

Bouchie Lake Rec Commission

Meeting Minutes

Sept 29, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Present: Jerry Bruce (Area B Director), Ron Terlesky (Area B Alternate), Wendy Donald, Jan Rivers (guest), Angela Mezzatesta (Facility Agent)

Chair: Jerry – meeting called to order 7pm.

Scribe: Angela

- 1) Review of previous meeting minutes - motion to adopt Ron Terlesky. 2nd Wendy Donald. AIF, carried.
- 2) Adoption of Agenda - motion to adopt Wendy Donald, 2nd Ron Terlesky. AIF, carried.

Old Business

1. Director Update – Jan Rivers has been invited to join and accepted to be on the Commission, formal appointment will occur on Friday, Oct 2/15. Action – Jan's contact info is to be forwarded to Alice Johnston @ CRD office by Booking Agent.

Director Bruce attended UBCM Conference – confusion re: CRD role/responsibilities highlighted as area where work is required amongst government levels and public served. Planning meeting with CRD/City to discuss recreation has begun. History of sub regional rec system, pros/cons of structure on table. Key players understand need for change & are invested to work to improve. Current agreement with Quesnel and District Leisure Services will be maintained by Sub regional Rec, how to include rural facilities i.e. Bouchie Lake & Parkland halls/grds & trails in future is being discussed. All at the table are aware input is required from local citizens & they want to consult them. Role of NCJPC & NCRC are being clarified, determining how to proceed as having multiple levels to the process has been identified as not working.

Recreation review/consultation period – 4/6 weeks, started. Community meeting set Sept 30/15. Input rec'd by Director will go to Joint Planning for review and assist with creating a plan to move forward. At present plan is for the BL Com Hall to become an asset of Sub Regional Recreation with staff and scheduled maintenance, routine care & plan. Education continues to be required re: roles/mandates of BLRC & BLCA regarding decision making powers and authority.

Flowering Rush – concrete plan with actions needs to happen – starting process to eradicate plant is key. Key players onboard for this, date to begin has yet to be determined.

Carbon credit – raw land purchases & impact on local ranchers is now on Ministers radar to manage.

Agricultural Land Reserve – change in management, review recommended as how established no longer of benefit to tax payers.

Aboriginal Land claims – determining authority and clarification of roles starting point, going forward the importance of building relationships and seeking to understand structure in place & best practice to use in regards to issue.

Quesnel fringe plan – Residents are sharing how it's affecting them, input given from property owners within slide area - property values are devalued, home owners are impacted.

Public meeting with Director Bruce – Sept 30/15 @ 7pm; area residents are invited to attend and hear about work underway, communicate what they want for their area & give authority for issues to go ahead to the CRD/NCJPC levels.

2. Financial Report – current balance to date \$44, 780.53; includes \$30,000 for Front Entry project. Awaiting quarterly submission reimbursement from CRD, approximately \$12,000. Motion to adopt verbal report Wendy Donald, 2nd Ron – AIF, carried.
3. Facility Agent report / recommendations – see attached
4. Front Entry replacement – project update, on track – crew has been great to work with & comments about it being completed have been positive.
5. Roof – awaiting report from Aase Inspection Services, need to have specs for tender process
6. Christmas tree decorating, 2015 plan – Decorating of tree began approx. 6 years ago by local residents, community driven initiative. Tree located @ junction of Blackwater & Nazko Hwy (BL/ML Community Park). Bouchie Lake Elem staff & students to continue with tradition – decorations housed at the school now, an annual plan is made which has students getting involved to decorate it and feel good about giving to the community.
7. Highway sign - tabled
8. Wayne/Outside Contractor – Wayne verbally advised Booking Agent his plan is to continue with his contract for the remainder of 2015. Wayne’s commitment & hard work is so valued and BL/ML residents are fortunate to have him continue with the role.
9. Other – Casual Janitorial position – recruiting for a 2nd person to provide coverage & take workload off current contractor. More activities are being offered at the hall over fall/winter increasing demand for the service.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25pm Motion Ron Terlesky 2nd Wendy Donald AIF carried

Next meeting: Nov 3/15 @ 7:00pm

Secretary/Chair

Date