

Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management CURA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2008
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tache, Boardroom

SC Members Present:

Principal Investigator (Chair); Co-Investigator/IP Stream Leader;
Tl'azt'en Coordinator/TEK Stream Leader; UNBC Coordinator/IP Grad Student;
UNBC Eco-tour Stream Leader; Tl'azt'en Eco-tour Stream Leader; Tl'azt'en
Education Stream Leader

Others Present:

TEK Stream Grad student (2); JPRF/ CURA Research Assistant; Ecotourism Grad
student; CURA GIS Mapping Technician; Visiting students (2)

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. Adoption of Agenda and correction & adoption of September 7th
meeting minutes/web summary
3. Introductions of visiting students and new additions to the CURA team

A UNBC graduate student has recently joined CURA as a 'Geographic
Information System (GIS) Mapping Technician.' Her role in the CURA team
are shared and discussed.

4. Stream Updates

IP stream: A graduate student describes her research progress to date, her
research assistant's progress to date, and recent research events that have
taken place. A list of academic and community deliverables and a list of
conferences that she is interested in attending are then shared.

TEK Stream: A graduate student describes her research progress to date
and provides her research schedule for the upcoming field season. This
graduate student then presents a list of academic and community
deliverables that she expects to develop from her research, as well as an
upcoming conference that she is interested in attending. Another graduate
student describes her research progress to date, upcoming research plans
and a list of academic and community deliverables expected to be complete
by the end of 2008/early 2009. She also shares about a conference that she
will be attending later in the year.

Education: The current status of this stream's data analysis is shared and discussed.

Ecotourism:

A graduate student describes recent research events, progress to date, and a list of academic and community deliverables that he expects to complete by the end of 2008. A list of conferences that are of interest to attend are also shared. The research progress and a list of academic and community deliverables of another graduate student are then shared with the SC. Other products, projects, and workshops that this stream is involved with are also shared.

5. Community update

The focus of the upcoming Community Update is discussed.

6. CURA Extension 2009

The Tl'azt'en-UNBC CURA project has been approved for an extension to December 31, 2009. An actual timeline for the Tl'azt'en-UNBC CURA is then discussed.

7. Budget

The 2007 budget is presented and discussed. A budget meeting is scheduled for March 6th, 2008. Suggestions about how remaining funds may be used in the future are discussed.

8. CU Expo in Victoria in May

An upcoming Community-University Expo being held in Victoria from May 4-7th is discussed. Suggestions and discussions take place regarding who should attend this Expo.

9. Stream employment for Tl'azt'en Post Secondary students for Summer 2008

Employment opportunities and available funding for hiring Tl'azt'en Post Secondary students in the summer of 2008 are discussed.

10 Canada summer jobs 2008

Everyone is reminded about the upcoming deadline to apply for this funding. Possible uses for this funding are shared and discussed.

11. Report on Sustainable Forest Management Network, State of Knowledge Project Workshop

A report is given by the UNBC research co-ordinator/IP grad student who attended this Workshop in Ottawa on January 22 and 23.

12 Geographic Information System mapping technician, Melanie Grubb

This item was discussed earlier during Agenda Item #3- introductions.

13 CURA community day in Tache 2008-May15th

The date for the upcoming CURA community day is confirmed for May 15th in Tache. The objective and format of the community day are discussed.

14 UN Indigenous Peoples Symposium

A proposal for two CURA SC members to attend this Symposium is received and supported.

15 Other

Ongoing work being conducted for the CURA website, by grad students is shared.

16 In Camera session