

MUSKWA-KECHIKA ADVISORY BOARD

Executive Committee

Date: November 27, 2014

TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

Attending:

Stephanie Killam (Chair) Juergen Puetter Wayne Sawchuk David Luff

REGRETS: Corrine Porter

2:00 pm Welcome and opening remarks from Chair

Call for additions to agenda:

- Appointments
- Confirm February meeting dates and location
- Lana Lowe request for a proxy
- Conference service, how to continue and who will set it up etc.

October Board meeting: Draft minutes

Draft minutes sent out to all members after meeting, no comments or edits have been provided.

- Draft minutes will be sent out 2nd time for review and edits and final review at next Executive call to finalize.

Update from Working Groups:

Wilderness:

November 19th made good progress on the Guiding Principles and Recommendation section. Several points were left for members to consider and bring back to one further meeting to complete this section.

Next steps:

Establish a meeting with Province of BC (Kevin Kriese and Madeline Maley) around the Premiers Natural Resource forum in Prince George January 21st and 22nd.

Set up Working Group meeting if possible on November 20th in Prince George to have Working Group complete Guiding Principle section and to discuss with Province on 21st or 22nd.

Access Management/Trails:

Follow up call with Jim Ladds and Tim Bennett on Novemer 24th, the established trails list was provided by Ministry to Advisory Board. Potential work on Redfern Trail was discussed by Northland Trail Blazer group and Moose ATV club. Ministry can authorize work on trails and designated routes in the M-K under Sec 57 of their Regulation.

Budget Projections to March 31st

Review of current funding as of November 30th and projections to March 31st. Enough funding to cover January Wilderness Working group meeting and the next Advisory Board meeting. Funding for the support services will be limited depending upon how much work the Executive and Advisory Board requires to get completed by March 31st. It should be sufficient however to keep work on track until new funding of 65k comes in for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Vice Chair and Executive member to March:

Corrine advised that her schedule would not allow her to participate on this call and proposed future calls of the Executive up to March. Executive discussed what options are available at this point in time. The possibility of having an alternate (similar to Danny and Shawna Case) was tabled. An alternate can provide input into discussions but Executive members were not sure about how this would be for decision making.

No decision was made at this time but will be carried forward.

Appointments:

Executive discussed briefly the history of Board appointments and the Advisory Board's role.

There has been interest from the Moose ATV club of Fort St John to have a member appointed.

It was noted along with Bill Lux resigning from the Board in July, that Lori Warren, Peter Stone, Wayne Sawchuk and Barry Holland's terms end on March 31st 2015.

(The Premier can appoint up to 17 members for the M-KAB).

- With the interest from the Moose ATV club of Fort St John, it will be recommended that a member representing motorized recreation be placed on the Advisory Board.
- It was noted that the Guide Outfitters, who have had representation on the Advisory Board have been challenged in attending Board meetings due to the timing of the meetings.

Follow up:

- Stephanie will follow up with Corrine Porter who was to discuss Kaska representation for Bill Lux and possibly Peter Stone whose term will end March 31st.
- Stephanie will have a discussion with Kevin Kriese on appointments and representation on the Advisory Board and will report back to Executive.
- Stephanie will also follow up on the other members whose term is expiring if they have a desire to remain on the Advisory Board for a further term. (Wayne Sawchuk confirmed on this call his interest to stay on)

February Advisory Board meeting:

February 24th and 25th in Vancouver (AME BC office) was targeted for the next meeting. This presented a scheduling challenge for one member.

After discussion, the meeting was confirmed for February 24th and 25th.

Secretariat will check to see if the AME BC office will allow for an evening session if required. If this is NOT possible, the meeting would be moved to Sidney, Aeolois Wind office.

Secretariat will advise Executive ASAP so that confirmation of meeting can be provided to all members and Government contacts.

Request for a proxy for M-K discussions and meetings:

Lana Lowe requested that a proxy be made available for this. She was unable to provide the details she was asking for this prior to the Executive conference call.

Stephanie will contact Lana to discuss and report back to Executive on what she is considering and requesting. Executive will have a further discussion once the details are known.

M-KAB conference call service:

Noted that the current service, which cost allows for a "no cost" to members to use, is paid for by Secretariat and re-imbursed at month's end with Secretariats invoice. Stephanie requested this continue for next couple of months until new support service person is in place.

Juergen provided another option for this and will provide details to Secretariat. Secretariat will also review to see if other options are available with constant change in technology and report back to Executive.

3:00 pm Secretariat left the call so that Executive could have a discussion on securing new support services.

NEXT MEETING: Suggest for December 18th Time??