

# MUSKWA-KECHIKA ADVISORY BOARD

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## Meeting Minutes FINAL

Meeting Dates: **March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting Location: **Coast Inn of the North, Prince George**

### **M-KAB Members Attending: March 18<sup>th</sup> session**

Stephanie Killam (Chair)	Bill Lux (Vice Chair)	Juergen Puetter
Corrine Porter	Danny Case	Johnny Mikes
Gavin Dirom	Wayne Sawchuk	Reg Gardner
David Luff		
REGRETS:		
Leif Olsen	Roslyn Pokiak	Peter Stone
Barry Holland	Doug Mckee	Jason Lee

### **Guests:**

Butch Morningstar	Norm Bilodeau	Kathy Parker
Kathi Zimmerman	Heather McRae	Phil Zacharatos
Maureen Garrity LGL Ltd (by phone)	EBA, Scott Kingston, Jessica Banning, Rick Hoos (by phone)	

8:30 am Welcome and opening remarks, Stephanie Killam Chair

- Introductions
- Motion to adopt March 18<sup>th</sup> agenda: Moved: Juergen Puetter Second: David Luff
  - MOVED
- Motion to adopt November 2012 Advisory Board meeting minutes:
  - Moved: Juergen Puetter Second: David Luff
  - MOVED

8:45 am Report out from BC-MK Working Group

Butch Morningstar updated all on this working group and went through the list of action items that came from the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting in Fort St John.

Discussion on each action items and questions/comments from all:

- Gavin recommend EMNG director be available

- Next step: Working group members from Advisory Board to attend next meeting of the Omineca Managers. Norm Bilodeau will advise Secretariat of date for next meeting and arrange a phone tie in for members.

## 9:15 am Executive recommendation for a new Working Group

Coming from the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BC/M-KAB working group was the recommendation for the Advisory Board and the Province to come to a “common and shared understanding” of the M-KMA Act preamble, the M-KMA vision (established by the Advisory Board) and the M-KAB’s Wilderness definition.

Timeline to come to a common/shared understanding was by June 15, 2013

Executive recommended members:

- David Luff, Wayne Sawchuk, Juergen Puetter, Bill Lux, Stephanie Killam and Corrine Porter

From today’s meeting:

- Gavin Dirom and Johnny Mikes were added to the Working Group

Province of BC members will be Greg Rawlings (Omineca) and Dale Morgan (Peace) they may request some members of the Manager’s committee to participate.

Advisory Board accepted the recommendation for establishing this Working Group and the members to participate. WG will report out to the Executive once discussions/meetings are set up.

- Rhonda Cage was suggested as a facilitator and will be asked help with outcomes.

## **M-K Trust Fund Projects:**

### 9:40 am M-KAB Strategic Direction & Operational Business Plan

Phil Zacharatos, contractor to the Advisory Board for this project, attended and provided a detailed summation of the work he has completed under the direction of M-K Working Group. (power point presentation and discussion).

David Luff, Working Group lead, led a discussion of the plan with the Board members. After a thorough review and discussion, Board members were presented with a “worksheet” on the document developed by Phil.

- Members were asked to review the document in the evening and prioritize (and provide budget if needed) on the deliverables tabled in the document.

The discussion on priorities and finalizing the document was to be tabled at tomorrow’s session.

### 11:30 am Eco/Adventure Tourism Report

Maureen Garrity, LGL Ltd, undertook a review of Eco/Adventure tourism in the M-KMA on behalf of the Advisory Board.

Advisory Board members received the final report prior to the meeting.

Maureen tied into the meeting by phone to table her final report and entertain questions from members.

After an overview of the report from Maureen, members provided comments and questions.

Johnny Mikes, lead of the Working Group, thanked Maureen for her work and report and the time she spent in a thorough review of the activities in the M-KMA>

- The Advisory Board directed the Working Group to follow up on the report and provide the Executive and Advisory Board with their recommendations and any advice that should be provided to the Province. Working Group will establish a conference call to do this.

### 1:00 PM Mineral Claims Project - EBA

EBA was the successful proponent for this project directed by the M-KAB and the Province of BC.

Scott Kingston, Jessica Banning and Rick Hoos tied into the meeting by phone to present their draft report to the Advisory Board. (The Advisory Board received the draft report just before the meeting)

After providing an overview of their work, the Advisory Board requires time to review the report.

- It was determined that for EBA to finalize the report by the end of March, that the Advisory Board members would have to comment by March 25.
- All comments were to be provided to the M-K Secretariat and that he would consolidate comments and provide to EBA for them to finalize the report.
- It was further recommended that the Working Group for this project will follow up on the final report in April. They provide recommendations for future work that may be required along with recommendations and any advice to the Province to the Executive/Advisory Board based on the report's findings.

### 2:30 PM M-K Website Re-Design

Sticky Wicket Designs (Greg Prosser) was awarded a contract to re-design the M-KAB's website.

Greg attended the meeting and provided a visual of the site that his company is working on. He went through a number of features with this new site, (ease of maintaining/updating, monthly reports and statistics and the aspect of the M-K DVD which will be accessed through the website.

Advisory Board members commented on the presentation and were pleased with the new site and what it will entail.

M-K Secretariat and Working Group will continue to work with Greg over the next week to complete the site and have it on line by March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 3:15 PM Update on Y2Y Workshop held at UNBC March 15/16

Stephanie, Wayne and Johnny attended the workshop and reported out to the Board. Much of the workshop focused on the Peace River Breaks.

