



EVR ELK VALLEY COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ADVISORY INITIATIVE

PARTNER'S MEETING

St. Eugene Golf Resort & Casino
7777 Mission Road, Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5

June 24, 2025
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Tim Schoas	COIAI
Tara Howse	NWP Coal
Shelly Wedderburn	COIAI
Rosa Rocca	COIAI
Tom Kramer	COIAI
Peter Reid	Kimberly SAR
Cody Wakeford	EVR
Aimee Pitcher	EVR
Mariah Besplug	EVR
Kayleigh Montgomery	EVR
Kerry Wall	COIAI
Wendy Hetherington	Kimberly SAR
Anita Palmer	COIAI
Corien Sieders	Tourism Fernie
Jay Jones	EVR
Caitlin Henneker	ERA
Chad Hughes	ERA
Bruce Lennox	Fernie Tourism
Brandy Moriarity	EVR
Annika Sharma	EVR



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9:00 Meet at Visitor Centre Parking Lot Sparwood

- Bus to St. Eugene Golf Resort & Casino

10:45 Arrive at St Eugene

11:00 Outdoor Cultural Activity

- Refreshments were provided to participants
- Participants sat in a circle while the leader shared Indigenous stories and cultural insights
- The group completed laps around the grounds, incorporating vocal expressions as part of the activity
- A game of traditional hockey was played using wooden sticks
- Participants engaged in additional stick-based games while walking in a circle

12:30 Networking Lunch

1:00 Presentations

COIAI Engagement Event with Steering Committee 2025-06-24 Community of Interest Advisory Initiative
Theme Land Use and Access

Anita Palmer (Chair)

- Opening statement

Aimee Pitcher (Elk Valley Resources)

- Review of feedback email and user engagement
- 2025 statistics overview
- Dust mitigation strategies
- Updates on EVO/Foam operations
- Wash-bay improvements (EVO) & clean vehicle expectations
- House cleaning process and support

Kayleigh Montgomery (Elk Valley Resources)

- Partnerships with EVR in COIAI
- 2025 initiatives and accomplishments
- Upcoming projects: Avalanche and Stars

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Tom Kramer (Elk Valley ATV Club & ATV BC)

- Access for recreational users
- Stakeholder engagement: Getting the right people involved
- Development of Potential Access Strategies & Solutions
- Proposed interconnected trail system: Coleman to Canal Flats
- Call for volunteers and funding support

Peter Reid (Kimberley Search & Rescue)

- KSAR video presentation
- Case study: Missing Sasquatch researcher in Kootenay National Park
- EVR's support for volunteer rescue efforts

Jay Jones (Elk Valley Resources)

- Reclamation work: culvert and drill pad removal
- Private land initiatives: purchasing logging lands for wildlife benefit
- Recreational use compatibility
- Collaboration with Ktunaxa, rotational grazing, road rehabilitation
- Agreement with ATV Club on road decommissioning

Mariah Besplug (Elk Valley Resources)

- Major Mining Projects Update:
 - **FRX:** Revised project description, environmental assessment, government decision expected 2027/2028
 - **GHO – Cougar Phase 8 & 9:** Environmental assessment certificate amendment (smaller scale than FRX)
- Learnings from past projects: water quality, reclamation improvements
- FRX: Same benefits as FRO with reduced disturbance

◆ **Note:** Add FRX/GHO update to next meeting agenda

Action Items

- **House Washing Website:** Improve user instructions and booking process (Assigned: Brandy M)



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- **Presentation Sharing:** Send to Anita for website upload (Assigned: Anita Palmer)
- **Agenda Management:** Implement time limits for individual presentations (Assigned: Anita Palmer)

2:45 Closing Roundtable and Discussion

- Refreshments provided

3:00 Depart St. Eugene

4:45 Arrive Visitor Centre Parking Lot Sparwood

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