

Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board

2009 Summer meeting

June 9th and 10th Fort St John, North Peace Cultural Centre, Fort St John

FINAL MINUTES

June 9th

Attending:	Guests:	<u>Regrets:</u>
Tom Briggs (Chair) Andy Johnson Stephanie Killam Bill Lux Roslyn Pokiak Jason Lee Peter Stone Leif Olsen Johnny Mikes Wayne Sawchuk Barry Holland Sandra Apsassin Tim Trapp (pm) Jennifer Pollard ILMB Rhonda Cage (ILMB LO Practitioner)	Chief Liz Logan Ross Peck Jason Lawson Tyler Hecker, Savannah, Justin (Oregon –student doing grizzly bear study) Rod Backmeyer Marianne Devotny Wendy Francis Brian Fuhr	Darrell Regimbald Corrine Porter Laureen Whyte

9:00 am Tom Briggs opens meeting with welcome to all

Opening welcome from Treaty 8 Tribal Chief Liz Logan

Welcome to T8 territory, Chief Logan noted she was a Board member at one time and understands their work. Highlighted the importance of First Nations involvement and the need to work together on projects and issues.

Encourage Board to consider using remaining funds wisely, Youth Camps have been successful, working with First Nations will be very important. Trust that your deliberations will take this into consideration.

Introductions: Board member introductions and guests attending

9:15 Wendy Francis - Y2Y Director of Conservation

Power point presentation on conservation assessment for the M-KMA

Questions:

What funding is in place and required?

\$25,000 Wilburforce Foundation and possible \$26,000 from CPAWS (This was clarified by the Board, \$13,000 CPAWS contributed to MK fund in 2004 was

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specific to the CAD and FN traditional knowledge, the fact that this was not implemented, CPAWS would support the use of these funds for this project and targeted to ensure First Nations involvement in the conservation assessment.

Further request for MKAB to provide \$50,000 to complete the assessment.

Q: What are products from this assessment

Map products, assessment of enduring features report, climate change scenerios , configuration of conservation areas, habitat fragmentation and impacts and how they play out in conservation values, as well as advice on future management of the M-KMA.

Board could help oversee and work with this project - ensure there is input into this assessment from start to finish with M-KAB

Tom Briggs thanked Wendy for the presentation, felt this assessment was worthwhile to consider for the Board and that it would be part of the deliberations during the trust fund expenditure plan discussions today.

10:00 am Refreshment break

10:15 - Secretariat overview of the binder and rest of meeting

10:20 - Introduction to rest of todays session and Rhonda Cage (Business Improvement facilitator)

Set up the details and “rules” for determining projects/expenditure for the Trust fund monies available.

Advisory Board members came up with these to assign values for reviewing and approving projects:

- 1) Does this project communicate the values of the M-KMA in the NE and beyond?
- 2) Does this project address knowledge gaps - what have we already done?
- 3) Does this project link to First Nations interests and communities
- 4) Is the project self sustaining Will project contribute to maintain M-KMA values and vision for the long term? Does it require further funding by the Board?
- 5) Will this be useful in making management decisions in the M-KMA?
- 6) Does the project align with Vision and goals of the M-KMA
- 7) Does the project allow Board to provide timely advice?
- 8) Is the project a responsibility of provincial government to fund?

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11:15 Begin tabling discussions to determine if they meet any or all of the 8 questions developed in the opening portion of this discussion

12:00 Lunch break

12:30 Remi Farvaque from Archer CRM Partnership--- very briefly outlined archeological work done in BC that demonstrated very limited knowledge in the M-K, very much lacking in baseline archeological sites etc. (hand out provided to Board members). Asked the Board to consider these important values and lack of knowledge in sites during their discussion today and for the future.

12:45 Back to projects and short listing

- Agreed to fund Youth Camp, \$50,000 per year for two years from Trust Fund
- Agreed to do annual report @ \$2500 per year
- Agreed NOT to undertake State of M-K report in next 2 years with Trust Fund monies
- Agreed to move ahead on the MK data, research, inventory storage etc.
- Long term research plan – not a project!
- GVS workshop to be part of G2G discussion
- Cultural training Board/FN one time funding - \$150,000
- Y2Y proposal - \$26,000 from Trust (\$13,000 CPAWS and \$13,000 matching which is in the \$572,000 existing Trust Fund monies) and a further \$50,000
- Synergy proposal 5 projects, (check notes on submission)
- K Parker, CAD and CEAMF - need info from Wayne Lewis on the wind power scenario.

2:45 - Rhonda presented a chart from discussions on projects, by low and high cost along with low and high value.

Back to proposed projects:

G2G project – (B Lux suggestion) First Nation linkages MKAB and FN and GVS training, cultural awareness training falls within support the G2G discussions with government.

\$20,000 for participation into providing advice in the G2G discussions.

(Bill and FN reps on Board to come back tomorrow with some details on what they would envision for funding)

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Jason Lee: Rod Backmeyer work on oil and gas sites reclamation, need to sample soils and vegetation.

Barry H: said for years for Board to do monitoring because it's not being done by government.