### 3:30 PM M-KAB Operational Funds- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report provided by Resources North Association was tabled for the Advisory Boards review.

It was estimated that after this meeting and at the end of the fiscal year, (March 31, 2013), the Advisory Board would have an estimated \$38,000 for Board operations for the new fiscal year, April 2013 to March 2014.

### 3:45 BC Parks Planning Update

Bill Lux updated the Advisory Board on the recent timetable provide by Parks Planner, Dani Money. Due to other work commitments directed by BC Parks, Dani's earlier timetable to complete the Northern Rockies Mtn and Redfern Keily Park Management Plans had to be altered.

She is now working through the Victoria comments, and will go through further First Nations review and public consultation over the next 4 months. She anticipates being able to provide the final recommended Management plans (which would go to the Minister for sign off) to the Advisory Board in the fall of 2013.

Bill Lux and the Working Group will continue to track Dani's work on these 2 Management plans and report out to the Executive as required.

### 4:00 PM Wind Power in the M-KMA

Juergen Puetter provided an update and status of the wind power Investigative Use Permits (IUP's) in the M-KMA, all of which are with Aeolis Wind.

Juergen highlighted that the wind resource on the eastern slopes of the Northern Rocky mountains (and M-KMA) are very unique in terms of their consistency and predictability.

Of the 4 IUP's, Juergen stated that 2 sites are proving to be considered for development of future wind power generation.

Based on Juergen's presentation and discussion with members, the Advisory Board recommended establishing a working group to review and make recommendations on wind power development in the M-KMA. The Working Group would review the report completed by Wildlife Infometrics in 2011 along with the information Juergen provided. They would make their recommendations to the Executive/Advisory Board.

- Working Group members to be confirmed at tomorrow's session.

### 4:30 Update on M-KAB Appointments for 2013-14

Butch and Stephanie reported that the new round of appointments is moving ahead. The aspects of having a Criminal Record check was discussed and that this is now a requirement of the Province for all Boards/Commissions.

The outcome of a criminal record check may not necessarily prevent an appointment to a Board/Commission. It would be dependent upon a number of factors.

Stephanie urged all members standing for re-appointment follow through on the necessary paper work so that appointments are in place for April 1, 2013.

4:45 Stephanie Killam, Chair concluded the session for today, thanking all those members and invited guests for attending. She felt the discussion throughout the day was excellent and the participation from all members was important as the Board moves ahead for the next year.

She encouraged all members to take time to review the document for the Strategic Direction & Business Plan and to come prepared for a thorough discussion in the morning.

She confirmed the “in camera” session for tomorrow would be from 7:30 until 8:30.

**Session concluded at 4:55 pm**

**M-KAB Members Attending: March 19<sup>th</sup> session**

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**GUESTS:**

Butch Morningstar	Norm Bilodeau	Kathy Parker
Pam Wright		

7:30 – 8:30 am Advisory Board “in camera” session

8:30 am Chair welcome and opening remarks for today’s session

8:40 am Pam Wright UNBC – presentation and discussion on M-K DVD

Pam Wright from UNBC was requested to attend and discuss UNBC’s ability to distribute the M-K DVD on behalf of the Advisory Board.

Pam provided a power point presentation to introduce herself to the Advisory Board as Associate Professor, Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management.

The Advisory thanked Pam for outlining the options she presented for distributing the DVD and attending in person to the meeting.

The Advisory Board supported Pam working on this and would follow up by:

- Providing a letter to distribute the DVD on behalf of the Advisory Board
- Providing 100 copies of the DVD to Pam to begin distribution.
- Pam will report back to the Board on her progress in distribution

## 9:10 am Strategic Direction and Operational Business Plan

David Luff led the Advisory Board through the discussion of the draft document and the Work plan/Budget working sheet left with members to prioritize the deliverables.

From the discussion on the document itself, the Advisory Board came to the following consensus:

- ✓ Agreement in principle for the 7 Strategic Commitments in the document
- ✓ Agreement in principle for the Operating Themes
- ✓ Agreement that Phil Zacharatos work on this document is completed and contract will be finalized in terms of payment.
- ✓ David Luff agreed to take members comments on the draft document up to March 29<sup>th</sup>. He will then update the document and provide to the Executive at their April 17<sup>th</sup> conference call as a final document that should be distributed to the Minister and Government Manager groups.

The Advisory Board then went through the working document to discuss and prioritize the deliverables from the Plan. That worksheet has been summarized and will be attached for the Board's reference to these minutes.

The Advisory Board then went through all current initiatives that the Board has been involved in up to this meeting.

It was confirmed that Working Groups were to be assigned and continue to lead the various initiatives tabled.

The Strategic Direction & Operational Business Plan worksheet would be converted into an Annual Work Plan and budget sheet for the Advisory Board to work on for the coming year.

A table with the confirmed Working Groups and members would be developed along with their respective conference calls which were established at this meeting.

Executive will continue to track these Working Groups and initiatives.

Stephanie Killam concluded the meeting. She was very pleased to see all members participate and come to consensus on the topics and discussions and felt that the Advisory Board was well positioned to do the work that was tabled at this meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Members attending confirmed **October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Prince George.**

(Johnny Mikes advised he would be out of country between October 13<sup>th</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup>)