

## Community Liaison Committee

### Minutes

<b>Meeting # 12</b>	<b>Location: Video conference (Microsoft Teams)</b>
<b>Date: June 23, 2021</b>	<b>Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Mountain</b>

<b>Members, Alternates &amp; Guests</b>		<b>Attendance</b>
Alan Ure	RM School District #6	✓
Atma Sandher	Highway accommodation sector	✓
Betty Watson	RCMP	✓
Bradley Matchett	BC Highway Patrol Golden	
Brian Weir	BCTA	
Cam Dawes	Chamber of Commerce	
Carmen Narancsik	Kicking Horse River Outfitters (A)	
Chad Parent	Golden Rod & Gun Club	
Charles Hamilton	CSRD	
Chelsey Dawes	Parks Canada (G)	
Chris Cochran	Town of Golden (A)	
David Wan	COTR	
Gerry Walker	RCMP - Lake Louise (G)	✓
Jacquie Dust	Ktunaxa Nation	
Jaime Vienneau	Ktunaxa Nation	✓
James Acton	Golden Cycling Club	
Jeff Watson	RCMP (A)	✓
Jill Dewtie	Golden Community Social Services Co-op	
Joanne Sweeting	Tourism Golden	✓
Jon Wilsgard	Town of Golden	✓
Jose Galdamez	Ktunaxa Nation	
Ken Schroeder	Golden and District Air Quality Committee	
Kristi Strobbe	Ktunaxa Nation (A)	
Kyle Hale	Golden & Area Emergency Management	
Lesley Matheson	Parks Canada (G)	
Marion Eunson	Ktunaxa Nation	
Meg Langley	Wildsight	✓
Michael Wilson	RCMP	
Mike Pecora	Golden Fire Rescue	
Mike Rubenstein	Kicking Horse Mountain Resort	✓
Nick Phillips	Parks Canada	✓
Rachel Darvill	Wildsight (A)	
Ron Oszust	BC Ambulance	
Ryan Johannesen	Kicking Horse River Outfitters	✓
Shawn Billy	Shuswap Indian Band	
Steve Jackson	RM School District #6 (A)	✓
Tess Davies	Chamber of Commerce	✓
Toby Barrett	Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (A)	
Treena Coney	Highway accommodation sector (A)	

Province including TI Corp/MoTI/Project Team/BCiB		
Art McClean	Operations Manager, MoTI	✓
Erin Slipetz	Site Coordinator, Outreach & Engagement, BCiB	✓
Ian Kirschner	Operations Tech / Communications Coordinator	✓
Jack Stuempel	Communications/Engagement Lead, OE team (facilitator)	✓
Jenn Gibson	FN Relations, MoTI	
Jon Chant	Communications/Engagement team	✓
Kathryn Lawrence	Senior Project Manager	✓
Kyle Warkentin	BCiB	✓
Katie Ward	District Manager, MoTI Rocky Mountain District	✓
Mars Otten-Andrew	Manager, Transportation Planning, OE team	✓
Mike Lorimer	Executive Project Director, TI Corp	✓
Robin Taylor	Environmental Lead, OE team	
Suzannah Kelly	Communications Specialist, BCiB	
Tim Stevens	Lead Engineer, OE team	✓
Kicking Horse Canyon Constructors		
Caroline Keddy	Communications Director	✓
Chris Koop	Structures Technical Manager	✓
Joop Van Der Wal	Design-Builder's Representative	✓
Mike Gash	Construction Manager	

