

Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management
TI'azt'en / UNBC CURA
Steering Committee Meeting
Web Summary

December 10, 2004 - 10:00 AM
TI'azt'en Nation Band Office, Tache, BC

Present:

Acting Principal Investigator, Senior CURA Coordinator, Improved Partnerships Stream Leader (Secondary Recorder)
Co-Investigator, Improved Partnerships Stream Leader, Chair
TI'azt'en Coordinator (Recorder), Improved Partnerships Stream Leader
UNBC Coordinator II (Primary Recorder)
TI'azt'en Education Stream Leader
TI'azt'en Member-At-Large

Others Represented:

TI'azt'en Treaty
TI'azt'en Learning Circle
TI'azt'en Community Justice Office

2 UNBC reps send their regrets, unable to attend due to weather and road conditions.

Meeting called to order at 10:16 AM

1) Welcome and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Opening Prayer and Introductions

2) Adoption of Agenda

Working session for the afternoon is cancelled.

3) Correction and adoption of October 15, 2004 Meeting Minutes

TI'azt'en RA's require a little more guidance and patience when given CURA tasks. SC members were reminded to submit stream activities report and keep Extension and Budget Tracking forms updated for SSHRC reporting purposes. TI'azt'en hired a new ABE Coordinator to help free up some time for CURA duties and responsibilities.

Old Business

4) Brief progress update from research streams (All)

Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)

TEK provided written report. TEK ERP invitation was unsuccessful due to other commitments. A TI'azt'en RA will be hired to assist with the verification process in the Place-names research. TEK is finalizing contract for services RE: CURA expenses.

Education and Science

Stream leaders have begun review of binders prepared in the summer of 2004 by Education RA. Education Associate Partner letter of invitation is being finalized. Integrated Resource Packages are being create to include Dak'elh (Carrier) language at the high school level. NVIT Instructor doing a Master's thesis on Alternate Education, a First Nation from the Talhtan Nation has verbally accepted invitation as an ERP member.

Improved Partnership (IP)

IP provided written report. IP currently has 4 RA's who have been working on editing, verifying, archiving, doing tape summaries, doing content analysis and preparing information for survey development. Extension work includes presentation to McGregor Model Forest, a workshop on Community Natural Resources and a poster presentation to the ESAM Graduate Research Symposium. Two accepted abstracts, a journal article is being prepared on Methods for Local-level Criteria and Indicators Development and curriculum/education development activities include two papers being prepared for delivery in 2005. The IP stream was able to generate external funds with remaining budget to be put to 2005 IP expenses. Graduate student prepared one page draft outline of her Research Purpose and Questions for SC.

5) CURA MOU

Copies of the signed MOU provided to SC members in attendance. Require Band Council Resolution for other member appointed as TI'azt'en Member-At-Large.

6) a. Update on *Expert Resource Pool* invitations

Two outstanding ERP invitations to complete, that a CURA introduction package specific to ERP is needed. Participation as an ERP member does not exempt TI'azt'en members from being hired as TI'azt'en pro.

b. New *Expert Resource Pool* Nominations

Two outstanding Education ERP invitations need addresses. Another ERP member nominated by TI'azt'en M-A-L.

7) *Associate Partner* invitations

IP circulated CV of potential IP Associate Partner and received positive response from SC. Associate Partner is also IP Graduate student Co-supervisor, and contributes a great deal to IP activities. General discussion on potential Ecotourism stream leaders for 2006 and reminder to Education stream to finalize Associate Partner invitation letter.

8) Potential Partnerships

Greater Himalayan National Park (GHNP) Project

TEK Stream leaders feel that this initiative can be a great compliment to CURA TEK activities and have started communications with individuals on the GHNP Project.

TI'azt'en Justice

TI'azt'en Community Justice Office (CJO) reps did presentation on potential partnership for Community Work Service (CWS) clients to contribute volunteer hours to CURA. The goal is that CURA and CWS clients learn and grow. Feasibility of

potential partnership discussed with proposal requested for February meeting so that all SC members may have a chance to review.

School District 91

Update will be provided at February SC meeting.

9) CURA budget tracking, UNBC financial statements/account coding, and submission of budget update by each stream

CURA SC and UNBC Finance office have reconciled budgets but UNBC SC members need to submit a current budget update for SSHRC reporting purposes. Clarification that one vehicle is covered for travel expenses to attend CURA SC meetings.

10) Extension

TEK and Education need to update Extension Tracking to include their 2004 extension information. Other extensions include submission to LINK newsletter, draft press release to be sent to Aboriginal newspapers in western Canada. CURA Introduction package will be provided to new TI'azt'en Chief and Council members, for their info.

11) Archival Training/storage and database needs

TI'azt'en Treaty databases are being connected and linked and how use of information will be available for other purposes i.e. CURA. CURA will assist with a Archivist/Records Manager job description and assist if TI'azt'en is seeking to hire. At present databases are being linked and backup systems for database being discussed.

12) Contract Agreements for TEK and Education Streams

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) will be considered and incorporated into contracts for the TEK Stream. New contract needs a clause to define joint IPR.

New Business

13) Performance Review Process and Results

Performance Reviews were conducted for all three CURA Coordinators in November. Coordinator and immediate supervisor met to discuss year 1 of CURA job tasks and responsibilities and areas for improvement. Coordinators received raving reviews and will be retained for 2005. M-A-L congratulates Coordinators on job well done.

14) Graduate student project planning

CURA SC need to help define research projects for a Masters student in 2005 and a PhD student in 2006. Outline prepared on possible research themes and feedback is required before advertisements are finalized.

15) Update on Carrier Linguistic Society

Next Carrier Linguistic Society meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2005

16) February meeting schedule

Next SC meeting scheduled for February 11th at UNBC

17) Research stream group work time

Cancelled

18) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 PM