

# Bella Coola Valley Tourism

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**Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 7, 2017**

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**Hosted @ Duggan/Prins Home**

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**Minutes of Meeting**

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Call to Order: T. Hermance 6:59 p.m.

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Chair: T. Hermance

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Present: Jan Prins, Carsten Ginsburg, Tom Hermance,  
Jayme Kennedy Kovanda, Linda Duggan, Chris Stafford, Jefferson Bray

Regrets: Deborah Nelson, Chris Nelson

Absent: Holly Willgress, Pete Kovanda

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Guests: Joan Sawicki, Ken Dunsworth, Jesse MacDonald

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Business Conducted:

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1. Guest Speaker - Joan Sawicki

Tweedsmuir (South) Prov. Park Facility Needs Assessment -  
BC Parks looking for working inventory for corridor along Hwy 20 including  
Tote Rd. and "approximately 1 hour's walking distance from Hwy". Seeking  
feedback from BCVT membership.

GOAL: ideas for study/studies

ideas for infrastructure e.g. Campgrounds, bear issues,  
new/expanded activities the require infrastructure

Examples of broad questions:

1/ Are current facilities in the right location(s)?

2/ Are facilities missing?

3/ What opportunities might be made available to increase park visitors?

Action: Tom to email Joan feedback provided by guests of BCVT Visitor Info  
Booth

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Item #2 - Ken made suggestion that BCVT operators seek a group insurance rate for membership.

Action: Carsten & Jefferson to approach Insurance agents e.g. Johnson & Myer for potential group rate 67 members BCVT

Motion: (Carsten/Jan) Letter to be sent out to BCVT membership with rates (if applicable) and asking for sign up commitment CARRIED

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2. Motion: (J. Bray/ J. Prins) Adoption of Agenda CARRIED

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3. Motion: (J. Bray/ C. Ginsburg) Adoption of October 2017 Minutes CARRIED

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4. Treasurer's Report November 2017 (J. Prins):

1. Finances are still OK. We have a balance of \$1777.00, with \$800.00 coming out for the CRA.

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2. We received our confirmation of the Rural Dividend Grant of \$10,000.00 for our projects. I am just filling out the Agreement and direct deposit now and will mail it soon. We should receive the funds at the end of November. Tom will probably want to start on the website development part right away and I have already arranged meetings with the Nuxalk Nation to go over project management for the pullout and the harbour signage.

3. I will send out the technical drawings to you for your approval and have been in touch with Ministry of Transport as we are building on their right-of-way. I have to submit a permit application along with drawings and a maintenance plan for the garbage and the outhouse.

4. I know this is a little outside of the realm of the treasurer, but my project management experience should help us through. ( All done according to code). Sam Schooner CCRD Council suggested obtaining letter of approval from Nuxalk Nation.

5. Membership is coming up in December, so we should be in good stead then.

5. Business Arising from September's Minutes

Great Bear Circle Guide consortium/partners

- West Chilcotin
- North Vancouver Island (Port Hardy)
- Williams Lake

Grant spending: GBC Guide @ \$30K - WCTA for \$10K, BCVT (+ Rural Development Fund) for \$10K, Port Hardy?, Williams Lake?

Action: Send letter to all for response noting November 30/17 deadline asking

i) Intend to partner in for Guide Yes or No?

ii) If yes, what is financial contribution be?

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Action: send email to BCVT membership offering advertising space in new Regional Guide.

Action: obtain Lease Agreement with new owners of Valley Inn for “free” space provided to BCVT Visitor’s Information Booth

Action: approach Trails Alliance for provision of regular “hard copy” updates to VIB for trail status information to tourists

Marine Tours - opportunity and need for reliable provider(s)

Nuxalk inclusion in BCVT e.g. cultural/trail tours, signage inclusion i.e. carving

Action: J. Prins & J. MacDonald to meet Thursday Nov. 9/17 to discuss details/writing of grant application

6. New Business:

i) BCVT invited to sit on Bella Coola Community Forest Advisory Committee

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Action: Chris Stafford to contact Hans Granandar of BCCF

ii) Jayme Kennedy proposed for presentation @ BCVT March AGM the idea of “Passport To Tourism” - an initiative to meet and learn about services provided by fellow members/operators. ‘Passport’ with initials or stamps from other operators for acquiring prices and knowledge base of tourism operators. Participation

incentive to increase local awareness/connection/business networking, with possible prizes available(?)

iii) J. Bray reiterated need for BCVT membership to take the lead within the community to ensure properties/businesses are WildSafeBC (Wildlife Act) compliant.

Contact: Fraser Koroluk @ Bella Coola WildSafe

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Motion (J.Bray/T. Hermance) Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday December 5th, 7:00 p.m.**

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Minutes prepared by J. Bray & T. Hermance

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