



Meeting Minutes

RDKB Planning and Development Department

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

Teams Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Present

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

RDKB Staff: Liz Moore - Senior Planner, Donna Dean – Manager of Planning and Development

Steering Committee Members: Ana Byrne, Mike Figurski, Trevor Hanna, Jordan Hettinga, John LeBrun, Joyce Ricioppo, Nadia Berg, Gord Rowland, Darcy Arnold

Regrets: Chief Josh Foster

The meeting began at 2:03 pm.

1.0 Territorial Acknowledgements

RDKB's territorial acknowledgement was read by Director Gibbs.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

That the September 14, 2023, Electoral Area E/West Boundary – Big White OCP Review Meeting Minutes and the October 12, 2023 Big White OCP Review Meeting Agenda be adopted.

Ana and Jordan accepted.

3.0 Follow Up from Last Meeting

Senior Planner presented the proposed change in order of meeting topics and noted that staff from the Mountain Resort Branch will attend the next meeting to answer questions regarding the Mountain Development Agreement (MDA), land use as well as previous studies.

4.0 Servicing – Sewage Treatment and Water

Senior Planner outlined the staff report.

Gord Rowland, Big White Utilities Operations Manager, gave an overview of the water system, and the fact that the infrastructure is newer and functioning well. Bringing Powder Basin Water on-line, which will service the lower village, will help to determine if and where leaks are. The reservoir with treated water will be covered; water is filtered, UV treated and chlorinated.

Discussed potential for public private partnership and various systems in the RDKB for water and sewer utilities.

Concerns were expressed regarding cattle having access to the reservoirs and on roads. Questions were raised regarding the possible need for fencing of reservoirs, and use of cattle guards and who would pay for that. Potential to add reference to cattle in the Transportation section.

5.0 Utility Corridors

Senior Planner outlined the staff report.

Committee member asked about the trench that was constructed for use as a utility corridor between school (field) and sewage treatment plant. Gord explained that it was for a new line to the wastewater treatment plant.

Committee member was concerned that the easement goes though the school's sports field. The ortho photo suggests that the sports field is not entirely on the school property. It was suggested that the placement was limited by the proximity of a stream to the east. Committee member asked for better communications when works are planned.

School may be on a septic tank; however, the plan is to link it to the sewage treatment plant.

Also discussed was the potential impact of works on public bike trails that provide access to trails beyond. Senior Planner pointed out that trails mapping will be a topic for a future meeting. It was noted that the location of trails should not impact resort operations and watercourses and that ski-in ski-out trails are often on utility corridors. Committee member pointed out the importance of mapping trails as it would enable applications for grants for active communities.

Darcy Arnold, Vice President of Mountain Operations, confirmed that newer development has underground utilities, so policy is supported.

6.0 Meeting Structure and Topic Review

Senior Planner asked committee members if the current structure of meetings is working and whether they felt engaged with the work.

Senior Planner checked-in with members on the process; four meetings in, four to five to go. She asked whether the format is working/functional for having ideas heard. She recognizes how valuable peoples time is and wanted

to make sure everyone is happy with the process so far. Director Gibbs noted the challenge with hybrid meetings and suggested that tables at the Fire Hall be placed closer together, so the owl catches all voices. If the meeting can't be 100% in-person, then go 100% virtual.

Senior Planner presented an option to hold focused meetings; however members present did not feel that was necessary.

Director Gibbs made a motion that staff records steering committee meetings so others can review; passed.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.

8.0 Action Items

- Senior Planner to Send out Gord's Kettle River Watershed Advisory Council presentation deck to Steering Committee