Proposed for project estimate – for independent contractor not follow up on all sites selective sites

Assigning estimates to project list on high value sheets

June 10th

M-KAB Attending:	Guests:	Regrets:
Tom Briggs (Chair)		
Andy Johnson	Rhonda Cage, ILMB	Darrell Regimbald
Stephanie Killam	Business Improvement	Corrine Porter
Bill Lux	facilitator	
Roslyn Pokiak		
Jason Lee		
Peter Stone		
Leif Olsen		
Johnny Mikes		
Wayne Sawchuk		
Barry Holland		
Tim Trapp		
Sandra Apsassin		
Laureen Whyte (pm)		
Jennifer Pollard ILMB		
Rhonda Cage (ILMB LO		
Practitioner)		

8:00 am to 9:00 am ----- M-KAB "In Camera" session

9:20 - Jennifer Pollard - ILMB - "Government Expectations for M-KMA and M-KAB

Main message government has heard from Board, frustration due to lack of certainty etc

Government is interested in using M-K as a model – work with development and resource activities if gov't gets message that no development/resource then won't work

Go back to principles for the M-K the Act Regulation

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Exploring of ideas outside the M-K, build on relationship with UNBC, brings credibility to research etc

Innovation, bring forward, government topic of interest – pilot project etc

Government staff to show up for meetings, the M-KAB and MK is important to government, willing to help etc.

Letters to Ministers, good avenue, better to start locally, letters to Ministers come back to regional staff.

Suggestion for project - one area of MK that could be used as a pilot – used past work, land use Planning process look at ways to achieve sustainable resource management, and to showcase what you've done past 11 years.

Outreach development community –

Barry H frustration about show casing, we've tried, had CAPP involved, pre tenure plans done and hit Victoria and doesn't get acknowledged .

Updates: Board membership, writing letters to Ft Nelson FN, Ft Nelson Reg Dist, Tsay Keh, Blueberry and Prophet.

Jennifer wants to hear back from the Board and what the Board needs to hear from government.

Johnny: the concern about the perception that the Board is saying no to a lot of things, wants the Board to continue to dispel that perception as it moves ahead.

Jennifer - some in government have perception that it is a no go zone, need to test

Wayne, can't change the perception, but Board letter on wind power, point out about compatibility with wilderness, letter did not close the door but ensure values are dealt with. Challenge that perception.

Bill - encouraging that there is a willingness, at local level, begin to build. Wayne's point is simple, Advisory board, to provide advice, reg does not deal with wind power, mining and so Board is advising government a way to address this. Are there ways to improve on this, whole new level of consultation with FN this Board does not have the role or ability to be involved in the consultation process. You say the Board needs to show there is the ability out there for development, but the Board has to bring FN communities on side. If Board was to recommend a "test" area, then the FN members on Board cannot make recommendation, need to bring in their leadership and communities, need to determine how to do this.

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G2G part of SLUPIF recommendation and will be discussed, gov't recognizes the importance of this, FN have to determine the values of the M-K and how to be successful in a G2G relationship - being part of decisions - if test case to be made, FN must be involved before it moves ahead,

Tom B - feeling that Board is not pro development, had Minister involved with MK and discussions with him and talked about development – its been understood that development can be done but must be done in proper fashion regarding the M-KMA. Meeting with Stan Hage, talk about world class, and need to ensure development is done to ensure values of MK are not compromised.

Johnny - in terms of perception, the drawing of the MK was done based on development opportunities, the juiciest pieces were left out so development could go on. Other areas has to be social license to do development and it doesn't go ahead due to those issues,

10:10 refreshment break

10:30 Review of the proposed project list and go through to confirm, \$'s and assign to committee et

12:15 – lunch

October meeting Set for 21st and 22nd of October in Fort Nelson

Suggested agenda topics:

- Next years fiscal budget drafted out and discussed
- SLUPIF and 5 year Strategic Plan to ensure they mesh and 5 year plan updated
- Committee reports ensure committee chairs to table key initiatives

Next Executive meeting - SRC engage them in discussion on options of finishing the Rec plan

Jason - Josh Kolay artist, interested in attending Board meeting in fall to discuss his work and potential for further involvement with M-KMA.

Johnny: if request for assistance for travel funding for outside to attend, and committee recommends that person to attend, Executive should have compelling reasons not to support either honorarium or travel assistance.

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Tom – executive met and determined that no funding would be available for this meeting.

Jason: is it possible for Board members to sit in on Exec, my understanding that is available.

Tom - no set rule for this

Bill: Next steps with budget - very good job in finalizing budget, all that information needs to be assembled. All need to see how that is laid out.

Draft to go to all Board and have input back thru Executive.

Closing remarks:

Tom Briggs, Chair asked each Board member if they had any closing remarks, went around the table. Most felt that this was a good meeting. Many appreciated the help Rhonda Cage provided to keep focused and on target for the Expenditure Plan work

Tom: thanks to all for their input and how things went, thanks to Rhonda and Jennifer for attending and their assistance.

Look forward to the meeting in Ft Nelson in October.

Decision:

Next Meeting: October 21st and 22nd Fort Nelson

- Secretariat to block rooms as soon as possible for this meeting
- Agenda suggestions:
 - 1) Review next fiscal year budget
 - 2) SLUPIF and 5 year Strategic Plan – need to update into one document

Meeting finished: June 10th @ 1:40 pm