

# Columbia Valley

## Recreation Planning Initiative

### 2023-09-12 CVRPI Advisory & Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

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#### Present

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

**Advisory Committee:** Jenna Schulhof, Hanna McIntyre (zoom), Barrie Hawes, Suzanne Bayley, Carey Collin, Franz Feldmann, Rick Allen (guest) **Regrets/Absent:** Brian Feeney, Tom Hoyne, Rick Hoar, Mike Caswell, Richard Tegart, George Tegart, Gordon Bagan, Chris Fordham, Brad Lawrence, Darcy Lehr, Jason Smith (Toby Creek Adventures),

**Contractors:** Jeff Zukiwsky, Ingrid Liepa

1. **Co-Chairs update** – addressed recent meetings and correspondence; letter from Rod and Gun Club. Dennis still working on support letters from Ministries.
2. **Minutes** from August 15 meeting approved, with corrections as discussed.
3. **Review of Action items from July/August.** Some action items still outstanding.
  - Dennis indicated that a memo outlining process is needed.
  - Jeff/Ingrid to post minutes to website starting with June.
  - Updated numbers from Summit Trail Makers trail counters to be provided to Jeff.
  - Suzanne Bayley to provide wildlife GIS layers to Jeff.
  - Trevor was not aware of “Mt Forster Hiking trail” sign.
  - Clara followed up re: car rally and Franz’s injured cattle. The organizers haven’t contacted Franz. Clara to try again to connect organizers/Franz.
4. **Existing and emerging public recreation issues in Forster LU**
  - Discussion re: altitude restrictions for motorized use.
  - Discussion of draft document “Forster LU – Recreation issues”. **Action: All** to supply Jeff with clarity and background to issues highlighted in yellow in the draft document
  - Discussion of importance of education, management of invasive species, importance of engaging user groups for self-policing,
  - Maintain focus on type and location of recreation that is creating problems.
  - Reviewed monthly break-down on traffic data from snowmobile club. **Action:** request more clarity on numbers and location.
  - **Action:** Ask Rick Hoar for more info on the Alpine Club of Canada, i.e., how often and how many people use the Forster units every year.
5. **Review of CVRPI Workplan for Forster LU**
  - Discussion on whether to follow the same public engagement process as used for Steamboat and/or reach out to user groups directly?
  - How issues and impacts are characterized is qualitative. Suggested that a quantitative approach would be less subjective. A values assessment of some type could be helpful.

- Early public engagement would be helpful in hearing what the public wants re recreation.
- PC will consider AC input and make a decision on further engagement timing and process

6. **Next meeting** – October 5.