

Board Minutes

Day 1: Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Present: Tanya Bell, Stephanie Killam, David Luff, Johnny Mikes, Peter Stone, Barry Holland, Wayne Sawchuk, Corrine Porter, Peter Baird

Regrets: Gavin Dirom, Juergen Puetter, Lana Lowe

NRRM OCP and Zoning Bylaw Presentation: Jack Stevenson

- Provided background of the NRRM;
- Roughly 10% of the Province in terms of area;
- Concerned that they're not as informed as they can be in terms of development in their area hence why an OCP and Zoning Bylaw;
- Kaska recommends they be consulted given they have done zoning and land use planning and they need to be informed and influence what the NRRM is undertaking;
- Regional Council wants share of benefits arising from development within their OCP area;
- Although they can't regulate resource extraction they can regulate processing of the resource (if processed within their OCP);
- Significant overlap with the Eastern slopes of the MKMA;
- Thus, the MKMA Management Plan and the OCP would have overlapping jurisdictions;
- Want to promote Fort Nelson as the Regional Service Centre hence they would prefer processing jobs, the people reside in Fort Nelson
- As they move into the closing phases we should consider how we will engage i.e. development of an MOU?

ACTION: After the draft plan is made public the Board will evaluate it and decide what its next steps should be.

Northeast Heritage Strategy Presentation: Julie Harris

- Three interrelated projects: FN Oral History Project along the Alaska Highway Corridor, Nomination Project (nominating heritage places along the Alaska Highway Corridor), NE Heritage Strategy;
- Authentic visitor experiences. More than just tourism. About community heritage;
- NE Heritage Strategy Ambitions:
 - Tell the story for the NE;
 - Create a platform for heritage to take centre stage in community life;
 - Create vital community partnerships;
 - Embrace reconciliation;
 - Support destination planning for the benefit of residents and visitors; and
 - Cross barriers between culture and nature.
- The MKMA belongs in the NEHS;
- Move us from focusing on differences towards seeking collaboration;
- Shape a truer story and highlight our hopes for the future;

- Connect opportunities with resources;
- Widen views and bring new opportunities into focus;
- Provide a plan to get started and overcome barriers;
- Intersecting Goals (Tourism/cultural employment/conservation/economic diversification);
- **Desires/Goals:** Economic resilience, stronger attachment to place, recreation, reconciliation;
- Heritage can be considered as an “overlay” on the landscape;
- Definition of Heritage: Relationship between people and the land;
- Discussion on whether the MKMA should enjoy world heritage status: to get the money, you need a champion. Need Parks Canada, BC Government support (not sure if they would support a protected status), all the land owners. It costs over \$1,000,000. BC Government would have to propose/sell this to Parks Canada;
- Whatever unfolds, need a secretariat to keep the initiative moving forward;
- Who leads? Amalgam of FN’s, Alaska Highway Society and the MKMA;
- Question: Should we continue to work with the NEHS? Options to the MKMA within the next six weeks including a draft vision, Board review and feedback on the options. If we want to engage then we should appoint someone on the Governance structure. May be an advantage to improving the MKMA’s profile;

Interactive Premier’s Report: Micheline Snively

- Where we’re at today plus feedback from the Board members;
- Focused on Mineral Tenures Tab because most developed;
- Drift Pile tenures appear not to be shown as active;
- Could hot link Geoscience Data if someone is interested in digging down to that data layer;
- Could we show investment by tenures?
- Show Regional District Boundaries on home screen;
- Natural Resource District Boundaries;
- Wildlife hunting licenses

Mackenzie Stewardship Initiative: Mike McLachlan

- Progress Update

Spruce Bark Beetle Epidemic: Mike McLachlan

- Progress Update
- We may participate in their scenario planning because of the work we’ve done on managing wilderness versus leaving it untouched.

UNBC Research Update: Kathy Parker & Pamela Wright & Lindi Anderson

- Mapping Wilderness values;
- Does the wilderness quality ranking system mean different impact tolerances?
- FN relations to the wilderness definition are not evident; primarily science based. We need to somehow include/embed the First Nations cultural meaning of wilderness versus the current Western cultural perspective;
- The social component of wilderness is the subject of the next grad student’s work (Odin);

- There is a risk of misinterpretation of the data/analysis (suggesting some wilderness isn't as "wildernessy" as other differently ranked wilderness. Potential solution is to re-adjust the ranking of wilderness in the context of heavily industrialized landscapes nearby (for example, instead of ranking wilderness from 1 – 10 to 8 – 10.
- Minimizing Conflicts between Development of Natural Resources and High-Value Wildlife Habitats in the MKMA (Kathy);

Kwadacha FN Woodland License Update: Dave Crampton and Corrine Porter

- Bridging tenure for Kwadacha to give them the resources to pursue the woodland licence;
- Negotiations have only just begun;
- FN Tenure Opportunity;
- Potential for 200,000 m3/yr AAC. Starting with 100,000 m3/yr until the Kwadacha are comfortable and willing to increase the cut;
- Area in the MKMA management regime: small patches, potentially no harvest zones, bio-energy potential (hydro (south of the community and the other near to 3 greenhouses));
- Still looking at the Obo and some components of the Fox. Placing a conservancy over the Obo;
- Convert the Obo into carbon credits as well as being a conservancy;
- Timeline: hoping within a year but potentially longer;
- Their plans do not replace the existing LRLMP's.

