



Kicking Horse Canyon Project

Community Liaison Committee

MINUTES

Meeting # 4	Location: Ramada Limited Golden 1311 12 St N, Golden BC
Date: June 26, 2019	Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Members & Alternates		Attendance
Chad Parent	Golden District Rod & Gun Club	✓
Ryan Johannesen	Kicking Horse River Outfitters	✓
David Balding	Golden Fire Rescue	
Betty Watson	RCMP	✓
Jeff Watson	RCMP (A)	✓
Kyle Hale	Golden & Area Emergency Management	✓
Ron Oszust	BC Ambulance	✓
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	
Alan Ure	RM School District #6	✓
Karen Cathcart	College of the Rockies	✓
Shawn Billy	Shuswap Indian Band	
Justin Paterson / Marion Eunson	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	✓
Kipp Fennell	FN Relations, MoTI	✓
Emily Di Tomaso	FN Relations, 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.	Previous minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous minutes were accepted as circulated. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<p>i. <u>Assignment of alternates (members)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were reminded again to identify alternates to attend meetings on their behalf, if they haven't already done so. 	
5.	Project Update	
	<p>i. <u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murray Tekano delivered the project team's update, focusing on recent and upcoming activities. Much of the recent work has involved refining the engineering and readying the project for procurement as a design-build project, which will be a two-step process starting with a Request for Qualifications, to be followed by a Request for Proposals from a short list of qualified proponents. The contract award and construction start are anticipated in 2020. An updated reference concept for the project will be posted as part of a re-launched project website in the relatively near future. A large-scale paper version has been brought to the meeting to share with the group. Engagement is continuing to help shape the traffic management plan, with particular attention to how closures are to be managed and addressing considerations associated with the alternate route of Highways 93 and 95. The extended-closure periods being considered for the spring and fall as shared in the last meeting are deliberately timed for the off-peak such that the total combined traffic volumes on the alternative route will be comparable to the peaks experienced by those highways in the summer. After the RFQ milestone is reached, a public information session is planned to share updated material and allow the broader public to interact with the project team. The group suggested that such a session would be appropriate following the summer vacation period. During group discussion, it was noted that participation by RCMP and other affected agencies is essential in the development of the traffic management plan, which will have a wide range of effects including staffing and deployment. It was acknowledged by the project team that coordination with first responders and some other matters require more focused discussions with specific sectors than can be achieved through this committee. The project team was reminded that discussions should include Interior Health, the Golden hospital and the Invermere hospital as well as ambulance services in regional communities. It was also noted that when arranging meetings, consideration be given to other events on the calendar, such as the meeting of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) during the fourth week of September. The project team has undertaken a safety review of the alternative route and has been meeting with various interests, including the School 	

	<p>District, Town staff and Parks Canada, to discuss how some possible operational and safety considerations might be addressed. The “pinch point” just south of the Kicking Horse Bridges is one location that has received attention. Pedestrian crossings, including those used for schools, are also under review. During discussion, it was suggested that there may be opportunities to promote more active transportation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During discussion, it was noted that when the traffic management plan is implemented during construction, it will need to be adaptable to unforeseen factors or consequences. As indicated in the past, the project team also intends to coordinate as much as possible with other projects on the Trans-Canada corridor to minimize the cumulative effect of travel delays from multiple projects. • It was suggested that while the Highway 93/95 route might not be considered ideal for commercial transportation, that sector will likely still find it preferable to other routes, such as Highway 16, which would add still more time to the trip. The sector will need to consider how it will manage shipments while complying with driver hours-of-service rules. The Golden area might be an option as a transfer point, provided sufficient space can be found. • Environmental considerations, including those that have been raised by members of the Liaison Committee, are being reviewed as construction contract specifications are being developed. • Accommodation of the construction workforce is an ongoing consideration, and discussions are being arranged with BC Housing to explore potential longer-term opportunities that have been suggested in the past. • Employment and training opportunities, including potential linkages with the College of the Rockies, may be explored through BC Infrastructure Benefits which will be administering the Community Benefits Agreement. • Group discussion included a reminder to the project team to ensure communications are far-reaching, timely, utilize local resources and include the snowmobiling sector. 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Round Table: issues, opportunities, considerations</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program activities at the College of the Rockies are likely to be affected by construction traffic management and appropriate planning will be needed. • Meg Langley reported that as part of its bighorn sheep support program, Wildsight Golden has a “citizen science” initiative that enables people to report sheep sightings using the “maps.me” app. Reported sightings contribute to the knowledge of sheep presence and habits near the highway in the canyon. Further information on the program can be found at: www.wildsight.ca/goldensheep. • Tourism Golden requires a significant lead time for its annual communications to its audiences and is moving forward with content creation. The sooner the project can provide reliable messaging, the better. Misinformation borne of anxiety is becoming a concern. Interest and concern ranges beyond Kicking Horse Country, with communities such as Revelstoke also seeking more information. • There is significant interest in the community in the timing of construction, as people are curious and wish to plan for the future. • With Greyhound’s departure, intercity bus service is provided by Rider Express which may be affected by the traffic management schedule. • The Golden Rod and Gun club has collared another sheep since the previous meeting, while will allow the club to obtain more tracking information. Three or four new lambs have been spotted in the canyon. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assurance was sought and received that there would be contingency plans for emergency events, such as damage to the Kicking Horse bridges in Golden, which would interfere with the use of the alternative route.	
6.	Next steps / next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The next meeting date is to be determined; likely after the RFQ has been issued.	

Notes by Jack Stuempel