

Watershed Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2000 in the office of the Community Action Network, Gold River

Attendance: Paul Smith, Chair. Arlene Fehr, Dick Dennison, Larry Fehr. Sec: M.Trevis

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7.40 p.m.
- 2.0 Introductions around the table.
- 3.0 Motion to approve the agenda, moved by Dick, seconded by Larry **Carried**
- 4.0 Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting moved by Paul, seconded by Dick **Carried**
- 5.0 Business arising from the minutes
 - a) Paul reported that he was still awaiting a response from Ministry of the Environment, BC Hydro and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation regarding the Heber River Diversion.
 - b) It was agreed to table any discussions on the new ranking criteria being used by FRBC for funding guidelines. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - c) Paul stated that the Village has agreed to work with the Committee re: storm drain management. Both schools will be asked if they would like to be involved in re-painting the yellow fish symbols at appropriate locations.
 - d) Paul distributed a map of the Gold River watershed – a more detailed map showing height of land etc. will be distributed once it becomes available.
 - e) There was a question whether Gold River's chlorine management plan for the pool is appropriate.
 - f) There was a discussion regarding the possibility of utilising a Stream Team to do some of the work for the Watershed Committee.
 - g) The results from the recent fry trapping are still awaited.
 - h) A Fish Smart programme has been presented to RWES for implementation.
 - i) Paul will be conducting tests at the various Hart Lake dump outlets.
 - j) Patrick James had been asked to attend the Committee meeting on behalf of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation.

6.0 The Terms of Reference for the Committee are still “a work in progress”. Further discussion on this issue was tabled until the next meeting. It was agreed to ask Roger Dunlop to attend the next meeting to discuss the Resource Management Plan.

7.0 New Business

- a) Arlene suggested that priority should be given to committee members for participating in the Streamkeepers programme. The first course, which is full, is scheduled for May 5-7. Paul will be conducting a second course sometime in June.
- b) Dick commented about the course offered at Captain Meares in Tahsis, which takes the students out to Cougar Creek where they study map reading, rock climbing, etc. Paul noted that Fish Smart has been offered at this school too.
- c) Paul stated that the BC Wildlife Federation is considering annual presentations to schools, in the fall, on wildlife safety, etc.
- d) There was discussion on the vision for the Watershed Committee, which includes the health of watersheds, stewardship, etc.

8.0 A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. was moved by Larry, seconded by Arlene. **Carried**

The next meeting will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday 31st May 2000. The location of the meeting will be announced with the agenda.