

Community Liaison Committee

Minutes

Meeting # 15	Location: Video conference (Zoom)
Date: June 8, 2022	Time: 7:00 pm MST

Members, Alternates & Guests		Attendance
Alan Ure	RM School District #6	
Amy Krause	Parks Canada	✓
Atma Sandher	Highway accommodation sector	✓
Betty Watson	RCMP	
Bradley Matchett	BC Highway Patrol Golden	
Brian Gustafson	Golden Rod & Gun Club	
Brian Weir	BCTA	
Caitlin Phillips	Ktunaxa Nation	✓
Cam Dawes	Chamber of Commerce	
Carmen Narancsik	Kicking Horse River Outfitters (A)	
Chad Parent	Golden Rod & Gun Club	
Charles Hamilton	CSRD	
Chelsey Dawes	Parks Canada (G)	
Chris Cochran	Town of Golden (A)	
David Wan	COTR	
Gerry Walker	RCMP - Lake Louise (G)	
Jacquie Dust	Ktunaxa Nation	
Jaime Vienneau	Ktunaxa Nation	
James Acton	Golden Cycling Club	
James Eastham	Parks Canada	
Jeff Watson	RCMP (A)	
Jill Dewtie	Golden Community Social Services Co-op	✓
Joanne Sweeting	Tourism Golden	✓
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	
Lesley Matheson	Parks Canada (G)	
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	
Russell Wagner	RM School District #6	
Ryan Johannesen	Kicking Horse River Outfitters	
Shawn Billy	Shuswap Indian Band	
Steve Jackson	RM School District #6 (A)	

Tess Davies	Chamber of Commerce	
Toby Barrett	Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (A)	
Treana Coney	Highway accommodation sector (A)	

Province including TI Corp/MoTI/Project Team/BCIB		
Amandeep Singh Gill	BCIB	✓
Art McClean	Operations Manager, MoTI	✓
Chanda Moody	Sr. Indigenous Relations Advisor, MoTI	
Erin Slipetz	Site Coordinator, Outreach & Engagement, BCIB	
Greg Johnson	Director, Stakeholder Relations and Project Development	
Ian Kirschner	Operations Tech / Communications Coordinator	
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	
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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members registered their attendance / introduced themselves via the chat screen. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was adopted as circulated. 	
3.	Previous minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous minutes were accepted by general consent. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<u>Parent/school notifications</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent notifications were discussed. Bring forward to later in summer to prepare for Fall 2022 extended closure. <u>Canyon Litter Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Caroline) - Litter issue has been addressed by the contractor with crews regularly ensuring that trash is removed. 	Jack
5.	Project update and discussion	
	<u>Summary of recent and upcoming construction activity (Jack/Chris Koop)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Province has just issued a one-year milestone news release. Sheep Bridge: eastbound more or less finished, some barriers to install; bridge eastbound lanes expected to be open sometime in July. 60% built, some westbound work to do including removal of a rock wall. 	

- Bighorn Bridge: Unconventional construction due to distance/height of structure. Some temp bridges installed to help with girder installation. Deck to start taking shape in the summer. Ready to take traffic in fall.
- Lynx Viaduct: Long structure, still some foundations to install. Deck pouring in early July. Pre-fab elements being trucked in - girders from Armstrong.
- Frenchman's Bridge: Deep piles - some almost 80 metres deep.
- Chris: Cut 3: Used as staging area for girders. Then machine excavation and a few more blasts, likely sometime in August.
- Elk Viaduct: Only way to build it was when hwy was completely closed. Advance planning & tight timelines. Finished with 18 hrs to spare!
- Grizzly Wall: Mechanically stabilized earth - pre-cast concrete facing panels with long extensions allowing construction of vertical fill to provide stability. Walls being constructed up to 10 metres high.
- Blackwall Bridge: 70 m & 40 m span. Tallest on project by several metres. Unique in how far it's being built from existing road.
- Caribou Wall & Caribou Viaduct: All wall piles at this time, with viaduct piles slated to start in next few weeks. Widening highway to 4 lanes from existing 3, and a wider median.
- Keep getting message out that crews are working in close proximity to the highway, so please slow down through the worksite.

