

Meeting Minutes

Welcome from Anita (1:00pm)

Safety Share

COI Updates

Education- Anita Palmer

Interest in mini courses: the college has funding available. If anyone has any good ideas for mini course pass them along to Anita.

Struggling to find housing for new students and nurse conducting their practicums in the valley.

Health Care- Kerri/Nancy-Jo

- Nancy Jo- Extended health care center for Elkford is currently in phase 1 of planning. This requires Interior Health to conduct interviews of COIs to project current and future needs for the facility. This interview process is coming to a close by mid September . While we have reached out to Teck, Interior health has not yet heard back regarding a request for input.

C:Perhaps we haven't reached out through the right avenues?

R: Rory is the right person to reach out to. Alternatively, you can send your inquiry to the feedback line or to Mariah or Nich.

Recreational Users- Tom Kramer

- Bear aware: there has been a number of noted instances where bears have not only been getting into garbage cans but into people's recycling. As the recycling bins in Fernie don't have a lock, do not leave the bin outside if it contains contaminated items such as pizza boxes, food containers, etc.

Teck Human Resources- Creighton Glober

- Teck continues its search for operations related positions. The bulk of the hiring in the last quarter has been focused on those efforts.

Senior's- Maria rose

- There remain vacancies on the Lilac Terrace board. If anyone knows of anyone who may be interested, to send them over to Maria.

Teck Feedback Update

- New no-hunting signage has been posted on our agricultural lease lands between sparwood and Elkford. We have received a handful of comments and question regarding the updated signage and closures. Land use maps are available on our website and at various locations around town.
- A couple of feedback entries related to dirty vehicles. We continue to implement our clean vehicle policy. However, in some instances, the drought conditions have impacted our site operated car washes. We are presently developing a technology that would improve the recycling of water at our car washing. This would further our efforts on managing our water consumption and keep more vehicles clean.

Other Teck updates- Nich/Mariah

- Teck representative switching from Mariah to Nich.
- Community investment
- Pocket Park- nearing completion
 - o Well decommissioning.
 - o Last signs to be installed.

Drought response

- The East Kootenay Basin entered a Drought Level 5 (on a scale of 5) in late August, which has triggered a voluntary maximum reduction in water use by all water users in the area.
- In addition to our regular water conservation, re-use and recycle activities, we have further reduced water use at each site, paused the house washing program for remainder of the year, and we continue to assess what else we may be able to do to help manage water this season.
- Approximately 75-80% of the water we use for coal processing, dust control, facilities, and vehicle/equipment washing comes from water that accumulates in the mined pits. The remaining amount is sourced from wells and rivers. Where required for safety and maintenance reasons, vehicles and equipment will continue to be washed. Teck will continue to work with local municipalities on the impact this will have on our clean vehicle policy.

Elk valley lodge open house- Oct 14th at EVL

- The purpose of this open house is to provide an update on the lodge's current status and future plans.
- We have committed 30 beds at the lodge to be use by contractors in the area outside of Teck's workforce.
- Hot lunch, kid activities, movies, and snacks.

Housing

- Teck met in Vancouver with the Union of BC municipalities to discuss housing challenges.
- The goal of this session was to receive an update on current and projected housing challenges. And to share creative solutions to housing on a municipal level.
- Teck continues to work with local authorities on housing related challenges in the region.

Steering Committee Vacancies

Youth
Business/Housing
Community Safety
2SLGBTQ+
Families
Arts and Culture

Discussion: there is a webpage on the Crowsnest Pass website that outlines all of the community groups active in the pass. This would be a good starting point to start searching for potential members in the pass.

Fernie Fix Add



TECK COAL ELK VALLEY COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ADVISORY INITIATIVE

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Q3 September 28, 2023
1:00pm-3:00pm
Sparwood Senior's Drop-in Centre



The plan is to orient the Fernie Fix add towards the Steering committee vacancies

Closing Remarks (3:00pm)

Action items

Complete	Action item: Follow up with Rory to check on the status of this request.
Complete	Fernie Fix add
Active	Reach out to Crownest pass schools, Fernie Pride, Fernie Art Station, Firefighters/search and rescue