



NWCRT Minutes September 16, 2023
NVCAC Nicola Valley Community Arts Centre (Kekuli Entrance)
6:30- 8pm

IN attendance: Bruno Mailloux, Lou Cooke, Liis Jeffries, Al Mackay-Smith, Gerry Sanford, Jill Sanford, Judy Guichon, Patrick Farmer, Bruce Beech, Wayne Schindler, John Anderson, Kate Anderson

Infrastructure at the Grasslands site:

Assessments were made; Viewing platform has a big lean to it. Gerry has come up with some drawings to redesign the platform from the shore.

We do not have a budget to replace this or dismantle it.

Wayne, Bruce and Gerry are taking the lead on this and meeting with Forestry to see if they can come up with a plan.

Immediate action: Close off the platform with some 2x4's, remove the signage and store for later installment. Al has offered to store these.

- Look into getting it dismantled asap.
- Quotes for the dismantling from Sanders?
- Timing? Should this be done after freeze up?
- Signage to close it indefinitely.
- Wayne will close off the bridge and look after getting the signs to Al's.
- Subcommittee will form (Wayne, Gerry, Bruce, Judy and Bruno) to take care of the details... and ultimately a rebuild depending on budget.
- Subcommittee will figure out the dollars needed.

Stewardship Agreement

While we have an agreement with GCC, they are not signatory on our agreement with the province.

Within our agreement, we (the NWCRT) own the infrastructure, we could transfer this to the province, however there are both advantages and disadvantages to this.

ACTION: Judy and Bruce will meet again with Greg Hodson.

Compassionate Community Update:

Jill spoke to this.

Basically, it's ways (Big or Small) we can support one another in our community.

- support for shut ins
- advocate for adult daycare space
- Hospice Societies involved
- Carol Fulcher is the lead on this within our community
- Hospice is hoping for support for this concept through the NWCRT
- Could be a possibility for a forum?

Public Forum and community education:

This part of the meeting was/is always very lively 😊

Lots of thoughts on different Forums that might be worthy were presented.

1. Ecological Systems and resource users. Ag, Forestry, Industry:
How they work and usage.
2. Water #1 issue. Flood irrigation and water storage.
3. Ag/Water/Soil/Hydrology/Fish NWGP (Nicola Watershed Governance Project) Why should we even care?
4. First Nations. Making sure we are hearing the same stories

5. Understanding Resources
6. G+G/Water/Fish Education is important
7. Fish and Agriculture – connection to food
8. Water Storage
9. Land Use Planning ~ Linking one master plan.
10. UNDRIP questions – Learning and knowing. Nicola Governance Project. How did that happen? What's it all about?

Overview: DO SOMETHING!!! Forums create good will, education, and political will.

Closing circle and wrap up shortly after 8pm.

Next meeting was scheduled for October 23rd which didn't happen.
Next meeting is being planned for the first week of December.

