

NAME TO BE DETERMINED

Meeting

Minutes

Date: Jan 30 2019

Location: USCC

Present:

Absent:

Guests:

Meeting called to Order @ 7:00

Chair: Jennifer Houghton

Agenda: Prepared by Jennifer

Minutes from last meeting: N/A

Introductions by all in attendance.

BC Coalition for Forestry Reform

www.bccfr.org

Check them out, consider joining, one of their mandates – Change the legislation.

Two Goals of our group/ society/ organization:

1. Change legislation
2. Form a Citizens Committee; bringing control of the Kettle River Watershed to us (the community).
Currently controlled by BCTS and Industry. Jennifer read excerpts from Herb's email outline this process.

Angie said there is a hydrology study being done by BCTS, Interfor and an independent hydrologist. She asked who is getting this report? **Follow up.**

2 cont'd. Citizens Committee

Step 1 Where are we now? What is the present situation in our watershed?

Step 2 Where do we want to go? What outcomes/ results do we want? What changes to legislation?

Step 3 How do we get from 1 to 2? Here to there? Example: Implementing ecosystem management at landscape scale for biodiversity, climate change, recreation safety, majority economic benefit versus minority economic benefit.

Step 4 How will we know when we've arrived?

Herb recommendation: Start a framework. What is a Citizen's Committee and what do we stand for. Construct the framework carefully and thoroughly. We need it to include a principled restoration and protection of watershed. One goal - asking the Province to implement and fund our committee.

Ideas:

Conservation column in Gazette (Black Press Publication – may have barriers)

Let's be the "Pilot Project" based on our unique situation with 2018 flood.

Connecting with other politicians.

Video footage of watershed issues.

Question – What is the AAC for Boundary and current stumpage fees? **Follow up.**

Note – We are Operating Plan # 14

Assigning tasks:

Minutes – Courtney

Connect/ join with other groups including Facebook etc – Jennifer

Fundraising ideas:

(We need to fundraise to cover expenses. Paid work, contract our, cover professional fees, advertising, event rentals, independent reports, parks, reserves, heritage foundations, etc).

Raffles – pump and generator prize

Cannafest prizes and booth at event

BC Wildlife

Sales of seeds, plants, local products

GoFundMe.com

Quilts

Pancake breakfast

Music Trivia Night

Silent Auction

Watershed tour & potluck picnic

Poster contest

Dates of note:

Mar 22 World Water Day www.worldwaterday.org

Apr 22 Earth Day www.earthday.org

Sept 28 World Rivers Day www.worldriversday.com

** We are asking for change that includes Industry. We need inclusivity. **

BCCFR will send Jennifer a template letter with presentation.

We need to start petitions.

Les brought up the importance of Herb's presentation reaching more people in the Boundary. Add as highschool curriculum. Turn it into a fundraiser at The Gem.

Discussion of Community Forest versus complete Watershed management.

Awareness and Action:

Forest Practices Board www.bcfpb.ca Les would like to be liason. Has already been in contact with Doug Wahl, Manager Audits and Investigations. Les has already written a Letter of Concern in regards to roads.

Let's find areas of non-compliance. Prepare reports with good practice versus legislation.

Donna would like to work on small educational bits for public shares.

Lynn - Would there be a benefit to a flyover of Watershed? People with drones, planes to be contacted, boundaryalliance.org

Dave wrote a reply to a recent article. Black Press wouldn't print. He's still working on it.

Jennifer will prepare an Agenda for next meeting. Continue to send her ideas.

Further event ideas:

Tree planting/ non active road work - great media opportunity.

We need a name.

Next meeting: **TBD**

Adjourned: 9:27 pm