



Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

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, March 9, 2023

Present

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

RDKB Staff: Liz Moore - Senior Planner

Steering Committee Members: Darcy Arnold, Nadia Berg, Ana Byrne (6pm), Mike Figurski, Trevor Hanna, Jordan Hettinga, John Lebrun, Joyce Ricioppo (remote), Gord Rowland

Regrets: Chief Josh Foster

The meeting began at 5:00 pm.

1.0 Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and their backgrounds and why they joined the OCP Review Steering Committee.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

That the March 9, 2023, Electoral Area E/West Boundary – Big White OCP Review agenda be adopted.

- John and Trevor accepted.

3.0 Overview of Process – Presentation by Senior Planner

Senior Planner provided a presentation of why the OCP is being reviewed and what elements need to be included in an OCP bylaw. Also, what the role of the Steering Committee is, how long the process is expected to take and what kind of engagement efforts can be made with the community.

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference.

4.0 Confirmation of Meeting Times

The Committee confirmed that the preferred time for meetings is the second Thursday of the month from 2-4pm.

5.0 Review Community Profile and Identified Issues

Committee discussed inclusion of background information in the OCP, with some members expressing support for inclusion and one member stating they didn't see the purpose due to concerns with length of an OCP.

The committee discussed the issues identified in the Staff Report and no new issues were added and none removed from the list in the staff report. Committee member said that housing remains an issue at the mountain and issue has likely become worse in recent years.

6.0 Discussion of Engagement Plan

The committee supported having open houses in the winter. Committee member suggested having a booth in the main area of the Village Centre Mall for a couple of days.

Survey can be distributed through several channels: Community Facebook groups; email lists.

7.0 Action Items

- Senior Planner to prepare a survey to be distributed.
- Senior Planner will provide examples of OCPs for the Steering Committee, including recent example from RDKB.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.