



MUSKWA-KECHIKA  
MANAGEMENT AREA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF VIDEOCALL

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**Date:** September 22, 2020  
**Time:** 10:30 AM – Noon  
**Location:** Video Conference

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**Present:** Stephanie Killam (chair), Wayne Sawchuk, David Luff, Juergen Puetter  
**Regrets:** N/A  
**Guests:** N/A

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**Meeting Materials:**

6 attachment supported the agenda.

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**1) Update on Kaska Conservancy**

There were no minutes from the previous executive call as there was no quorum. Stephanie provided an update of her call this morning on this subject. Minutes from the call will be distributed when they are completed. Stephanie recommended we have a call with Corinne, Dave Crampton and a couple of other people on the call this morning to have a conversation with the Board.

**ACTION:** Phil to contact Corrine Porter regarding a potential meeting. Phil to distribute minutes from Stephanie's call when he receives them.

**2) Review 2020 Q1 Actuals and Q 2 – Q 4 Re-forecasted**

Phil advised Executive of an approximate \$1,400 over-expenditure for Q1. He also advised that he had been informed that the \$25,000 for the Fort Saint John LRMP update and development of Landscape Units had been transferred to the Board through Fraser Basin Council.

**ACTION:** No further action.

**3) Fort Saint John LRMP Update TOR**

Phil reported that he thought the ministry had shared, in confidence, the draft TOR. This was incorrect. They shared, in confidence, a power point presentation that outlined the update process. Phil shared the power point presentation with recommendations for slide 13 that specifically referenced the Board. When the draft TOR are ready, the Executive wishes to review them prior to going to the Wilderness Working Group.

**ACTION:** Phil to forward any additional comments to the Ministry. Phil to ensure draft TOR are presented to the Executive before proceeding to the Working Group.



#### 4) Upper Gataga Industrial Waste Clean Up Project Proposal

Phil reviewed the letter with Executive. Concerned was raised as to why taxpayers would fund this clean up when bonding or insurance by industry for dealing with such occurrences should be the standard. It was suggested that these sites were contaminated during the 1970's so the companies were likely no longer solvent; plus, performance bonds or other similar mechanisms were not required back then. The Executive agreed to sending a letter of support, not financial support, and to follow up with MEMPR to ensure future permits contain the requirement for sufficient clean up funds.

**ACTION:** Phil to contact Heather Cullen at MEMPR to invite her to a discussion with Executive. Phil to draft a letter of support for the proposal under Stephanie's signature.

#### 5) Various Updates from Stephanie and/or Phil

Good conversation over several items.

**ACTION:** N/A

#### 6) New Business

Declining Moose and Elk populations in the M-KMA: Wayne raised a concern from his travels in the M-KMA this summer that it was apparent that Moose and Elk populations had dropped significantly over the last several years. He recommended Executive seek a conversation with responsible program managers to learn if they were aware of this observation, if they were, why were the populations dropping and what strategies were being considered to ameliorate this decline.

**ACTION:** Phil to determine the appropriate contact MOE and explore opportunity for a discussion at our next Executive call.

Saulteau First Nations are in discussions with the Government regarding several potential Transfer Land Agreements (TLE's). One of them, apparently, encompasses a sacred site where Trimble Creek meets the ATV trail. Executive believed a TLE, that results in a transfer of Crown land to Fee Simple, was inappropriate and that we should voice our concerns.

**ACTION:** Phil reached out to the MIRR to raise this concern. Dale Morgan, Regional Executive Director from MIRR, subsequently contacted Phil and explained that the TLE process with Saulteau was still in the early stages so there was no reason to meet with Executive (particularly, as they are not to meet during the election cycle). He advised that other bands had raised similar concerns. He recommended we submit our concerns in writing and that we engage when more work has been undertaken. Phil to draft a letter to the Ministry under Stephanie's signature.

#### 7) Next Meeting: October 15, 10:00 AM - Noon

**ACTION:** Phil to send GoToMeeting calendar invitation to Executive to secure this meeting date and time in their calendars.



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**8) Meeting Adjourned: Noon**

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