

**Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Rossland Library 5:00pm MINUTES #2**

Present: Bob Bechaud\*, Les Carter\*, Troy Colautti\*, Kim Deane\*, Larry Doell\*, Demitri Lesniewicz\*, Rob Richardson\*, Don Vockeroth\*, Sheree Sonfield, Mike Packham and Roma Kozlov.

\*Director

- 1) Motion to approve Minutes of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting as posted. Motion passed.
- 2) Motion to revise FoRRS Board Policy re: "Commercial Use in the Rossland Range Recreation Site" dated "Approved June 1, 2017" as follows:

Add the following as Item 6, under the heading;

TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FORRS AND A COMMERCIAL OPERATOR

1. **"6. CABINS: SPECIAL ADVISORY:** Since the first version of this policy was approved by the directors of FORRS in June of 2017, public use of the cabins at all times of day has increased many-fold. It is now clear to the directors that most potential commercial uses of the cabins would be incompatible with the goals and principles that apply to the Recreation Site. See "STARTING POINT – THE REC SITE AS A FREE PUBLIC AMENITY" above.

The process for applying for a permit to use Rec Site amenities remains as explained in the first 5 sections of this policy. However, potential applicants need to be aware that FORRS cannot support, and will not recommend in favour of, an application to use a cabin for a commercial purpose, except in very rare and exceptional circumstances."

Reasons for the revision are as set out in the first paragraph of the revision.

Discussion – none of significance.

(nb: other than an interesting suggestion for future consideration – a new, additional cabin specifically for commercial use?)

Motion passed.

- 3) City of Rossland 'Volunteer Event' during February. Les will coordinate – all welcome.
- 4) Snow plowing: Rob advised 4<sup>th</sup> plowing this 2019/2020 season done this morning (Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020); and this is much the same number as at this time last year. Rob advised the sharing agreement he set up with Black Jack (Jan Luppens) for their Biathlon lot plowing is working well.  
Rob, Kim & Jan met with YRB (Craig Buckley) – established contact; no particular assistance.
- 5) Dog fatality – concerned individual's e-mail note to City, passed to FoRRS who responded.
- 6) Sno Hosting: Rob: Activity resumed for winter 2020 (7 volunteers)
- 7) New stoves at Booty's & Chimo – door hinge weakness. Being addressed by Rob.
- 8) Financial: Forecast approx. \$15k available for Igloo + Crowe's Nest major projects during 2020.  
Q: Enough?? Heli lifting alone expected at \$5 to \$8k.  
Donations: CanadaHelps (kudos to Sheree for set-up – working well) \$1,200 donated during December Total donations during 2019: about \$7,500 (\$4,200 in memory of Ardis' Urquhart).

- 9) Administration: Society Filing done. Final report to CIP for \$3,500 CIP (spring) payout (onerous) Tax receipts for Revenue Canada to be issued. Only a very few other than CanadaHelps system.
- 10) Website: Upgrades by Sheree: incl. map page & some activities
- 11) New Kiosk: has North and South map-signs plus centre panel; KTCS material in spring.  
Additional postings contemplated – instructions &/or historic
- 12) Logging on Mt. Kirkup face 2019 summer/fall – Mark MacAulay (ATCO) – within Rec Site; no issues.
- 13) Volunteer hours report to RS&T BC – Les compiling for FoRRS.
- 14) Museum: interested in a) discussing archives with FoRRS; and b) having FoRRS do a ‘Museum Talk’ one evening. Kim & Rob to follow up. Board members interested in this?
- 15) Igloo construction: Plan: set up a roster beginning this winter with many volunteers. All will be kept informed at timely intervals (say, weekly once summer construction begins) of plans & progress; seeking sufficient folks for each upcoming planned work day(s) to accomplish the specific tasks intended on those days. Seeking to share the work among many and keep the project moving along.
- 16) Credit at Mofab – keep in mind; coordinate any use with Demitri or Kim.
- 17) Cookie paintings signs: Larry sought guidance re: a sign with many cabin names -some exist no-longer.
- 18) Aerial photos of active areas of Rec Site: Larry flew with local pilot last spring. He has useful photos (snow background provides clear indication of state of winter openings for recreation). Rob, Sheree and Kim to meet with Larry to determine how best to make these photos available for wide use.
- 19) Thinning for down-skiing: Mike Packham inquired about his seeking funding for this. Efforts over several years by FoRRS to inspire volunteers haven’t been successful. Felt that any such funding should be run through FoRRS. And, noted that if ‘paying volunteers’ is to be contemplated, this might adversely impact FoRRS almost 100% volunteer operations elsewhere. Mike to make some inquiries and come back for further discussion.  
(Subsequent to meeting: suggested FoRRS might try leading thinning by volunteers for a year or two – possibly along the lines per the Igloo roster in (15) above – identify work, have roster to be called upon on for specific, planned upcoming work-days. Those that can come will do so.)
- 20) New cabin projects for 2020: Igloo Cabin (#9) completion; & new Crowe’s Nest Cabin (#10)) – planning is underway.
- 21) Don V. reported on Red Dog doors are being painted artistically by local well-known artists.
- 22) Rossland Winter Carnival in a few weeks – not discussed; probably should have been.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

**Meetings: Rossland Library 5pm First Thursday each month**

**Next: Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020      then: Mar 5<sup>th</sup>      Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**