

**Cranbrook West Recreation Advisory Committee
Outstanding Items Working Group
April 3, 2007, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
ILMB Office, Cranbrook
1st Meeting**

Present:

Bill Adair ILMB - Chair
Sangita Sudan, ILMB
Leanne Colombo, GCC
Larry Hall, E.K. Hunters Assoc.

Dave Quinn, EKBC
Andy Balcom, Kimb. Wildlife & Wilderness Club
Dave Miller, BC Snowmobile Federation

Absent:

Tom McDougall, Koot Mush & Berry Pickers Peter Davidson, Rocky Mtn. Naturalists

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Round-table introductions. Chair welcomed the group and thanked them for attending.
2. Review and approval of Agenda
 - Addition – Degradation
 - Agenda approved
3. Working Group Terms of Reference (Attachment 1)
 - Chair reviewed Attachment 1 and asked members to provide input for their working group.

Membership:

- Larry Hall suggested that if other CWRAC members express interests in joining the group making it larger than 8, then the working group should consider splitting the group up and giving each sub-group a priority item to work on. He felt that issues may generate interest.

Agreed by all members that membership be limited to 6-8 individuals and the CWRAC Chair will continue to Chair the meetings. If issues generate interest and more CWRAC members want to join then OIWG will consider creating subgroups. Each group or sub-group will continue to maintain balanced representation.

Membership Term:

Agreed by all members that membership term will be limited to less than 2 years with the anticipation that the list of outstanding items will have been reviewed and addressed in that time.

Meets When:

Agreed by all members that meetings will be held every 4-6 weeks.

Decisions:

Agreed by all members that the goal is to strive to reach consensus and gain general agreement to take forward as a recommendation to the main table.

Where consensus is not achieved the CWRAC will be informed of this along with the reason for difference of opinion.

- Leanne suggested that when agreement is not reached in the working group then the group should consider bringing in an expert to clarify.

Agreed by all members that the working group may consider bringing in an expert to clarify issues as needed.

Workplan:

- Members of the working group agreed that their purpose is to clarify area/zonation use in order to move forward with public education and communication of the plan.
- See section 4 for workplan focus.

Government Participation:

Agreed by all members that representatives from MOFR, MOE, MTSA, FCBC, MOT, ILMB, MEMPR, Regional Districts, and Municipalities may be called upon from time to time to provide information on specific issues and priorities.

Other Participation:

Agreed by all members that Recreation Sector Representatives not signatories to the plan and guest speakers will be invited as required to provide information.

4. Next steps – focus on top 3 priorities

- Intensive Use Areas
 - It was discussed that there is a need to identify areas for youth near towns.
ACTION: ILMB to investigate how Cities manage skate parks.
 - Sites with existing intensive motorized use such as the Tata Creek motorbike trails would be an example of an intensive use site.
ACTION: Working group to develop criteria for selecting sites.
 - The working group will review current black blobs on the maps against Neil's criteria. This may require a field trip with MTSA Lisa Cox to investigate.
ACTION: ILMB to check what criteria were used by Neil Shuttleworth for those areas shown on the CWRMS maps.
 - **ACTION: ILMB will contact Phil Youwe regarding the Lac de Bois) IUA permits in Kamloops.**
 - The Group discussed the need to work with representatives from the MOFR, MTSA, FCBC, Municipalities and Regional Districts throughout the identification process for IUA. Some members suggested that displaying the sites on the maps may convey the wrong message to the public and become a liability issue for government. Once sites have been selected the CWRAC can make recommendations to MTSA and FCBC to promote these areas.

Agreed by all members to establish a criteria for intensive use areas through collaboration with Forest and Range, Tourism Sports and Arts, Environment and other related Ministries and local Governments

- Mid-Elevation Grasslands and Table B
 - Coordinate meetings and field trip with Doug Martin (MOE) to clarify use in mid-elevation grasslands and those still outstanding in Table B.
ACTION: ILMB to arrange meeting with Doug Martin.

Agreed by all members to provide recommendations to the CWRAC on Mid-elevation Grasslands and undecided areas in Table B

- VAHC/AMA identified as the 3rd priority.

Agreed by all members that they will review and make recommendations to CWRAC on current and new VAHC/AMA proposed by Environment and Forest and Range

Leanne, on behalf of MOFR, asked if the working group would consider temporal AMAs in treatment areas where recovery is needed.

ACTION: Further discussion on VAHC/AMAs tabled for next meeting in the meanwhile members asked Leanne Colombo to pass on three questions to MOFR:

1. **Will a list be provided of potential VAHC/AMA for recovery areas?**
2. **Will they be identified in the hunting and fishing regulations?**
3. **Will the VAHC be in place for a limited lifespan?**

- Degradation
 - The group discussed this topic in light of new Section 18 legislation and its relevance to IUA, Mid-elevation grasslands and table B.

Agreed by all members to provide recommendations on degradation as it relates to new section 18 legislation for Mid-Elevation Grasslands, undecided areas in Table B and Intensive Use Areas.

ACTION: Moved forward to agenda for the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting
 - Scheduled for May 9, 2007