Workforce numbers from BCIB (Jack/Tina Khan)

- At end of last fiscal: total 271 working; 47% locally sourced with more than 50% of the hours.
- Close to 90% of workforce residents of BC.
- 9% Indigenous (6% provincial average); Women 11% (6% provincial average), w/ 16% of hours. Trainees/Apprentices 14%.
- KHCP4 is one of the most positive projects in BC in terms of trainees and rehires. Kudos to KHCC/Caroline for their work on local recruitment ("local" for KHCP4 means 100-km radius).
- BCIB is always looking for training opportunities - operators, scalers etc. BCIB working to bring all parties to the table: unions, colleges etc.

Traffic management - stoppages and closures

- Summer hours began June 1:
 - No daytime closures until mid-Sept.
 - Evening SLAT 8-10 pm.
 - Overnight closures Sunday-Thursday. SLAT Friday; Open Sat.
 - No closures during long holiday weekends.
 - Always double-check 3rd-party calendar sites against our calendar. Clear your cache or update your browser to ensure you get the latest.

Questions/answers

- Q. When traffic stopped at east end why do trucks get to go first?
 A. It's easier to store cars in the rest area off the highway, and also trucks can act as "pace cars" to keep traffic at a safe speed.

Review of Spring 2022 extended closure

- Traffic volumes on alternate route lower than expected, with truck volumes higher than projected.
- Annual collisions on alternate route in 2021 & 2022 are up, with corresponding reduction on TCH.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hwy 95: Always looking to improve response. Significantly higher RCMP and CVSE presence, with both efforts supported by the Project. Continued emphasis on safe travel in external (e.g. social media) messages. Ongoing traffic engineering support. Noted that speed compliance generally has been good. Drivers seem to have accepted the fact that the route is going to take longer. Kathryn Lawrence acknowledged work done by Ktunaxa & other First Nations on wildlife monitoring presence. Project team is working with MoTI Rocky Mountain District to have two additional signs put back for the Fall 2022 extended closure. 	
6.	Round Table: issues, opportunities, considerations	
	<p>Q. Concerns brought to Wildsight and gov't attention around pollution control and effluent from vehicles like concrete trucks. Effluent drip trays? What's being done to ensure toxins are not released into the area?</p> <p>A. KHCC has environmental mitigation measures to meet government standards. Includes drip containers throughout site. Vast majority of stationary equipment (generators, light plants) has drip trays, especially near any sensitive areas. Also there are strict controls on refuelling near any sensitive areas. Reporting process is being followed.</p> <p>Q. For next closure: need to help drivers coming through Golden from the south understand that they're entering a left-turn lane, not a passing lane. Also, people travelling southbound on Kicking Horse Bridge need to slow down. Signage to foreshadow the bridge?</p> <p>A. Info on the northbound turn lane has been shared with the RCMP & commercial truck enforcement. The behaviour isn't limited to the closures. S-bound signs were considered, but again the behaviour isn't limited to closures. N-bound - signage installed to clarify the l-turn lane, but driver behaviour hasn't changed.</p> <p>Q. Thanks for fencing in the canyon for the sheep. Are there any plans for additional wildlife mitigation for the upcoming closure?</p> <p>A. We'll keep looking at different opportunities/ideas to improve wildlife safety.</p> <p>Q. A permanent fence was put over one of the one-way gates that the sheep use. Was that done by or for the project?</p> <p>A. The issue pertains to an area outside the current project. Sheep were getting in the wrong way and that had to be addressed.</p> <p>Q. Can jump-outs being breached by sheep be modified?</p> <p>A. Being investigated to see if any changes are viable. Wary of creating a new problem while solving an existing one.</p>	
7.	Next steps / next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group agreed to target September 21, 2022 for the next meeting. 	