

**Outdoor Recreation Council of BC
Meeting of Board of Directors**

5.00 PM Monday, December 3, 2018

1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

MINUTES

<u>Present</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Natalia Pisarek	ORC Communications & Administration	
Phil Rankin	Director	Beaver Canoe Club
Cooper Quinn	Director, Secretary	International Mountain Biking Association
<u>By phone</u>		
Allistair Ball	Director	BC Federation of Drift Fishers
Terrance Martin	Director	BC Wildlife Federation
Kim Reeves	Vice Chair	Four Wheel Drive Association of B
Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC
Scott Walker	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Wayne Mercer	Director	Quad Riders ATV
Dennis Webb	Past Chair	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
<u>Absent</u>		
Dave Wharton	Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

1. Roll call/regrets

K. Reeves chaired and began the meeting at 5:03pm.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: Moved & seconded (PR/AB) that the agenda be approved. **Motion carried.**

3. November 5 Board meeting minutes

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

Motion. Moved & seconded (PR/CS) that the minutes of the November 5 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in November 5 meeting minutes

- **5(b)** Directors to review the draft ED job description and send comments to the ORC office by November 12. **– completed.**
- **6(a)** NP to send letter to FLNRO in support of the Kluskus/Anahim emergency egress projects. **– completed.**
- **8(a)** NP to circulate the Access Committee's ToR to ORC board. **– completed.**
- **8(c)** NP to begin compiling information about proposed and approved commercial recreation applications. **– in progress.**
- **9(a)** DWh to follow-up with BC Parks re September 17 stakeholder meeting **– in progress.**

c. Business arising from minutes. None.

4. Administration, membership & general

a. Executive Director job posting – Natalia

NP published the ED job posting on Goodwork.ca on November 12, 2018. The posting expires on December 28, 2018.

5. Correspondence

- a. Ancient Forest Alliance re: opportunity to sign a resolution in support of old-growth forests – Natalia

The Ancient Forest Alliance asked ORC to endorse a resolution in support of old-growth forests. A copy of the resolution is included in the Appendix.

Motion. Moved & seconded (CQ/PR) that ORC sign onto the letter from the Ancient Forest Alliance in support of old growth forest protection. **Motion carried.**

- b. Kamloops Stockmen's Association – Jan. 17 meeting invite – Kim
A member of the Kamloops Stockmen's Association invited ORC to attend and speak at a meeting on January 17, 2019 in Kamloops. The Kamloops Stockmen's Association represents cattle ranchers in the North and South Thompson Valleys and for the past number of years the Association has sponsored a joint meeting with Forest Companies in the region. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the ways different stakeholder groups – ranchers, forest companies, and recreationists – use Crown Land.

Motion. Moved & seconded (PR/CQ) that S. Walker attend the Kamloops Stockmen's Association meeting on January 17, 2019 and that S. Walker may claim an expenditure up to \$200 for travel and meals. **Motion carried.**

6. Financials

- a. Treasurer's update – Scott
S. Walker gave an update on ORC's financials and budget year-to-date. N. Pisarek reported that she is preparing the necessary forms to update ORC's authorized individuals on the Tangerine account.

Motion: That ORC remove Jeremy McCall and Robert Gunn as authorized individuals from the Tangerine account and to add Dave Wharton and Scott Walker. (PR/CS). **Amendment:** That ORC add K. Reeves as third authorized individual. (PR/CS). Discussion: D. Webb advised that transfer of money from the Tangerine account should be restricted to the ORC Vancity account.

Motion carried.

Action: NP to complete authorization process to add DWh, SW and KR to Tangerine account.

Action: NP to request that Tangerine restrict transfer of money to ORC's Vancity account.

- b. Online auction fundraiser – Scott
S. Walker proposed that ORC consider hosting an online auction fundraiser with support from ORC's member organizations. A. Ball expressed support for this idea as the BC Federation of Drift Fishers have had success with its year-end banquets and silent auctions. C. Quinn added that he's also had success with online raffles. S. Walker asked the directors to connect with the boards and members of their respective organizations and to assess the level of interest in supporting an online auction fundraiser for ORC.

Action: SW to write draft "online auction support request" letter for the board's consideration.

7. Ongoing initiatives, projects & reports.

a. Access Committee update – Kim

The board discussed the Access Committee's Draft 8 of its "principles of access for recreation purposes". K. Reeves also asked the board to review the Access Committee's Terms of Reference

Action: Directors to send feedback about the "principles of access" document by email to KR.

b. ORC & Horse Council BC 2019 Share the Trails workshop – Natalia

N. Pisarek reported that she has started preliminary planning discussions with Horse Council BC (HCBC) for the 2019 Share the Trails workshop. For the past number of years ORC and HCBC have co-sponsored the workshop.

c. Select Standing Committee on Finance report released – Natalia

On November 15, the all-party Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services released its Budget 2019 consultation report and in its report the committee has adopted the recommendations made by many conservation and outdoor groups, including the Outdoor Recreation Council, calling for a funding increase for BC Parks.

d. Heart of the Fraser campaign – Natalia

On November 28 ORC published a year-end news release naming the "Heart of the Fraser" BC's most urgent river issue for 2019. The announcement was picked up by several news outlets including the Vancouver Sun, the Province, and the Chilliwack Progress. ORC's Rivers Chair, Mark Angelo, is also working with Defend the Heart of the Fraser partners, such as the BC Wildlife Federation, on putting together a consortium aimed at purchasing Herring and Carey Islands to protect these key habitats. A potential title holder is the Nature Conservancy of Canada. On November 20, Mark Angelo co-signed a letter on behalf of ORC addressed to FLNRO Minister Donaldson asking the provincial government to underwrite half the purchase price.

8. Emerging and deferred issues.

a. BC Parks Sept. 17 meeting – update

BC Parks sent ORC a summary of its September 17 focus group meeting about park visitor behavior, which was shared with the ORC board. N. Pisarek reported that BC Parks added ORC to its invitation list for future meetings on this topic.

b. 2020 BC Parks Conference – Natalia

N. Pisarek reported that the Elders Council for Parks is planning the Parks 2020 Conference with support from BC Parks, the BC Parks Foundation, CPAWS-BC, the Society of Park Operators, the Canadian Parks Council, and the Canadian Parks Collective.

c. ORC office relocation – Terrance

Deferred.

d. Grasslands Conservation Council – ORV use and grasslands – Wayne/Kim

The Grasslands Conservation Council of British Columbia (GCC) has contacted ORC to discuss updating and republishing its *best practices for motorized recreation on BC's grasslands* field guide in partnership with ORC in early 2019. The field guide was originally published in 2005 by the GCC, in

collaboration with organizations that are members of the Outdoor Recreation Council. W. Mercer, T. Martin, and K. Reeves will contact GCC and report back to the board in January.

e. ORV Trail Fund – Terrance

Deferred to January meeting.

f. Jeremy McCall memorial – Natalia

N. Pisarek reported that Jeremy's family is planning a memorial and asked the directors to let her know if they'd like to be involved.

9. Upcoming events, meetings, etc.

- Next Board meeting – 5 PM Monday January 7
- Provincial Caribou Program Stakeholder Teleconference – 9AM Dec. 4
- Wildlife Management & Habitat Conservation Webinar – 10AM Dec. 12
- Wildlife Management & Habitat Conservation Workshop – Jan. 23-24, 2019 (tent.)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

As approved

Dec. 12/18

Appendix

Resolution on Old-Growth Forest Protection and Sustainable Forestry

Whereas:

Old-growth forests provide many environmental services to BC. They filter water for fish-bearing waterways, stabilize riverbanks, and produce woody debris, which provides habitat for juvenile and adult salmon. This in turn supports wild salmon populations which are vital to BC's recreational and commercial fisheries and are a key food source of iconic species such as orcas and bears. They also store vast amounts of atmospheric carbon; provide non-timber forest products like wild mushrooms, medicinal herbs, and berries; provide clean drinking water for communities; help prevent landslides on steep slopes; and sustain unique and endangered wildlife such as the marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, and mountain caribou.

Old-growth forests provide and support unparalleled opportunities for outdoor recreation. They are an important part of BC's appeal as an outdoor recreation destination and are pillars of BC's multi-billion dollar outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism industry. Some of the recreation opportunities old-growth forests support include recreational fishing; hiking and camping in areas such as the Carmanah and Walbran Valleys, Meares Island, and Pacific Rim National Park; kayaking and paddling in Clayoquot Sound and the Broken Group Islands; hiking and rafting in the Elaho Valley and the Capilano River; and other recreational opportunities such as wildlife viewing, bird-watching, forest bathing, photography, caving, geocaching, and more.

Across BC, communities stand to receive a greater net economic benefit in revenues and jobs over the ensuing decades by keeping nearby old-growth forests standing. Studies have shown that keeping old-growth forests standing can provide a greater overall economic benefit than cutting them down when factoring in their value in supporting tourism, recreation, carbon offsets, water filtration, recreational and commercial fisheries, and non-timber forest products.

Old-growth forests are central to many First Nations cultures which rely on ancient cedars for building traditional canoes, long houses, totem poles, masks and other items, and on plants, wildlife, and wild salmon for food and medicine. While the protection of old-growth forests in

First Nations' territories would support their cultures and help lay the foundation for sustainable economies, many of these communities lack the financial capacity and support needed to diversify their economies so that old-growth forests can be protected rather than logged.

Old-growth forests are scarce in much of BC today. For example, on BC's southern coast, over 75% of original, productive, old-growth has been logged, including well over 90% of the highest productivity, valley-bottom forests where the largest trees grow. Old-growth forests now make up a minority fraction of the productive, forested land base, meaning second-growth forests now dominate most of the productive forest lands in BC.

We therefore recommend the Provincial Government:

1. Develop a science-based, legislated plan to protect endangered old-growth forests in BC to sustain both the economy and the ecology of the province.
2. Support policies that facilitate a sustainable, value-added, second-growth forest industry in BC, as second-growth forests now constitute the majority of its productive forest lands.
3. Support the sustainable economic development of First Nations communities through conservation financing mechanisms that assist new Indigenous enterprises to develop. This will help First Nations communities grow and diversify economically in such enterprises as cultural and eco-tourism, clean energy, sustainable seafood, and value-added, second-growth forestry, while keeping their old-growth forests alive and standing.