

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
October 12, 2011

Present: Laurence Turney (Chair), Irene Ronalds, Don Morgan, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Tony Pesklevits, Greg Knox, Alison Beale, Sybille Haeussler, Debbie Cichowski, Phil Burton, Kirsteen Laing (AM).

Absent: Andrea Kosalko, Paul Wodjak, Brian Edmison.

1. Acceptance of Agenda

Greg moved to accept, Rick seconded, approved.

2. Approval of September 14th Minutes and June 8 Minutes

Sybille moved to accept, Don seconded, approved.

3. Operations Update

- Press Release J. Schwab Report (Brian/Tony)
 - Response Strategy to Release(Rick)

Tony reviewed press release. Conversation ensued to clarify BVRC response strategy: what questions are to be directed to Jim regarding content, and what questions are to be directed to Board regarding position of Centre regarding the report. We stand behind the quality of the report; its been peer reviewed; report and conclusions are the property of the author. Centre commissioned report in order to foster meaningful dialogue regarding the geomorphological risks to pipeline infrastructure along the defined route, and to involve local researchers in that dialogue.

Action: Rick to be the spokesperson for the Board.

Action: Rick to contract donor regarding donor declaration.

- Cumulative Effects Conference Update
 - Update on Steering Committee Progress (Laurence)
 - INAC Funding Opportunity (Rick)

INAC interested in funding a workshop within this fiscal year. The challenge is to Identify a workshop agenda **that fits the BVRC mandate** and delivers something meaningful to the Wet'suwet'en and to the longterm conference goals. Don suggests working with the Wet'suwet'en to address the question "How do you represent First Nations values within a cumulative effects framework? Is system or feature representation more practical?" This would be a technical scoping exercise, not a political exercise.

Action: Rick to follow up with Don, then speak with INAC and Wet'suwet'en to identify a conference strategy.

- Budget Update (Rick)

Centre is running at a deficit at present, but Moore Foundation funding that Don is pursuing could change that. Moore Foundation will make a decision by early November.

- BVRC Strategic Visioning (Change from Marketing / Communications Plan) (Tony)

Plan is still to create focussing session – late October/early November. Alison has commented extensively on the Marketing / Communications Plan.

Action: Rick to meet with Alison to review comments.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting November 9, 15:30 BV Centre.

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds.