

## **Friends of the Rossland Range (FoRR)**

**Meeting: Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Rossland Library 3pm**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Les Carter Kim Deane Ken Holmes Suzanne Panquin Sherry Sonfield  
Stewart Spooner Brian Steeves

Chair: Kim Deane

- 1) Rossland Winter Carnival 2007 (late January)  
FoRR decided not to have an event this year (invited after last years' very successful photo presentation, raffle, silent auction, etc. at the Old Fire Hall)
- 2) Proposed project to achieve BC Gov't planning:  
Suggested the FoRR seek allies to petition BC Gov't.  
Discussed whether to attempt to coordinate all stakeholders.  
Resolved to seek allies only from parties aligned with FoRR objectives (ie: Red Mtn., Big Red Cats, Redstone, Chambers of Commerce {Rossland, Trail & Castlegar}, Black Jack, Nordic, Naturalists, Ministry of Tourism, etc. and any known supporters of a planning process.  
2<sup>nd</sup> stage: seek support of Cities & RDKB. 3<sup>rd</sup> stage: BC Gov't  
Also, to act 'aboveboard' by making our petition known to all stakeholders.  
Les to lead off with a draft letter.
- 3) Tenures:  
Gov't advise no "community (umbrella)" tenures available. FoRR might get one, but other individuals could as well if compatible {ie: overlap}.  
Re: FoRR position on '3<sup>rd</sup> Parties' applying for tenures for non-motorized activities (ie: guiding biking and ski touring, etc.). Red Mtn guiding activities will likely lead to this.  
General discussion.  
View of meeting was these OK if compatible.
- 4) Heritage Photo/Story Archive:  
In progress toward completion of 8 (32"x 40") display boards with plexiglass protective covers to show more than 200 photos with captions. Utilizing CBT Arts Council grant of \$1,000. Plus, back-up digital file.
- 5) Proposed project: Rebuild 'Weather Station' atop Old Glory.  
There is a rough building there currently – what is it?  
Consensus at meeting: a bold idea. However, more concerns than attributes arose in the discussion: who would use it, who would manage it (example: what if commercial groups began to host events for paying guests?), who would maintain it (a huge ongoing job), a target for vandalism (including initials being carved in wood members) etc?  
(Later thought: what about a cairn with historic info'?)

Also, noted that structures in the alpine and on mountain-tops seem to ‘diminish’ the natural setting. Seemed to be support for removal of the existing structures atop Old Glory.

- 6) Improved parking and snowplowing: no specific actions identified. To be kept as an objective.
- 7) Wind generation – no information available. New tower on Mt. Crowe may be an investigative installation.

**Next meeting: Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at location TBD.**

Meeting adjourned at 4pm