Meeting Adjourned 4:30 PM

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Day 2: Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Present: Tanya Bell, Stephanie Killam, David Luff, Johnny Mikes, Peter Stone, Barry Holland, Wayne Sawchuk, Corrine Porter, Peter Baird, Juergen Puetter

Regrets: Gavin Dirom, Lana Lowe

Debrief from Day 1

- Mackenzie LRMP: Special Wildland Zones were meant to be protected but they showed up in the presentation for the Mackenzie Stewardship Initiative as THLB.
Action: Phil to raise this concern with Greg Rawling.
- Discussion on whether World Heritage Status worth pursuing for the MKMA. Requires Provincial leadership and questionable whether we gain anything of value;
- Follow up with Mike McLachlan to get a copy of his Mackenzie stewardship presentation.
Action: Phil to pursue with Mick McLachlan.
- Discussion that the Board has fallen out of the public's awareness.
Action: Phil to review existing, albeit lapsed, communications plan and update. Perhaps, the Premier's report could be the catalyst for a news release?
- Recommended that in the future, presentations be made available to Board members in advance of the meeting.
Action: Phil to ensure presentations are made available to board members before meetings.

- NRRM OCP and Zoning Bylaw FN Consultation with Kaska (lack of). We need to pay attention to their process. Seek partnership with the NEHS to increase the profile of the MKMA. Point them to the preamble.
Action: Phil to draft letter from the Board to NRRM and take lead on negotiating an MOU.
- Pay attention to Lindi's work and post work (Odin) to ensure data veracity and integrity.
- Important to deliver on the wilderness initiative (Kevin Kriese) and sooner rather than later.
- We should raise the level of awareness of the MKMA in the Ministry because institutional knowledge is draining quickly.
Action: Phil and Stephanie to continue to try and get on FLNRO senior manager's meetings.
- Wayne moved to adopt the agenda. David seconded.
- BOD should meet twice a year. Caveat is we have enough funding to support those meetings PLUS there's work to be done i.e. not meeting just for the sake of meeting.

Update on the Board's Business since May, 2016

- Phil and Stephanie provided an update of their work done on behalf of the Board. All the presentations from Day 1 arose from this work.

Strategic Direction and Operational Business Plan Review

- Phil provided a summary of "what we planned on doing", "what we achieved" and "what we commit to do."
- Board members supported "what we commit to do" with emphasis on delivering targets/thresholds as its highest priority for the rest of this fiscal and the following fiscal year.

Action: Phil to update the Strategic Direction and Operational Business Plan and submit to the Ministry for its information.

2016/17 Budget Review and Draft Annual Work Plan

- Majority of annual work plan covered during the previous agenda item.
- Phil advised that Q2 reconciliation was still pending from Fraser Basin Council but believed he had a good handle on the budget situation.
- Stephanie advised that we had learned we were in line for an additional \$109,000 but there were no details.
- Decision made to defer Budget Review until we know more about the \$109,000 and then Phil to provide an updated budget review/forecast.

Action: Phil and Stephanie to follow up on additional funding and then draft an updated budget review and forecast for Executive to review and approve on behalf of the Board.

Review of "Conducting our Business" Document

- Purpose of the review was for Board members to affirm that they continue to abide by the procedures and commitments in the document.
- Phil presented a proposal to explicitly state that when the Board meets, members are expected to attend except in unforeseen circumstances. Members decided the revised wording was unnecessary.

- Phil presented a proposal to describe a process to resolve the situation where consensus is not achievable. Members decided to the following changes:
“The preferred method of decision making is through consensus of the Advisory Board members. After every attempt has been made to achieve consensus and fails to, the Board (or working group) will collectively decide on how to resolve the impasse through resolution mechanisms such as majority rules voting (50%...90% + 1), referring to a sub-committee, presenting both sides of the case, and/or referring to the Chair to decide. Regardless of how an issue is resolved the decision will not undermine the Board or the values of the MKMA.

**Next Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for May 11 and 12 potentially at Kwadacha (Fort Ware).
Phil to work with Shawna to determine logistics and costs**

Board Meeting Ended at Noon.