

**Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management  
CURA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**July 20th, 2007  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Cinnabar, B.C.**

**SC Members Present:**

Principal Investigator (Chair); Co-Investigator/IP Stream Leader; Tl'azt'en Coordinator/TEK Stream Leader; UNBC Coordinator/IP Grad Student; Tl'azt'en Ecotourism Stream Leader; UNBC Ecotourism Stream Leader; Tl'azt'en Education Stream Leader; Tl'azt'en Member-at-large

**Others Present:**

TEK Stream Grad Student; JPRF/CURA Research Assistant (2); Tl'azt'en Youth Worker

**1) Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Welcome and Opening Prayer, followed by introductions.

**2) Adoption of Agenda**

Two items were added to the agenda. A discussion of contract protocols and the possibility of extending CURA in the future were added to the agenda. The agenda was then adopted.

**3) Correction and adoption of March 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 meeting minutes and web summary**

March 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 SC meeting minutes and web meeting minutes adopted as presented.

**Old Business**

**4) Stream updates and research product plans (community & academic) (All)**

**Ecotourism:** One student is currently conducting research at the Prince George Visitor Information Center. The other student is completing a research proposal and expects to begin research in the near future. Many side projects are being completed in this stream, in addition to research directly related to graduate student research, including a second Aboriginal Tourism bibliography, an evaluation of the participants who participated during the 2007 Moose conference at UNBC, and a focused sample survey at the Folk Music Festival in

Fort St. James. Progress of the Ecotourism JPRF/CURA research assistant student's project is then reported. The Ecotourism stream will be receiving assistance in their research projects from Tl'azt'en youth this summer. Expected Ecotourism stream products (both community and academic) and plans to share research findings with the Tl'azt'en community are reported.

**Improved Partnership (IP):** A graduate student describes research progress and planned community and academic research products from the research. Another student will defend thesis and holding a community presentation of research in late August. A progress report of the C&I project being done in collaboration with the Integrated Land Management Bureau is given. A qualitative data analysis course for Tl'azt'en researchers was recently held in relation to this project. The publication of academic papers related to this stream's research is discussed.

**Education:** Progress has been made in re-organizing this stream's data that was collected in 2005. Plans to analyze the data are currently being arranged. Future plans to have a graduate student in this stream are discussed. Challenges, opportunities, and areas of research interest for this stream's future are discussed.

**Traditional Ecological Knowledge:** A graduate student shares research progress to date and planned community and academic research products from the research. Progress and product updates of other graduate students are discussed.

**5) Newsletter (2 page community issue) - next issue**

The Summer 2007 Community Update is currently being edited. It will be printed and distributed in the near future.

**6) Education stream - graduate student participation**

Discussed under Agenda item 4- Education stream update.

**Other Additions**

**7) Contracts:** The need and proper process for completing contracts amongst all streams is discussed.

**8) Community day 2007 - debriefing**

SC members discuss the highlights of Community Day 2007 and ways in which the Community Day can be improved in the future. It was proposed to hold a Community Day at UNBC in the upcoming year. DVD copies of the CURA Community Day have been made and will be available at the JPRF office, Tl'azt'en archives, and UNBC.

**8) Website update - discussion/suggestions**

Ideas to improve the CURA website are discussed.

**9) Improved Partnership Graduate Student- defense & community presentation**

Discussed earlier under Agenda item 4- Improved Partnership stream update.

**10) New CURA Graduate student, Fall 2007- potential projects**

Background information and potential research projects for incoming CURA Graduate student are discussed.

**11) Graduate Student Research Proposals**

CURA Graduate students will send their completed thesis proposals to fellow CURA Graduate students and SC members for their information.

**12) Possibility of extending CURA in the future- Future direction**

Steps that need to be taken in order to initiate the extension of CURA in the future are discussed, as are directions.

**13) Upcoming event at UNBC- Elders Gathering**

UNBC is hosting a major Elders gathering in October 2007.

**NEXT MEETING:** September at UNBC (third week possibly)