

Minutes of Wapiti Corridor Planning Society Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 7:00 P.M.

Lauraine Howatt's House, Grande Prairie

In attendance: Duane Stevenson, Lauraine Howatt, Glenn Bielech, Mort Timanson, Brad Popma
Jesse Madlung

1. Agenda was reviewed, added item of Wapiti Off Road Association executives give an introduction to the WCPS and their area plans. Approved by Duane Stevenson, seconded Mort Timanson that the agenda be approved. Carried.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.
3. Jesse and Brad are executives with the Wapiti Off Road Association. They have a Facebook group of 1600 people that is a center hub for off road activities. They work with the Swan City snowmobile club for joint use of the trails. They have approached the county for a recreational lease.
4. WPCS want to garner their feedback and to have them join the WPCS executive for future planning initiatives. Jesse will be the representative with Brad being an alternate when needed.
5. Update given on the last meeting with Jim Hammond providing the county update to regional planning, use of the plan and how WCPS needs to continue to provide initiatives for the county to act on.
6. MD of Greenview is also starting to work on a land use framework for their own area. Need to keep communications open for future plans to work together.
7. A meeting with Courtney Hughes, of Public Lands has held on November 25 to review the WPCS plan with direction to the executive on a strategy to rework the plan. Public lands is completing the land use framework for the Lower peace region currently and the Upper Peace (Grande Prairie) area is next on the list for 2017. Their main point was to keep the WCPS moving forward with the county to implement parts of the plan that will be accepted in the future land use framework. Working with all other stakeholders as part of the enhanced user groups: ie – Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance, Wapiti River Water Management Plan, Jeep Off Road Group, other OHV user groups.
8. Jesse and Brad gave their ideas and plans of WORA for structured off road activities, ie: poker rallies, dedicated kids OHV area. WORA is a fledging group looking into the recreational lease and the issues involved, like liability insurance.
9. With the rewrite of the WCPS plan needed, WORA input is important and needed for planning OHV trails to reduce land damage and conflicts with other user groups.
10. Plan revision needs to be completed by July 2016. Action committee to be formed for next meeting.
11. Reviewed executive list of all members. Lauraine to send out to all for information updates. Member updates: Jeremy Hall of the Wapiti Shooters club has stepped down, a new member may come on boards. Lauraine talking with them to see who may join. Bob Scott had volunteered to take on the vice president position. Duane made the motion to accept the nomination and Mort seconded the motion. Carried.

12. Signing authority for the bank account to be finalized before year end, with Laurraine, Bob, Duane and Glenn.
13. Dates for the AGM need to be set for the meeting to be done before March 31, 2016.
14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45. Motion by Glenn, seconded by Duane.
15. Continue with monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting 7:00 pm January 13, 2016 – Location: Laurraine Howatt's home. Agenda and minutes to be sent out the week before by secretary.