



Kicking Horse Canyon Project

Community Liaison Committee

MINUTES

Meeting # 2	Location: Days Inn Golden 1416 Golden View Rd, Golden, BC V0A 1H1
Date: January 30, 2019	Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Members & Alternates		Attendance
Chad Parent	Golden Rod & Gun Club	✓
Ryan Johannesen	Kicking Horse River Outfitters	✓
Carmen Narancsik	Kicking Horse River Outfitters (A)	✓
David Balding	Golden Fire Rescue	✓
Betty Watson	RCMP	✓
Kyle Hale	Golden & Area Emergency Management	
Ron Oszust	BC Ambulance	✓
Mac Albus	BC Ambulance (A)	✓
Dan Thiessen	BC Ambulance (A)	✓
Magi Scallion	Kicking Horse Country Chamber of Commerce	✓
Jill Dewtie	Golden Community Social Services Co-op	✓
Brian Weir	BCTA	
Joanne Sweeting	Tourism Golden	✓
Mike Rubenstein	Kicking Horse Mountain Resort	
Atma Sandher	Highway accommodation sector	✓
Meg Langley	Wildsight	✓
Ken Schroeder	Golden and District Air Quality Committee	
James Acton	Golden Cycling Club	✓
Jon Wilsgard	Town of Golden	
Chris Cochran	Town of Golden (A)	✓
Charles Hamilton	CSRD	
TBD	Shuswap Indian Band	
TBD	Ktunaxa Nation	

MoTI/Project Team		
Murray Tekano	Project Director, MoTI	
Lisa Payne	Associate Project Director, MoTI	
Lindsay Parker	Senior Project Manager, MoTI	✓
Aimee Barre	Assistant 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	
Sheila McKeage	Environmental, 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.	Previous minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous minutes were adopted as circulated 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<p>i. <u>Invitations to additional groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of the group's discussion at the previous meeting and other events, Jack presented the following group composition updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atma Sandher has been invited and was present to represent the highway accommodation sector Jill Dewtie has been added to represent the social services sector With the recent departure of the organization's manager, Chamber of Commerce president Magi Scallion is representing the Chamber Rocky Mountain School District #6 has been invited and is expected to participate in future meetings <p>ii. <u>Contact with Field Recreations & Advisory Association</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach in Field is starting off initially at the administrative level, with Parks Canada. <p>iii. <u>Assignment of alternates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group members are asked to identify alternates to attend meetings on their behalf if they are unable to attend themselves. 	CLC members
5.	Environmental management update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheila McKeage, the wildlife lead on the project's environmental team, presented a combination of reported and estimated wildlife collision data for Phases 1-3 both before and after the installation of wildlife exclusion fencing, and for Phase 4. The information suggests that the fencing has served to reduce the wildlife mortality rate due to collisions on the highway. Golden Rod & Gun Club and Wildsight members expressed concern over the current discontinuity of wildlife fencing and the ability for animals to go around fencing. Fencing installed for Phase 4 will tie into existing fencing to be continuous. The project team has identified three broad locations over a 4-kilometre stretch for wildlife passage. It was suggested that the team consider moving the location of the middle passage towards the east, near Dart Creek FSR, as sheep have often been observed seen crossing in this location. Concern was also expressed over the steepness of the slopes at the proposed crossing locations. There is interest in the 2009 study used to determine sheep impact and wildlife passage. Outstanding environmental reports will be posted on the Kicking Horse Canyon Project website for public access. (Post-meeting note: environmental/wildlife reports posted since the meeting include the following: Survey of Early Post-Natal Habitats of Bighorn Sheep and 	

