



Kicking Horse Canyon Project

Community Liaison Committee

MINUTES

Meeting # 1	Location: Holiday Inn Express 1120 14 St N, Golden, BC V0A 1H0
Date: October 10, 2018	Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Members		Attendance
Chad Parent	Golden Rod & Gun Club	✓
Ryan Johannesen	Kicking Horse River Outfitters	✓
David Balding	Golden Fire Rescue	✓
Betty Watson	RCMP	✓
Kyle Hale	Golden & Area Emergency Management	✓
TBD	BC Ambulance	
Shelly Wadden	Chamber of Commerce	✓
Jon Wilsgard	Town of Golden	✓
Brian Weir	BCTA	✓
Joanne Sweeting	Tourism Golden	✓
Mike Rubenstein	Kicking Horse Mountain Resort	✓
Annette Luttermann	Wildsight (alternate representative)	✓
Charles Hamilton	CSRD	
TBD	Shuswap Indian Band	
TBD	Ktunaxa Nation	
James Acton	Golden Cycling Club	

MoTI/Project Team		
Murray Tekano	Project Director, MoTI	✓
Lisa Payne	Associate Project Director, MoTI	✓
Lindsay Parker	Senior Project Manager, MoTI	✓
Art McClean	Operations Manager, MoTI	✓
Ryan Edmonds	Area Roads Manager, MoTI	✓
Kipp Fennell	FN Relations, MoTI	
Darcy Grykuliak	Senior Project Advisor, MoTI	✓
Tim Stevens	Lead Engineer, OE team	✓
Robin Taylor	Environmental Lead, OE team	✓
Jack Stuempel	Communications/Engagement Lead, OE team (facilitator)	✓

1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting participants introduced themselves. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was adopted as circulated. 	
3.	The Community Liaison Committee - committee purpose / terms of reference	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group reviewed the purpose/objectives of the committee as outlined in the draft terms of reference. Key points emphasized included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group is to be a mechanism for ongoing dialogue with the community to build and maintain relationships and trust. It is viewed as a "sounding board" that will help identify issues, opportunities and concerns related to the Kicking Horse Canyon Project. It is to be community-focused and intended to reflect the interests most affected by the project. The intention is to have the committee function throughout the various stages of the project. While the project itself only involves 4.8 kilometres in the Kicking Horse Canyon, it will affect a much broader area. With the emphasis on dialogue rather than decision-making, meetings will be relatively informal while being conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust. 	
4.	Group composition / membership	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project team has proposed that the following key community sectors be reflected in the group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business / tourism Emergency services Social / local amenities Recreation Environment Cycling / pedestrian Local governments and First Nations With the above in mind, the team had proposed that the membership consist of representatives from the following groups and organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism Golden Golden Chamber of Commerce Kicking Horse River Outfitters Kicking Horse Mountain Resort BC Trucking Association RCMP Golden Fire Rescue BC Ambulance Area Emergency Management Wildsight Rod & Gun Club Golden Cycling Club Town of Golden (CAO) CSRD (CAO) Shuswap Indian Band Ktunaxa Nation The group was invited to review the suggested composition of the 	

	<p>committee and recommend changes or additions that might help it fulfill its mandate. As a result of the discussion, it was agreed that invitations should be issued to representatives of the following groups whose participation would be beneficial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highway accommodators ○ Golden Outdoor Recreation Association ○ Golden Community Resources Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There has also been discussion regarding the potential participation of Dart Creek water licence holders, but the specific nature of their interest is considered more conducive to direct outreach from the project team. Similarly, the school district, Parks Canada, CP and some other agencies will be engaged directly. ● It was suggested that it might be useful to make contact with the Field Recreation and Advisory Association. ● Members were asked to consider assigning alternates who can attend meetings when the primary representative is unable to be present. 	<p>Jack</p> <p>Jack</p> <p>All</p>
5.	KHCP overview: background & status / schedule	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee was presented a summary of past and future highway improvements in the Kicking Horse Canyon Project. ● The previous three phases included the Yoho Bridge and the Park Bridge, as well as the segments between Brake Check and Yoho Park and Golden Hill to the “West Portal” of the Kicking Horse Canyon itself. ● The 4.8 kilometre fourth and final phase, in the most difficult section of the canyon, is to be constructed as a “design-build” project, in which the contractor will be expected to complete the detailed design work as well as construct the remaining highway improvements. ● The detailed design is to be based on a “reference concept” that has been prepared and is currently being refined under the direction of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. (A copy of the concept plan is available for download from the Ministry’s website at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/driving-and-transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/kickinghorse/khcp-4-concept-plan.pdf). ● A Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which invites prospective bidders to demonstrate their capabilities, is to be issued this winter. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued to a short list of candidates deemed qualified to take on the work, likely in Spring 2019. The target for awarding a contract is Fall 2019, with some early works construction possible shortly thereafter. Substantial completion of the improvements could occur by late 2023. 	
6.	Round table: issues, opportunities, considerations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members were asked to share their initial thoughts regarding potential issues, concerns and opportunities. Subjects raised for consideration by the team included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maximizing protection for wildlife, particularly mountain goats and sheep, both during and after construction ○ Minimizing construction impacts on air quality, including asphalt production ○ Impacts on trail systems and recreation opportunities ○ Impact of road closures and traffic management strategies and the need for predictability and reliability of highway access/availability 	

	<p>schedules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the commercial transportation sector, with consideration of the capacity of alternate routes ▪ For emergency services and deployment of personnel ▪ For the business and tourism sector, including resorts, recreation-based businesses (e.g. rafting) and the hospitality industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensuring there is a comprehensive emergency contact list. ○ Need for good information as early as possible to support destination marketing strategies and lead times ○ The project’s own value as an “attraction” or subject of interest on the part of area residents and visitors ○ Opportunities for synergies with local government initiatives ○ Opportunities for and capacity of the local workforce, businesses and social services ○ Coordination of communication activities, including social media and other methods, and involvement/partnership with local resources 	
7.	Next steps / next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that, for the time being, the group plan to meet approximately quarterly. Given the concerns over construction impacts, it was felt that the next meeting should occur before final commitments have been made in a traffic management strategy. • The group agreed to target January 16, 2019 for the next meeting. It was noted that there will be a need for additional dialogue and networking with some key stakeholders beforehand. <i>(Post-meeting note: this meeting is now tentatively targeted for January 30, 2019.)</i> • The January meeting agenda should include further discussion regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction traffic management • the project’s reference concept plan • other matters raised in the round table portion of the meeting. 	

Notes by Jack Stuempel