

Horsefly River Roundtable  
Terms of Reference  
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**Name**

Horsefly River Roundtable incorporated as a not-for-profit society January 24, 2008

**Who**

Membership consists of anyone with a passion for conservation. At its discretion, the Board may appoint members from groups as ambassadors. New members are approved each year at the Annual General Meeting.

**What**

The Constitution and Mission Statement of the Horsefly River Roundtable is: To be a catalyst to achieve and maintain healthy Horsefly community watersheds, through coordinated management of all resources, respect for all concerns and cooperative, positive action.

**Where**

Horsefly River watershed and Beaver Valley Watershed

**When**

Monthly meetings will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month by Zoom or at a location in Horsefly BC, where at least three members are present for Quorum.

First Saturday in March is the Annual General Meeting

May field trip

July Salmon Egg Float and BBQ

August and September general meetings are optional as September is Salmon Festival

December Christmas potluck

**Why**

The Horsefly River Roundtable abides by the Societies Act of BC and its Regulations, our Bylaws and these Terms of Reference available on our website.

**How**

The Board of Directors of the Horsefly River Roundtable are committed to the principle of consensus-based decision making. Consensus will be defined as general agreement on a conclusion, or conversely, no substantial disagreement with that conclusion. The parties involved may not agree with every aspect, but taken as a whole, a decision based on consensus satisfies the major interests and concerns to the extent that the members can all support a motion/resolution.

**Conflict Resolution**

The Directors will work to identify the underlying issues and work towards a solution in a respectful and positive environment. They will seek compromise, alternatives, and clarification of information needed and are committed to arriving at the best possible solution.

If no consensus solution can be reached, a written description of the interests and/or issues that are not accommodated will be recorded in the minutes. The services of a facilitator may be required.

## **Issues and Concerns**

### Stewardship

- ecosystem health, including hydrology, fish and fish habitat
- knowledge and appreciation of natural history
- viewscales and aesthetics or Visual Quality Objectives
- recreational use, safety and pollution within the watersheds
- education of members, the general public and youth
- water stewardship - quantity and quality
- invasive species

### Community Voice

- economic, environmental and social opportunities and challenges
- communication with government agencies, industry and other organizations
- hearing community members concerns

### Industrial Development

- forestry
- mining
- roads, development and maintenance
- hydroelectric production

### Planning

- Cariboo Chilcotin Land Use Plan
- Fisheries Sensitive Watershed
- Rights of Nature for the Horsefly River
- Cariboo Regional District plans and bylaws
- Collaborate with organizations with similar missions

### Agriculture and private land

- Work to help owner/operators to decrease siltation and erosion issues within the watersheds
- Agriculture- ie , biosolids, pesticides, chemical fertilizer migration and animal waste control

## **Annual Goals**

Maintain and ensure widespread usage of the River Park and educational wheelchair-accessible loop trail

Use the AGM as an educational event

Prepare and deliver the Annual Work Plan to Department of Fisheries and Oceans by April 30

Stream/Lake/Guardians collect samples, analyze and data enter as per working plan

Deliver the Salmon Egg Float Fund Raiser/Birthday BBQ

Deliver the annual Salmon Festival

Review and Update the [horseflyriver.ca](http://horseflyriver.ca) website

## **Short Term Goals by 2028**

Achieve Charitable Status

Secure an annual funding stream as a Charity or through Social media

Create a marketing/social media/outreach plan

Finalize consultation, create 50-year vision and adopt the Declaration of Rights for the Horsefly River

**Medium Goals 2028-2033**

Renew the DFO River Park License due 2029

Support the Horsefly River Fisheries Sensitive Watershed Working Group in creating the Forest Landscape Plan and other related duties

Review and update the Terms of Reference

**Long Term Goals 2033 - 2038**

Transition the Horsefly River Roundtable to new members

Review the Terms of Reference and update

Keep up the good fight and protect the natural values of the watersheds

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Renew the DFO River Park License in 2034