	<p>Mountain Goats on the Kicking Horse Canyon Project: April 2008 - July 2008 (2.1 MB PDF, 48 pages, July 2009); Kicking Horse Canyon Project Phase 4 Environmental Synopsis Report (1.2 MB PDF, 32 pages, November 2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was urged that the construction program avoid intrusive activities such as blasting in areas frequented by wildlife during the spring lambing season. • There was a suggestion to consider a pull-out for wildlife viewing but, it was explained that the terrain in the Phase 4 zone is not conducive to such a facility. 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Traffic management update</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsay Parker delivered a project update, noting that the reference concept continues to be refined as the team seeks to achieve the best balance between constructability and impact on the travelling public. • The procurement process is continuing with the development of detailed specifications for the contract, and construction, once started early next year, is expected to take up to slightly over three years. • Traffic management is a major area of interest that has been the subject of considerable engagement already, and the plan is being built on the fundamental principles of safety, reliability, consistency and communications. It was also noted that the team is taking the general approach that the higher the highway demand, the lower the incidence and duration of interruptions should be. • The group discussed a number of key elements associated with engagement results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Peak seasons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Based on engagement to date, the team has identified the May 15 to September 15 period as the summer peak season. The Committee suggested the season locally is considered to be expanding to September 30. The Golden Ultra trail-running event which attracts 600-1000 participants occurs in late September. ○ The winter peak is considered to run approximately from December 1 to April 15. <u>Weekends</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weekends in the winter bring both ski resort users and snowmobilers. More information is required on typical arrival and departure times. Consideration should be given to international visitors and those travelling by bus. Joanne may be able to obtain better details from tourist accommodators to supplement the helpful information previously obtained and supplied by Tourism Golden. ○ Snowmobilers increasingly are arriving on Thursday to start riding on Friday, and leave Sunday. <u>Alternate route (Highway 93/95)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Input received to date has urged that peak periods be avoided if the Highway 93/95 route is used as a detour, and that consideration be given to improved safety, visibility and cellular communications. ○ Committee discussion included concerns over the potential for increased wildlife collisions on the alternate route, and the 	<p>Joanne</p>

	<p>viability of the route in the event of fires.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is also concern over the safety of pedestrians and children as a result of increased traffic within the town of Golden. ○ Farmers market takes place in town beside Hwy 95 on Wednesdays during the summer. <p><u>Major events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Golden Ultra: trail running event in late September. 600-1000 people attend. ○ Golden 24 Cycling event: 24 hour mountain bike race in June ○ Golden Triangle road cycling loop: 3 day event in May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BC Ambulance inquired about the process of how emergency services will go through site if called during a highway shutdown on Hwy 1. The project team assured that the construction contract will contain detailed specifications on accommodating emergency services on short notice. ● There was considerable discussion regarding communication of traffic management plans, with emphasis on the need for timely, accurate and extensive distribution of information. The contractor will have the initial responsibility to ensure that the work and traffic stoppages are accurately described and proper notices given. With the help of local networking and a range of media, information will be widely shared while relying on a common source. DriveBC will be considered the authoritative common source of traffic-related information, and the group emphasized the importance that DriveBC be kept current. There will also be a need for easily-accessible supplementary information. Pamphlets were suggested as a possible tool that could be distributed by the Visitor Centre and local businesses, and local businesses and organizations can provide links on their websites to project-related information. 	
7.	Reference concept plan	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As noted under #6 above, the reference concept plan continues to undergo refinement. 	
8.	Round table: issues, opportunities, considerations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There was a suggestion that traffic management requirements might provide an opportunity for public transportation that might have some legacy value. ● There is interest in a sheep tracking program which might have both conservation and project management benefits. A proposal is under consideration. ● There was a question regarding the potential impact of fill placement on wildlife habitat, with the team responding that such impact would be minimal as much of the terrain would not be suitable for fill placement. ● The need for workforce accommodation was discussed, and there is a local desire to explore the potential arrangements that might provide viable housing stock for Golden once construction is over. Many factors need to be considered, and further exploration of this topic is planned. ● It was noted that there will be many employment opportunities for Golden-area residents on this project. ● There is interest in potential site tours in the future. 	

9.	Next steps / next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 8 was set as the target for the next meeting, with the option of holding it earlier if the traffic management can be sufficiently developed before then.	

Notes by Aimee Barre and Jack Stuempel