



Meeting Minutes

RDKB Planning and Development Department

Electoral Area E/West Boundary – Big White Official Community Plan Review

Big White Fire Department meeting room

7555 Porcupine Rd.

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Present

Sharen Gibbs - Director Electoral Area E/West Boundary (remote)

RDKB Staff: Liz Moore - Senior Planner, Freya Phillips – Senior Energy Specialist, Janine Dougall – General Manager Environmental Services (remote attended 2:45pm-3:50pm)

Steering Committee Members: Ana Byrne, Mike Figurski, Trevor Hanna (remote), Jordan Hettinga, John LeBrun, Joyce Ricioppo, Nadia Berg (remote)

Regrets: Chief Josh Foster, Gord Rowland, Darcy Arnold

The meeting began at 2:10 pm.

1.0 Territorial Acknowledgements

RDKB's territorial acknowledgement was read by Senior Planner.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

That the June 21, 2023, Electoral Area E/West Boundary – Big White OCP Review Meeting Minutes and the September 14, 2023 Big White OCP Review Meeting Agenda be adopted.

- Alteration to June 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes to correct "Falcon Ridge" to "Grizzly Lodge".
- Mike and Joyce accepted.

3.0 Follow Up from Last Meeting

Senior Planner completed some actions items outlined in the minutes.

Senior Planner mentioned that Mountain Resorts Branch will be joining the Steering Committee on November 9 to present information about Master Planning processes and Resort contracts with the Province.

Senior Planner reminded committee members that the Kettle River Water Advisory Council meeting and tour will be happening on September 26 in Big White and will forward information following the meeting.

4.0 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Climate Resiliency

The Committee was introduced to Freya Phillips, Senior Energy Specialist, who coordinates the Climate Action Plan for the RDKB. Senior Planner explained that several of the proposed policies included in the meeting package are from the Climate Action Plan, though there is space to reflect how climate considerations are included throughout policies in the OCP.

The Senior Energy Specialist mentioned that the Province is currently developing an Alterations Code for buildings which will cover both energy efficiency and resiliency requirements for buildings undergoing retrofit. There is currently little detail on this new code.

Committee discussed low carbon zoning that encourages a transportation mode shift. This included integration of servicing and building denser, more compact developments centred around the chair lifts would help maintain a walkable community and reduce reliance on cars. Also connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists on trails to remove need to use roads.

5.0 Solid Waste Management

Committee member raised issue of taxation for solid waste management at Big White and concern about regional taxes including Big White, while also requiring a separate service specific to meeting Big White's solid waste needs. The General Manager of Environmental Services joined for a discussion on taxes and how solid waste services are being transitioned from an unattended facility to an attended facility.

Committee members suggested that fencing the transfer station facilities might not work considering the snow management requirements. Committee discussed food waste and how this is handled for Big White Mountain.

Committee member suggested that a policy providing direction for communications around solid waste at Big White would help build understanding of the service for resident and non-resident population on the mountain. Another committee member suggested considerations for large item pick ups a few times per year to manage dumping at the transfer site.

6.0 Property Maintenance and Safety

The committee suggested removal of proposed policy 1, as the regulation of unsightly premises is not a priority in the community.

Committee members suggested that there is a need for communications concerning considerate behaviour for people visiting that Resort to help with addressing noise concerns.

Committee member also suggested that proposed policy 7, concerning the screening of outdoor storage areas would not be practical because of snow clearing requirements.

Finally, committee member suggested that Fire Smart practices should be applied to more than just landscaping.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

8.0 Action Items

- Senior Planner to send out Kettle River Watershed Advisory Council meeting agenda for September 26.