1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the number of attendees, formal introductions were limited to first-time attendees.</li> </ul>	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The agenda was adopted as circulated.</li> </ul>	
3.	Previous minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous minutes were accepted.</li> </ul>	
4.	Status of action items (none)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no action items from the last meeting.</li> </ul>	
5.	Project Update and discussion	
	<p>a) <u>Summary of recent and upcoming construction activity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the extended closure, piling work in right-of-way (ROW); work on canyon side; geotech investigations; temporary alignment &amp; paving; rock scaling</li> <li>Recent work includes construction of crane trestles off ROW; access to upslope rock cuts.</li> <li>Upcoming work will include some blasting in July, excavation in the Dart Creek area; pile-driving 24/7 throughout the summer, rockfall attenuation and protection to prevent impact on CP Rail &amp; for environmental protection. Some materials will be helicoptered in.</li> <li>Work during the next extended closure period in the fall will include piling, rockfall attenuation, traffic realignment, utility relocation, re-adjustment of buried cables, new and improved culverts, bridge construction, including girder placement.</li> </ul> <p>b) <u>Traffic management - stoppages and closures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scaling - a safety issue as boulders and rocks are brought down in a controlled fashion</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pavement repairs - normally conducted during closures or SLAT periods.</li> <li>• SLAT 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. - allows set-up for overnight and also for blasting in July; complies with previous commitments and design-build agreement (DBA).</li> <li>• No daytime closures until Sept. 15</li> <li>• Fall extended closure Sept. 20 - Dec 1 at 6 am; with highway to be open on weekends through latter part of September and also Thanksgiving weekend.</li> </ul> <p>c) <u>Takeaways from traffic management to date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pass system worked well. Community feedback was mostly positive; there were no issues with school buses or first responders getting through the construction site as needed.</li> <li>• RCMP and Commercial Enforcement teams on the alternate route did a great job.</li> <li>• Traffic increase on the alternate route not as much as expected, largely due to COVID-related travel restrictions. As a result, the truck ratio was higher. While speeds were a concern, and there have been some notable exceptions, drivers were mostly compliant with limits.</li> <li>• Wildlife incidents on alternate route were up, but were also up province-wide. Reduction of incidents on TCH would be an offset.</li> </ul>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Round Table: issues, opportunities, considerations</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item: Icons and descriptions on DriveBC are confusing to some travelers. It was explained that this is a result of older website architecture and the range of conditions it needs to convey. Opportunities for improvement are being explored. Best to use KHCP4 website calendar and Drive BC for latest info, versus 3rd-party sites that may not be reliable.</li> <li>• Bighorn Sheep in Radium Hot Springs: Oversize signs and LED-lighted signs have been installed on 1-Mile Hill in Radium. Even when ministry vehicles are present with flashing lights, there are still some drivers who fail to slow down for sheep. Awareness messaging to be emphasized.</li> <li>• There is concern over unsafe passing on the alternate route. However, double-lining the entire route would not result in more safety due to the increase in driver frustration and risk-taking. The emphasis is on ensuring passing opportunities are made as safe as possible. One location near Radium will become double-lined.</li> <li>• There is also continuing apprehension over the approaches to the Kicking Horse Bridges in Golden, especially with some truck driver behaviour. This will continue to be monitored.</li> <li>• Signage for local businesses on Golden Hill was discussed. Adding to the existing signage congestion is a problem, especially if all businesses are to be treated equally. Further discussion is to take place.</li> <li>• It was suggested that, during stoppages, the westbound traffic consistently be held east of Yoho Bridge to reduce potential wildlife conflicts.</li> <li>• It was suggested that consideration be given to installing wildlife exclusion fencing on both sides of the highway just west of the Yoho Bridge to reduce wildlife hazards and have animals become accustomed to the constraints.</li> <li>• There is interest in whether the presence of sheep has necessitated construction stoppages. There has been at least one occasion in which construction activity has been interrupted by sheep presence.</li> <li>• Item: COVID and vaccines update. Thanks to the community for their support!</li> <li>• Item: Ktunaxa Nation Council has sub-contracted with Golden Rod &amp; Gun Club to enhance Bighorn Sheep activity, which may help to inform construction processes.</li> </ul>	<p>Art McClean</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Item: Some motorists find highway open/closed status signage confusing. Matter is under review.</li><li>• Item: Social media update: Newsletter, Facebook site up, with over 800 followers; YouTube site is up; BCIB updating trade profiles soon.</li><li>• Item: Online open house coming up in the summer on Zoom. Further info to come.</li></ul>	
7.	Next steps / next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The group agreed to target September 15, 2021 for the next meeting.</li></ul>	

Notes by Jon Chant and Jack Stuempel