

Attendance



Anita Palmer
Shelley Wedderburn
Andre Bloemink
Lois Halko
Duane Wells
Scott Robinson
Anita Palmer
Deanna Haycock
Janice Talarico

Jaquie Arling
Bev Belina
Kerri Wall
Wendy McDougall
Robyn Peel
Alex Denis
Amy Cardoza
Rosa Rocka
Doug Newberry

Scott Robinson
Dean Ward
Duane Wells
Josh Joseph
Mayor Wilks
Chad Hughes
Nich Godri
Kristina Wakeford
Rory O'Connor

Agenda

9:30 Opening Remarks – Anita Palmer, Steering Committee Chair

- General welcome and housekeeping (emergency exits/restrooms) - Anita
- Land Acknowledgement – Anita
- Round table self-introductions
- Steering Committee Updates/Elections - Anita

10:00 Extreme Heat Planning and Response – Andre Bloemink, HEMBC

10:20 Teck in Review – Rory O'Connor, Manager Social Responsibility, Teck

10:40 Coffee Break

11:00 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Presentation – Duane Wells, MOTI

Fencing the highway from Sparwood to AB Boarder. Phase 1 has already gone up in 2022. We still have a couple spots to fix up, but it has cut down on wildlife vehicle collisions already. Phase 2 came back from BC bid 2 days ago. Looking to further the fence further to the east, including an ungulate access near the gun range. We will start phase 3 more so towards the west. Working towards old town bridge near Elkview Operations. Phase 4 will be from old town bridge to the eastern side of Sparwood. Phase 5 will look at moving west of Sparwood to the Wilson overheard. Phase 6 will be the crowning glory, we will try to install a Banff style overpass (300m from weigh scale) this will eliminate wildlife highway interactions.

The data is registered into a system, the collected data will tell us where we are getting the most collisions and with what animal. 4 of the top 8 collision areas in the district are between Sparwood and the AB boarder. It makes sense to fence the majority of the way.

Also to note that we are working with Alberta on this project. MOTI is working with a steering committee which also includes, wild site, misakus institute.



TECK COAL ELK VALLEY COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ADVISORY INITIATIVE

PARTNERS MEETING

Sparwood Senior's Drop In Centre

August 16, 2023
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 pm

Teck is a 2.4m contributor on this project, in addition to purchasing Teck owned lands.

Wanted to highlight the radium wildlife overpass. Approx lose of 15 sheep from weather influxes. Project will verify bid and between Teck and MOTI will be announcing at a later date. Largest wildlife overpass outside of a provincial park, in Canada.

11:20 Fruit Tree Gleaning Project – Deanna Haycock, Wild Safe BC

11:40 Closing Roundtable and Discussion

12:00 NETWORKING LUNCH – perogies, cabbage rolls, sausage, and salad

Questions:

At which scale are the heat plans developed? (Alex)

Within that document is a section for each sector. These are recommended not prescriptive. Last year, we had intakes through the community fund. Funding is available through emergency management plan readiness. Must be applied for. If it is a community owned building for example, you can't claim rental. I encourage everyone to read through the document. (Andre)

For example, many communities have a heat management plan. We are helping many municipalities make/develop their plans. (Kerri)

*In Portland they found that if one apartment in a high rise, the units surrounding it was very ineffective. However, how the BC CDC did their review, rural areas benefited from these units. (Andre)

How do we share this information for our tourists? (Wendy)

We lean on the chambers and visitors' centres to share resources such as green spaces, splash parks, etc. we need to promote what assets we have in community and what assets are safe for visitors and community members. (Andre)

Will there be childcare space in the new Administration Office? (Robyn)

At this point, we do not have a space developed for childcare specifically. One of the thoughts is perhaps when the Teck employees move out of Mountain View office, the existing childcare, would potentially take over.

The pinch points with childcare is the staffing and wage issues. This is impacting a lot of the potential projects within childcare. We continue to look at other ways to alleviate some of this pressure, i.e. affordable housing (Rory)

We are pleased to hear that you are moving forward. The question is when will Teck be starting on the new office (Bev)



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The building has already started. You can see the fencing and earthworks moving now. The target date is late 2024/early 2025 for full occupancy. Construction wise that is good timing. The contractors have lots of workers and people working on the site. (Rory)

Teck

To note- Project Heavy duty was great, and a thank you to Teck for sponsoring (Bev)

We are talking more and more about it and the possibility of expanding the program. (Rory)

With the influx of people in the valley, are we going to make MVO back into a school (Rosa)

This is a question for Bev. Before we (SD5) move forward there are lots of decisions to make before we move forward with a school or a nursery school associated with SD5. (Bev)

To Note: we have a lot of interest in the MVO building. We are grateful for Teck for leasing the building and putting money back into SD5. (Bev)

Will you maintain the office in Blairmore? (Dean)

We can get you a firm answer on the Blairmore office, and if it will move. (Rory)

We have a major upgrade (BC Hydro) happening on our lease land, will we have another coming? (Shelley)

We need to review the upgrade list with BC Hydro, but we know that work needs to be done on that current substation. (Rory)

Any plan for Olsen Crossing (Lois)

We were looking at tweaking the pilings/angled gravel. We have talked with CP rail and adding a bit more gravel to make more of a ramp. We will see how the first phases of fencing goes (Duane)

We perceive an increase in traffic in that area, do you know if we have room for passing lanes in that area? (Andre)

Talking to our traffic department, no we do not see room for passing lanes in that designated area. In general, the noise from traffic acts as a barrier, instinctively steering animals away from the highway (Duane)

You mentioned the program Sparwood has, how would Fernie go about starting this program (Wendy)

In Sparwood, they took a model and set aside some funds that are used on a first come first serve basis. If you want support in running something similar in Fernie I'm happy to support (Deanna)

Next Meetings:

Steering Committee – October 2023 / Partners – February 2024

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