

# Columbia Valley

## Recreation Planning Initiative

### 2023-07-04 CVRPI Advisory & Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

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**AC Present:** Jenna Schulhof (zoom), Chris Fordham, Barrie Hawes, Carey Collin, Brad Lawrence, Suzanne Bayley, Franz Feldmann, Darcy Lehr, Jason Smith (Toby Creek Adventures), Hanna McIntyre.

**PC Present:** Adrian Pery, Tracy Flynn, TJ Neault, Roberta Schnider, Gerry Wilkie, Andrew Craddock, Brenda Hopkins, Al Miller, Stephanie Stevens, Lorne Shovar (Zoom) **Regrets/Absent:** Clara Reinhardt, Trevor Hann, Ember Heidt, Richard Martin.

**Contractors:** Jeff Zukiwsky, Ingrid Liepa

1. Update from Co-Chairs
2. Field tour debrief - more info needed on goat habitat. Much of the area is already regulated.
3. Update from Dennis Paradine (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship).
4. Sector representative presentations
  - a. Suzanne Bayley (Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Society) – Action: Suzanne to send email to Dennis requesting goat info. Done
  - b. Darcy Lehr (Windermere Snowmobile club) – **Action: Darcy** to forward his stats to Jeff
  - c. Jenna Schulhof (Wildsight) - Action: Jenna to forward info on recreation consultation. Done – Jeff supplied.
  - d. Chris (Summit Trail Makers Society) – **Action: Chris** to forward trail counter stats to Jeff.

Hanna asked how range resources have been considered in the planning process.  
Action: Tracy to send Steamboat draft to Hanna (done)
5. Update from Jeff Zukiwsky on Forster Inventory and recreation issues. **Action: Trevor** to forward info on Thunderwater Lake and Irish Lake trail status to Jeff.
  - Adrian noticed new hut, who owns it? **Action: Adrian** will check with George
  - Action: Adrian** will connect Jeff with RK, CMH, Toby Creek adventures, Mike Caswell to get more detailed info on tenures
  - Action: Adrian** to provide contacts info for RK, CMH, Toby Creek Adventures and for Dennis to Tracy so she can update contact list - done
  - Action: all rec groups** to contact Jeff re: specific trails/land use in Forster
  - Action: Suzanne** to forward info on badgers etc to Jeff

Other:

Tracy: Include link to map in meeting minutes. Done

**Action: Franz and Hanna** – 10-minute presentation each at the next meeting

6. Minutes approved from June. **Action: Jeff** to post to website
7. Next meeting: Next AC/PC meeting scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 3 pm at Invermere Firehall

### Summary of status of recent action items (bold items in progress)

1. Review of action items from May (uncompleted in June)
  - All – review and provide input on Forster GIS/mapping re known recreation uses, values, conflicts. **Action item: All** to review and provide input before next meeting date.
  - Co-chairs to arrange subject matter expert attendance for June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Asked Canfor rep and Ministry of Forests range rep, but both were unable to attend. In the future, subject matter experts from gov't will attend to provide specific input as requested and as their schedule allows. Done – Dennis, Hannah attended July meeting. Other subject matter experts including Allana to attend in the future.
  - All – provide contact info for hut society, Toby Creek Adventures, and heli operators to co-chairs. Action – TJ to provide contact info for Toby Creek Adventures and Heli operators to Adrian, who will then contact them. **Trevor** to reach out to hut society. Adrian has been in contact with TCA, CMH and RK.
2. Review of Action items from June
  - Action: TJ –to provide info on the safety hut in the area to Jeff – done.
  - Action – Jeff to contact BC Fisheries Society for BC fish stocking info - done – there are no stocked lakes but some fish.
  - Action – Shuswap Band has info on Forster Creek. Suzanne will ask if they will share that info. Done – nothing relevant to Forster.
  - Action – Rick Hoar to get information on future caribou maternity penning in area. Done. Tracy contacted Provincial caribou biologist. Proposed pen not in Forster. Jeff spoke to biologist about caribou habitat in Forster.
  - Action – Jeff to include annual rally race on Forster Creek FSR to recreational activity inventory. Done - rally runs adjacent to Forster LU.
  - Action – All – Is there an OHV group that should be invited to attend or that could provide information on the trails currently in use, given high OHV use in the area? Has Windermere Valley Dirt Riders been invited to CVRPI? Done – Andrew represents them.
  - Action - Jeff to forward Forster presentation to all. Done. **All** to review, identify any gaps and provide input to Jeff.

- Action – Sector representatives will be sharing the work of their groups over the next few meetings. In July we will begin with Suzanne from Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Society, Darcy from Windermere Snowmobile club, Jenna from Wildsight and Chris from Summit Trail Makers Society providing short (10-minute max) presentations. **Trevor** to ask hut society if they'd like to present.
- Action: Jeff/Tracy to send out doodle poll to determine best dates for field trips. Schedule one weekday evening and one weekend day – one weekday chosen – July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Action: Tracy to send out Terms of Reference to all with minutes – done.