

# Kamloops – South Thompson Mapping and Capacity Partnership

## Meeting Notes

- prepared by Dave Whiting, Coordinator -

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

9:00 AM till Noon

Large Boardroom, MWLAP, 1259 Dalhousie Drive, Kamloops

Purpose of meeting:

***To confirm the partnerships “vision” for a Kamloops – South Thompson Land Use and Habitat Atlas, and develop an action plan to prepare and submit funding proposals***

### 1. Introductions and confirm agenda

A welcome was extended to John Popoff (City of Kamloops), John Jules, Travis Marr, (Kamloops Indian Band) and Pamela Ladyman (CPR)

Dave Whiting announced that **Brianne Smith**, a recent Geography graduate of UCC, was providing co-ordination support to the partnership on a volunteer basis. Dave is hoping to secure some “seed funding” to support the development of the partnership, the defining of the Land Use and Habitat project, and the securing of project funding. Currently, the partnership is relying exclusively on volunteer efforts.

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

### Present

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## 2. Review draft and confirm vision

The August 24 draft of the partnerships vision for developing a Kamloops-South Thompson Land Use and Habitat Atlas was discussed and there was a consensus agreement in principle for the document, subject to the following themes being included in the next draft:

- The mapping project is one of many potential projects that could be undertaken by the partnership. The vision should define the partnership's goals first, to provide context for the proposed atlas project (note: other suggestions for the partnership include establishing a "one stop shop" for all land use and resource planning information in the region, particularly with provincial agencies getting out of the referral business; and fostering partnerships between members for developing new mapping products)
- The proposed atlas will provide the Kamloops Indian Band with additional capacity for not only the planning of lands within the Kamloops Indian Reserve and their privately held lands, but will also support their response to consultation referrals from agencies within a portion of their traditional territory
- The atlas project is purely an information sharing mechanism – it supports planning and decision-making by various groups but is not a planning process itself. Each participating partner controls what information they choose to contribute to the atlas
- A data gap that KIB wish to see filled is the location of erosion areas along the banks of streams and rivers. The atlas could help identify potential restoration projects and areas of academic research.
- The current draft vision refers to the Growth Management Strategy of the TNRD. Reference should also be made to other strategic land use plans including those of the City of Kamloops and Kamloops Indian Band.
- The scope of the atlas project should be expanded from just habitat and land use information to include socio-economic information as well (such as historical or population census information or land use information)

**ACTION: Dave Whiting will prepare a revised draft of the atlas vision incorporating the input from the partnership**

3. Potential funding sources:

Dave Whiting shared three potential funding sources with the partnership\_ the Real Estate Foundation of BC, The Chinook Institute, and the UCC Alumni Fund. The partnership then "brainstormed" other potential funding sources:

TD Green Fund	Credit Union in Kelowna
CWS Eco-Action	Habitat Conservation Trust Fund
Donner Foundation	DFO Species at Risk Funding
Terascen Gas	MWLAP?
DFO?	Utility companies?

The BC Conservation Foundation offered to undertake the role of "banker" on behalf of the partnership. BCCF is a non-profit society with the capacity for administering funds

4. The Sea to Sky project as an example: <http://www.shim.bc.ca/sea2sky/main.htm>

Prior to the meeting, many of the partners reviewed the Sea to Sky website and brochure. We then broadly reviewed the successful Sea to Sky proposal. It was

for a Community Mapping Network atlas of a similar nature to our proposed for the Kamloops-South Thompson and provided a good context and perspective and could act as a model.

5. Components of a Kamloops proposal:

**a. Developing a data dictionary to identify mapping resources and gaps**

The proposed data dictionary consists of an Excel spreadsheet documenting the existing map layers available through the partnership. Information will be gathered on each map layer so that an assessment can be made regarding the tasks needed to migrate the layers to a common format. This exercise will also allow the partnership to identify data gaps that could be addressed through the partnership.

**ACTION: Brianne Smith will undertake this project under the direction of Dave Whiting and with technical support from the UCC Geography Department. Once the template has been confirmed, Brianne will contact partners regarding potential information layers.**

**b. Identifying GIS and coordination requirements**

The partnership confirmed that an individual with ArcInfo skills is required to prepare the map layers for migration to a web application. Coordination skills are also required. It was the opinion of the partnership that one individual with both the coordination and ArcInfo skills would be most desirable.

The partnership also confirmed that when the atlas is under development, a steering committee and a Technical Mapping Committee will likely be necessary to provide appropriate direction to staff.

**c. Identifying financial contributions and/or contributions in kind from project partners**

Members of the partnership identified the following potential contributions. These potential contributions are subject to confirmation but give an indication of potential components of the atlas project proposal:

Most partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapping and information products</li> </ul>
Community Mapping Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web version of atlas to be made available through the Community Mapping Network</li> <li>• In kind contributions to technical and steering committees including coordination</li> <li>• Train GIS to author the maps for the web</li> <li>• Work with college and other partners to put maps on servers as appropriate</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small financial contribution?</li> </ul>
BC Conservation Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The “banker”</li> <li>• Contribute workspace and computer hardware</li> </ul>
UCC (soon to become Thompson Rivers University!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training, digitizing paper maps</li> </ul>
Canadian Pacific Railway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent orthophotos along Highway 1 corridor</li> </ul>
Kamloops Indian Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ArcInfo licence?</li> </ul>
Water Land and Air Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial contribution (March madness?)</li> </ul>
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical support</li> </ul>

6. Next Steps:

- a. Drafting proposals (who, how and when)

**ACTION: Dave Whiting and Brianne Smith will identify potential funding organizations**

**ACTION: Dave Whiting, with support from Darren Bennett of BCCF, will prepare funding proposals both for “seed funding” as well as for undertaking the atlas project.**

- b. Next meeting

**The next meeting of the Kamloops-South Thompson Mapping and Capacity Partnership will be Weds October 27 from 9:00 till noon. Location to be confirmed.**