

Summary of meeting Horsefly River Roundtable Final as at 5 July 2007

Date: 21 June 2007

Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm

Location: Horsefly Community Hall

1. Review of field tour

Feedback from the field tour on 31 May 2007 with Pat Teti, hydrologist with Ministry of Forests and Range:

- The remediation work done made a significant difference, however these projects are short-term and protect a specific value on a property.
- These projects are expensive, and must be part of a larger plan for a watershed based on a comprehensive look at all values, hazards and cost effectiveness.

2. Community input for a hands-on project

- The ad soliciting community ideas did not yet go in the Buzz. It was agreed that it should still go in to solicit community input.
- Bill Webb presented the idea of constructing a pedestrian bridge across the Horsefly River in town, separate from the current bridge. He noted that current plans to do this are not proceeding. Golden and other communities have done similar projects. This project would address safety concerns, as well as contribute to salmon viewing and tourism opportunities. It was agreed that the Horsefly River Roundtable should be a catalyst to implement this project.
- Bruce suggested other ideas – additional plantings at Gilbert Walter's remediation project, and a boardwalk/dock similar to the one on Harbour Lake

ACTION #1: Judy will ensure that the ad will go in the August and September editions of the Buzz. The September edition is to identify the pedestrian bridge project, and identify the meeting date of 20 September 2007 where ideas will be presented and discussed.

ACTION #2: Bill will do the following before the next meeting on 20 September 2007:

- Contact Robin Zirnhelt, local bridge engineer, for a conceptual design, cost, and potential locations
- Present this idea to the Horsefly Board of Trade, and the Horsefly River Roundtable to generate community consultation on the project
- Identify the landowners on either side of the river
- Collaborate with DFO and MOE regarding permission to cross a fish stream

ACTION #3: Bruce and others to submit additional ideas for a hands-on project.

3. Funding opportunities

- A draft Living Rivers workplan has identified Horsefly as a priority watershed to initiate salmon watershed recovery plans – "...Horsefly will need to form a roundtable to decide who will be the local lead in the recovery plan"

- There was agreement that the this group should be the local lead in the salmon recovery plan that is being sought – this message was delivered to, and received by Judy as a representative of DFO
- A list of possible funding sources that Mike and Maureen put together was distributed – however research needs to be done to see what is applicable for this group, dates, etc. Other funding sources were identified, and more are needed. Mike offered to work with individuals in researching these opportunities.
- Learning Initiatives in Rural and Northern BC (LIRN BC) has an expression of interest out that is due 20 July 2007. Maureen offered to submit an expression of interest on behalf of the group, for a learning initiative related to the development of the plan for the area. Activities would have to be done by 31 March 2008.
- It was noted that Zo Ann Morten of the Pacific Streamkeepers Federation could be a good training resource – funding would be needed to bring them here. Zo Ann is now chair of the Fraser Salmon Watershed Program.
- Trout are important (economically and environmentally) and there should not be a focus only on salmon. There are dollars associated with “hook or bullet” species.

ACTION #3: Mike will seek further information from Fraser Basin Council staff who manage salmon projects on who to contact regarding the Living Rivers workplan that identifies the need for a local group.

ACTION #4: Rick Holmes and Sue will assist where needed for salmon recovery projects.

ACTION #5: Maureen will submit an expression of interest to LIRN BC by the deadline of 20 July 2007.

ACTION #6: Everyone is to update the potential funding sources table.

4. Mission statement

- A draft mission statement has been written, modified from the Salmon River Watershed Roundtable – see separate document

5. Terms of reference

- Information was added – see separate document
- Linda Bartsch has been identified as interim contact person

6. Future meetings

- All meetings will be 7-9pm at the Horsefly Community hall
- Next meeting will be Thursday 20 September 2007 – draft agenda is to hear proposals for the hands-on project, and discuss
- General meeting schedule will be the 3rd Thursday of each month (December meeting may be moved up as it will be too close to Christmas):
 - 18 October 2007
 - 15 November 2007
 - 20 December 2007 – too close to Christmas?
 - 17 January 2008
 - 21 February 2008
 - 20 March 2008 – note that Good Friday is the 21st
 - 17 April 2008
 - 15 May 2008

- 19 June 2008
- Want to have a schedule of speakers and topics from October to June 2008 to advertise in the community, and have greater participation

ACTION #7: Mike is to contact the following and schedule them for meetings from October 2007 to June 2008:

- Pat Teti, hydrologist, MOFR – watershed research, snowpack studies
- University of Northern BC research chairs and students, on research in the watershed
- Genetically modified foods and associated issues
- Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum resources – what activities are underway in the watershed, what regulations and restrictions apply
- Ducks Unlimited – water stewardship opportunities and innovations for ranchers
- Horsefly Cattlemens' Association
- Ministry of Agriculture and Lands – land swaps for floodplain areas
- Baker Creek Enhancement Society – what can be learned from them?
- Rob Dolighan, Ministry of Environment
- Keri Benner, Department of Fisheries and Oceans – stock assessment
- Zo Ann Morten, Pacific Streamkeepers Federation (presentation, not training)

7. Other business

- Forest licensees committed in April to look into past research studies to build on existing knowledge and identification of areas of concern in the watershed.

ACTION #8: Hugh or Ryan from Tolko, Mauro from West Fraser, Mike Lloyd and Geoff Price will research past studies that have identified areas of concern in the watershed, and look into funding through the forest licensees. Specifically:

- Hugh or Ryan, Mauro, and Mike Lloyd will look into hydrology related studies
- Geoff Price, with help from others in MOE, will look into fish and wildlife related studies

Next meeting – Thursday 20 September 2007, 7-9pm, Horsefly Community hall

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