breakfast/lunch programs.

Steve: Have they been approached by housing society to support senior housing?

Rory: Yes approached and still working on the details but optimistic about it. Stay tuned.

Lori Lemke: Who will landscaping options be shown to?

Rob: The district and this committee (via email).

Jeremy: Happy to provide input too

Kathryn: Happy to help with that as well – has done reviews for Teck before.

Noted - Jeremy Johnston will get the plan before it goes public.

Update from Teck – projects the lodge is being used for – future occupancy

Rob: 2021: 6 projects rights now, 136 occupying the lodge. Down now because main construction work of Fording River AWTF winding down. Fording River Eagle 4 SRF has most residents (54).

2022: Expecting a slower year, less projects, less occupancy – majority planned for spring/summer and into the fall. Projects include EVO Harmer Facilities relocation, FRX, FRO Eagle 4 phase 1 and 2, FRO ClodeCreek calcite remediation, EVO Erickson Creek calcite remediation, GHO cougar phase 5.

A note on staining - One challenge with staining wood and lightposts, was trying to have less vehicles there but it was fully utilized until weather turned.

Barry: Peak of 2022 seems like it will be lower than this year. Be around 80-85% occupancy in summer 2022, that will be the one peak, around 375 or so, whereas last year we were at max.

Rob: Having people in hotels and further away (ex. Pincher Creek) was harder to manage covid-wise so we are very lucky and fortunate to have the lodge in place. We appreciate the support and the committee helping us to do it right – we want to mine but also want it to work effectively in our community.

Shawna: With the surge in hiring and the lodge being full, what else can you do for housing?

Rob: Links to Teck's commitment to set up housing committee, still refining the terms of reference but trying to find out what is required to support workforce and also meet the overall shortage of housing for staff.

Rory: Still working on some deliverables for terms of reference, and are very close on that. Will be looking to schedule time to update council on some of that work. Sometimes being more flexible with allowing people to work from outside the region – a hybrid solution at this point. Hoping to find better long-term solutions.

Review of Terms of Reference – Review Scope of Work, Update Meeting Frequency in TOR, Objective of Committee

Important to consider and re-evaluate the current objectives in TOR and KPIs.

Rob: Part of this is to use data to make changes. What indicators should we be tracking? What should we be focusing on? For example with healthcare, working with Leila Tomlinson to identify challenges and issues and in general it was hard to track who was using healthcare services because of privacy they can't ask if they are staying at the lodge. However, they could identify if they were likely staying at the lodge and Leila didn't seem to notice much of an increase in demand.

On the recreation side the plan is to get that position filled at the lodge again.

Tammy: Would be helpful to think about how they add value and purpose. They were brought up before the lodge was in place, do we still need them?

Steve: It should be reviewed and changes made based on experience. Medical services have been on the edge for a decade in Elkford and going through issues with lack of staffing and professionals so it would be nice to have as much data as possible to make the case to Interior Health, but privacy rules make it hard to get that info – is there a middle ground? Could it be quarterly instead of monthly, maybe change some of the indicators like on-site medical usage.

Rob: Communities group maybe can engage Leila – what could they provide that would be useful information from what is collected at the lodge.

Steve: Recreation KPIs are a positive indicator but maybe don't need to be monthly but quarterly instead.

Rory: Under the temporary use permit renewal, Teck is required to provide a bi-annual report to the district. Maybe the KPIs could be reported on the same basis (bi-annually). Happy to meet with Interior health to find out what info is available to us, if any.

Jeremy: Have these KPIs been reported on?

Rob: They were presented to council.

Jeremy: Social impact review had new mitigation measures so it would be valuable to the district to see

how progress on those is going.

Shawna: It might be better to start from where we *can* get data and then build KPIs around that. Emergency stat numbers, Leila said its hard to get and wasn't an exact number, does the community really need it then?

Could do more marketing on the recreation – would be great to have that sent to Shawna so that she can push that out on social media.

Transportation – a lot in the area, what kind of infrastructure do we need, we have more stakeholders coming in so getting some data on that would be great.

Feedback to business – has gone quieter now and have worked out issues with businesses but hasn't been follow up with business community. Maybe need to add some follow-up if there are any issues or supports that could be given.

Lori: Would like to see stats on callouts for emergencies, that is trackable, Cory had stats that there was an increase.

Steve: That would be helpful for emergency services.

Steve: Currently if we are meeting quarterly then it should meet with our quarterly meeting schedule unless the district is getting it more frequently.

Jeremy: Makes sense to have it when this group meets or bi-annual also makes sense.

Rory: Agree to match meeting frequency or to match two reports to council annually.

Steve: If we can't get it from interior health is it a valid KPI? Does that info inform anything at the lodge, district, or Teck?

Rory: Happy to set up meeting with interior health to confirm they are not available.

Shawna: Happy to have it streamlined with other reporting

Steve: All agree to strike the data collection of stuff from interior health that we cannot get.

Shawna: Does anyone remember why they were on to start?

Lori: From original discussion, taken from impact assessment for community – people thought they could get this data at the time.

Rory: Part of choosing of indicators was in response to concerns that were originally raised but with the renewal process, there weren't the same concerns – some of these concerns aren't as top of mind for people anymore, some of the fears haven't come to life. So in part some of the data is not available and some of the original concerns have not come to be.

Tammy: Health indicators are reported to DOE bi-annually so it might be better aligned to do it all bi-annually.

Jeremy: A bi-annual report card that gets published and reported to district would be great – would be consistent.

The Social impact assessment review says that KPIs would no longer be tracked, so keeping it simple and meaningful, twice a year feels plenty to me.

Steve: Any concerns to doing it bi-annually? No concerns.

Note: Will follow up next meeting to confirm changing KPIs to bi-annual. If there are any other concerns can bring them up then.

Round Table – discuss advertising meetings to public (Elkford) ie: social media, posters, electronic board-update email contacts

(1) Advertising meetings to public – what are ways to advertise to Elkford? (bulletin on social media, posters, electronic boards)

Lori: put it in the focus. Contact librarians to do that.

Tammy: Where to put posters?

Shawna: Kootenay market, gas stations, restaurants, (not post office, has to be government approved), inside pool/at rec centre, outside the bank.

(2) Update email list

Steve: email everyone and ask if they still want to be on the list.

(3) New meeting schedule – starting Nov 2021 committee will be meeting quarterly (Feb 2022, May, August)

Steve: if in person it will depend on regulations and room limits.

Adjourned at 7:03 pm

Adjournment – Next meeting February 22nd (Tuesday) and there after will return to regular schedule of third Monday of the month.