

Kamloops – South Thompson Mapping and Capacity Partnership

Meeting Summary

Partnership Meeting of February 5, 2005

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Fraser Basin Council/BC Conservation Foundation Office

Purpose of meeting:

To review continuing progress on our first project, the Habitat and Land Use Atlas, and confirm next steps.

1. Welcome and introduction of new faces:
 - Clarence Lai, providing coordination support
 - Kevin Delgrano, BC Transmission Corporation
 - Phil Graham, BC Hydro
 - Ken Favrholt, TRU

Meeting participants:

Dave Whiting	Coordinator, UCC/TRU	Brianne Smith	Coordination support
Christian St.Pierre	GIS Coordinator	Clarence Lai	Coordination support
Tom Waldichuck	Geography, UCC/TRU	Ken Favrholt	Geography, UCC/TRU
Sarah McNeil	Grasslands Conservation Council	Kent Watson	Natural Resource Science, UCC/TRU
Rick Howie	Kamloops Naturalist Club	Peter Weilandt	Min of Water Land and Air Protection
Kevin Delgrano	BC Transmission Co	Phil Graham	BC Hydro
Dean Watts	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Brad Mason	Fisheries and Oceans Canada/Community Mapping Network
John Popoff	City of Kamloops	Graham Strachan	Minsitry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

2. Review/confirm agenda
3. Update on budget:
 - \$20,000 has been secured so far to develop the atlas:

- a. \$10,000 from WLAP
 - b. \$5,000 from Terasen Pipelines
 - c. \$5,000 from the Real Estate Foundation
 - \$15,000 has been budgeted to date to support the coordination team. All funds are administered “arms length” by BCCF and the Natural Resource Science Department of UCC/TRU on behalf of the partnership
 - Current partnership budget was distributed
 - Natural Resource Science are also hoping to allocate some funding to provide the partnership with increased server capacity at the university
 - Fund raising efforts continue
4. Partnership Vision and 5. Statement of Cooperation
- The atlas scope continues to evolve. Dave recommended that the title of the atlas be “The Kamloops – South Thompson Sustainable Community Atlas”
 - Dave Whiting distributed a “first cut” at a Statement of Cooperation. It was felt that although not perfect, it was a good “working copy”, and would guide our activities until modifications were evident. Contact Dave Whiting if you feel changes are warranted.
 - Rather than continuing to revise the partnership vision, it was felt that the coordinator’s time was best spent on product (coordination the atlas project) rather than process

Partnership Goal

Sharing information and resources to improve the capacity of decision makers within a sustainable community

Statement of Cooperation

1) We agree to work together in an environment of trust and co-operation to foster information sharing that will support sustainable community decision making within the Kamloops – South Thompson community and for the mutual benefit of our organizations.

2) We agree to share information from our organizations as each organization considers appropriate. We also agree to share our capacity, as appropriate, within the partnership to support the acquisition of new information, or the effective delivery and use of information by decision makers in the community.

6. Update on Data Dictionary (Christian St. Pierre)
 - Data Dictionary is now called the Data Inventory
 - All partners are encouraged to provide Christian a list of information that is available to share, so that Christian can sort, filter and summarize a list of currently available information
 - Christian St. Pierre all needs input by partners regarding information gaps. “What map information would you like to support decision making that is currently unavailable?”
 - The map inventory is an excel spreadsheet that can be sorted against various criteria

7. Socio-economic layers
 - Dave Whiting is coordinating discussions between Peter Peller of TRU, MAFF, and the City of Kamloops regarding new map layers based on census information

8. Potential tools to be incorporated into atlas
 - Brad Mason demonstrated some of the functionality of atlases within the Community Mapping Network including the ability to update map information through the internet (password protected)
 - Partners are encouraged to explore www.cmnbc.ca as well as our atlas which is under development at www.shim.bc.ca .

9. User orientation sessions will be delivered to partners and others using the facilities of TRU and perhaps the TNRD library. Office visits will also be provided to orient users to the atlas at their worksite. Contact Dave Whiting if you have suggestions regarding the orientation training. It is hoped that the orientation will occur in April.

10. Rather than schedule the next meeting, the partnership requested that the next meeting occur when the first phase of the atlas is ready to be presented and to confirm the orientation sessions.