

Regular Meeting: Tuesday April 13th, 2010

Rossland Library 4pm

Present:

Executive: Bob Bechaud, Les Carter, Kim Deane (Chair), Patrick Hinds, and Gary Westbury; **plus** Sheree Sonfield (Member) **Absent:** Jenny Coleshill, Suzanne Paquin (Treasurer), Stewart Spooner & Jen Vogel (Streamkeepers).

Others: Nellie & Glen Fisher

1) (a) Tenure/ Forestry Recreation Area/ Designated Trails (Polygons) (LC & BB) including: b) Planning; c) Public Consultation Process; & d) Coordination with City of Rossland & RDKB (Area B)

- Explore application for a Forestry Recreation Tenure (as per Paulson XC);
- Undertake our own public consultation/planning process (while still pursuing BCGov't planning)

Presentation to City of Rossland prepared by LC & scheduled April 26th, 2010 (7pm) (Others welcome to attend Council Meeting in support).

LC to explore 'Service Agreement' between FoRR & City.

Public Consultation: meeting supported hiring of a Facilitator

Time: 7 to 9pm

discussion leaders available:

Bob, Gary, Sarah, Kim, Stewart, Patrick

{Possible topics: Cabins, Access/Glading, Impacts/Overuse & Plowing/Parking}

2) Ron Walker's Book (JC & GW)

JC met with Ron. Unable to identify what FoRR could do. Ron is going forward knowing he has FoRR support and willingness to help if possible.

3) Streamkeepers – 'Earth Day' Project (JV)

Marking manholes in Rossland with universal painted-on fish.

4) Snowplowing for Parking along Highways 3 and 3B (KD)

FoRR is one of 8 interested parties working on letter to Minister of Highways requesting a meeting re: snowplowing.

{Biathlon, Castlegar Friends of Parks & Trails, Castlegar Chamber of Commerce, Paulson XC, Snowgoers, Christina Lake Snowmobile Club and Big Red Cats}.

Discussion included whether FoRR should participate prior to Public Consultation vs this being a long-term, ongoing safety problem that needs to be dealt with regardless. Also, discussion whether letter should mention expanded parking sites, and BCGov't tourism objectives.

Of the 8 parties, two have good voluntary plowing currently, and have concerns whether such a letter might upset their arrangements (however, they understand a letter will, of necessity be sent by others who lack adequate snowplowing),

To be worked on further.

5) Wetlands South of Strawberry Pass (near Surprise Cabin) (JV)

Located just beyond Highways large pit area. This meeting suggests to JV that she approach Highways from a Streamkeepers perspective regarding Highways management of watercourses and wetlands, including this site.

6) Grizzly Bear Inventory (JC)

JC is undertaking this as an individual initiative, and asks that any information be passed to her. Meeting participants committed to do this.

7) 2010 Summer Old Glory Hikes (SP & SS)

Being well-organized, and advertised by SS and SP.

July 24th

August 28th

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 18th, 2010 Rossland Library 4pm OPEN TO ALL