

Friends of the Rossland Range (FoRR)

Meeting: Tuesday, February 13th, 2007 Rossland Library 3pm

Minutes

Present: Les Carter Kim Deane Sherry Sonfield Stewart Spooner Brian Steeves

Chair: Kim Deane

- 1) Proposed initiative to seek allies to request BC Gov't planning:
Les had circulated a draft a week prior which elicited comments and discussion. All agreed the draft was well done. It was felt by all that a stronger 'economic benefits' theme was important. This, especially in supporting letters we seek from the many businesses depending on amenities such as the Old Glory Alpine. Les offered to modify the letter based on the discussion.

Once the letter is finalized, the meeting envisaged the Director's dividing the list and each approaching those who we feel would support planning.

{List from previous Minutes included: Red Mtn., Big Red Cats, Redstone, Chambers of Commerce {Rossland, Trail & Castlegar}, Black Jack, Nordic, Naturalists & Ministry of Tourism. This meeting suggested B&B's, retail, etc.} .
2nd stage: seek support of Cities & RDKB. 3rd stage: BC Gov't
Also, to act transparently by making our petition known to all stakeholders.

Also suggested we make our initiative known to the press (Ray Masleck).

- 2) Funding:
Suggested we keep a list of possible sources of funding as may be needed from time to time. {Real Estate Foundation, MEC, CBT, Community Futures, etc.}
- 3) Possible tenure applications in Old Glory Alpine Area:
Agreed that we measure any that arise in accordance with the FoRR values. Suggested letter be sent to ILMB requesting that FoRR be advised directly of any tenure applications in Rossland Range area. The Kootenay Mountaineering Club (KMC) has such an agreement with ILMB (see (5) below).
Kim will request this for the FoRR.
{Note: Ken Holmes has advised that he is on a Kootenay Mountaineering Club (KMC) committee to monitor tenure applications throughout SE B.C. He has flagged the Rossland Range greater area as being of interest which is to trigger such notification – the KMC has an agreement with ILMB that the KMC will be notified directly. Ken will keep watch on behalf of the FoRR}.
- 4) Heritage Photo/Story Archive:
Sheree reported: have completed 200+ photos on 8 display boards. Currently attaching frames. 4 easels still to be made by Richie & Kim. Plus, back-up files. Final report to Arts Council (CBT) required as condition of \$1,000 grant and before we receive the final \$100.

- 5) Ken Holmes has resigned as a Director. He has lost patience with BC Gov't. Is still supportive of FoRR objectives and will continue to assist wherever he can. See (3) above.

{Les noted that it took 15 years to achieve the Strathcona Park Visitor's Centre – we are about 5 years along }

- 6) Mailout:
Cost-effective (\$150) means of keeping in touch with the community.
Agreed to do – but to wait until we have more to report, especially with respect to seeking allies for a planning request.
- 7) Mt. Roberts: some concern in community re: Red Ski Area gradually developing it more and more. Information at meeting was that the Red Resorts tenure encompasses the north half of Mt. Roberts, Granite, Grey and the south half of Kirkup Mtn – all to the Record Ridge line. Therefore, Red Resorts have the right to develop it . Beaumont owns outright a large block including the south half of Mt. Roberts.
This to be checked further through individual inquiries and any additional information passed on to all Directors.

Old topics;

- increased parking along Hwy#3B; and
- wind generation.

Next meeting: Thursday March 22nd at 3pm Rossland Library.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm