

Community Liaison Committee Minutes

Meeting # 17	Location: Video conference (Zoom)
Date: April 5, 2023	Time: 2:30 pm MST

	Members, Alternates & Guests	Attendance
Adam Neil	Shuswap Band	
Alan Ure	RM School District #6	
Amy Krause	Parks Canada	✓
Atma Sandher	Highway accommodation sector	
Bradley Matchett	BC Highway Patrol Golden	✓
Brian Weir	BCTA	
Caitlin Phillips	Ktunaxa Nation	✓
Carmen Narancsik	Kicking Horse River Outfitters (A)	
Chad Parent	Golden Rod & Gun Club	
Chelsey Dawes	Parks Canada (G)	
Chris Cochran	Town of Golden (A)	✓
David Wan	COTR	
James Acton	Golden Cycling Club	
Jill Dewtie	Golden Community Social Services Co-op	
Joanne Sweeting	Tourism Golden	✓
John MacLean	CSRD	
Jon Wilsgard	Town of Golden	✓
Jose Galdamez	Ktunaxa Nation	
Ken Schroeder	Golden and District Air Quality Committee	
Kristi Strobbe	Ktunaxa Nation (A)	
Kyle Hale	Golden & Area Emergency Management	
Marion Eunson	Ktunaxa Nation	
Marloes Van Lent	Chamber of Commerce	
Meg Langley	Wildsight	✓
Michael Wilson	RCMP	
Mike Pecora	Golden Fire Rescue	
Mike Rubenstein	Kicking Horse Mountain Resort	
Nick Phillips	Parks Canada	
Ron Oszust	BC Ambulance	
Roxanne Noss	RCMP (Field/Lake Louise)	
Russell Wagner	RM School District #6	✓
Ryan Johannesen	Kicking Horse River Outfitters	✓
Susan Richter	RCMP (Field/Lake Louise)	
Tess MacDougall	Shuswap Band	
Toby Barrett	Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (A)	
Treena Coney	Highway accommodation sector (A)	

	Province including TI Corp/MoTI/Project Team/BCIB	
Art McClean	Operations Manager, MoTI	✓
Chanda Moody	Sr. Indigenous Relations Advisor, MoTI	

Greg Johnson	Director, Stakeholder Relations and Project Development	
Hilary Barnett	A/District Manager, MoTI Rocky Mountain District	✓
Jack Stuempel	Communications/Engagement Lead, OE team (facilitator)	✓
Jon Chant	Communications/Engagement team	✓
Kathryn Lawrence	Senior Project Manager	✓
Katie Ward	District Manager, MoTI Rocky Mountain District	
Lorraine Mallon	BCIB Outreach & Recruitment	✓
Mars Otten-Andrew	Manager, Transportation Planning, OE team	
Mike Lorimer	Executive Project Director, TI Corp	✓
Sarin Warman	Environment Lead, TI Corp	
Suzannah Kelly	Communications Specialist, BCIB	
Tim Stevens	Lead Engineer, OE team	
Tina Khan	BCIB	

Kicking Horse Canyon Constructors		
Caroline Keddy	Communications Director	✓
Chris Koop	Structures Technical Manager	
Joop Van Der Wal	Design-Builder's Representative	
Mike Gash	Construction Manager	✓

1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	 Members registered their attendance / introduced themselves via the chat screen. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	The agenda was adopted as circulated.	
3.	Previous minutes	
	Previous minutes were accepted by general consent.	
4.	Status of action items	
	There were no action items	
5.	Project update and discussion	
	Summary of construction activity (Jack/Mike Gash)	
	Mike Gash provided an overview of recent construction activity, with	
	highlights including:	
	West end of project: Blasting at Cut 1 nearly complete; Sheep bridge wiles and piece installed. Girden to go in few weath and large event to	
	piles and pier installed. Girders to go in for westbound lanes over the next month or so. Eastbound lanes will remain open for two-way	
	traffic during girder installation.	
	 Finishing the rock cut will enable traffic to be moved, allowing the 	
	completion of Bighorn Bridge and Viaduct. Much of the preparatory	
	work will occur during the spring extended closure.	
	 The last pile on the project was recently installed, as part of Lynx 	
	Viaduct.	
	 East of the Bighorn Bridge, work at the Pronghorn Upslope Cut 	
	involves making the slope less steep, and adding stability with drains	
	and soil anchors.	
	 At Frenchman's Bridge, remaining girders have been installed. Current work includes anchoring the west abutment into the rock. 	
	 Further to the east, work continues to establish the future westbound 	
	lanes through Cut 3, Elk Viaduct and Cut 4.	

- All of the girders have been placed for Grizzly Viaduct, approaching Blackwall Bridge, which was built to full width before the major traffic switch of last December.
- At the east end of the project is the Caribou Wall, almost a kilometre of mechanically stabilized earth wall. Nearly 300 piles have been installed along the outside of the wall to add stability.

Questions/Answers

- Q. Why is so much of the road over the canyon, rather than cut into the mountain?
- A. Nothing is cantilevered everything is built on piles anchored deep into the bedrock. By building further out, a wide ditch is created between the upper slope and the roadway to catch rocks and avalanches away from the highway.
- Q. Do all of the bridges carry the highway in both directions?
- A. Most do; some viaducts carry just one direction of traffic while the other direction is built directly on grade.
- Q. What is the status of wildlife fencing and gates?
- A. Planning has been ongoing to finalize the design. Installation will occur later this year in Spring 2024.

<u>Traffic management - stoppages and closures</u>

- Currently spring hours 30-minute stoppages between 9 am 3 pm and in the evening from 8-10 pm.
- Overnight closures from 10 pm -7 am
- No stoppages 3 pm Saturdays to 8 pm Sundays and long weekends.
- Extended closure: 5 days this spring Noon April 11 midnight April 15
- Day pass system relaunched.
- Alternative route is available as in the past.
- A few more extended closure days expected in the fall.

6. Round Table: issues, opportunities, considerations

- Q. What is the purpose of the railway cars near the west end of the project?
- A. Old shipping containers are being used for blast protection. Once they've done their job, they will be scrapped.
- Q. Is wildlife monitoring still taking place?
- A. Yes; Ecoscape Environmental Consultants are continuing to monitor and keep records of wildlife presence and activity.
- Q. What is being done about litter?
- A. Litter cleanup is ongoing, with an extra sweep planned shortly once the snow is out of the ditches.

Other:

- KHCC is getting prepared as the construction season ramps up, and will be participating in a job fair next week with BC Infrastructure Benefits. Over 40% of workers on the project have been classified as local hire.
- What to expect this year: By end of November all 4 lanes will be in use.
 Some activities will be carried over into the spring, including final lift of pavement.

7. Next steps / next meeting

• An early October target was set for the next meeting.