

**Tl'azt'en Nation/UNBC CURA  
Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management**

**Steering Committee Meeting Minutes (Web Summary)  
June 21, 2005 - 1:00 PM  
Eugene Joseph Elementary School**

**Present:**

Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator/IP Stream Leader, Tl'azt'en Coordinator/IP Stream Leader, Junior UNBC Coordinator/IP Grad Student, UNBC Education Stream Leader, UNBC Ecotourism Stream Leader, Tl'azt'en Member-at-Large 1

**Others Present:**

Education Grad Student, Tl'azt'en Student RA - IP Stream, Tl'azt'en member

**Absent:**

Senior Coordinator/IP Stream Leader (on maternity leave), Tl'azt'en Education Stream Leader (on leave), Tl'azt'en TEK Stream Leader (on holidays), UNBC TEK Stream Leader (sick), Tl'azt'en Member-at-Large 2

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM

(CURA SC members participated in Aboriginal Day Festivities in Tache from 10-2 PM)

- 1) Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 2) Adoption of Agenda
- 3) Correction and adoption of Meeting Minutes  
Requested Change: "UNBC rep introduced as Eco-tourism Stream Participant"

**4) Stream Updates**

**TEK Stream** - no TEK leaders present, no report submitted

**IP Stream**

Grad student began field work for graduate studies on Aboriginal measures of forest co-management values. Pre-tests were conducted and 15 interviews will begin next week, with focus groups in the fall. A Tl'azt'en member was hired as a post secondary student RA, working from the UNBC CURA office.

**Education Stream**

Three CURA members attended the Aboriginal Education Research Forum in Winnipeg and presented CURA work in a poster session. Note that there were not a lot of other research partnerships with First Nations established. Ex-SSHRC rep was optimistic that our CURA project was going in the right direction. Tl'azt'en CURA reps will assist in the duties of getting the Education Stream research started. Community focus group sessions will begin June 30 and completed by August. The CASTS conference is September 2005 in Cape Breton, brief discussion that Tl'azt'en Education Stream Leader should attend. Tl'azt'en Education summer RA hired, another by next week.

## Ecotourism

UNBC CURA reps will spend the summer looking at Aboriginal Ecotourism literature, and exploring other non-indigenous tourism programs. Planning is tentatively scheduled for June 27 & 28, and TI'azt'en Stream Leader selection is on-going.

## Old Business

### 5) Budget Meeting

Budget meeting held on May 31 to discuss budget for 2004 and 2005. Need Schedule A for 2004 Education budget and finalizing 2005 contracts for TEK and Education. CURA reps can work with Co-I to finalize budgets. Discussion to hire part-time person to sort CURA budget and implement tracking process, in the absence of Senior UNBC Coordinator budget tracking has become difficult.

### 6) Expert Resource Pool

A reminder was sent to TI'azt'en CURA reps to forward contact information for their ERP nominees. A final list will be done, and Thank You cards sent to ERP members. ERP will be taken off agenda, but will be a standing item.

### 7) Associate Partner on IP Stream

The IP Stream will undertake the Masters' student originally given to the TEK stream, with objective to begin Community Environmental Monitoring research. CURA SC unanimously accept IP Stream Associate Partner nominee to supervise student.

### 8) Extension

*Journal Articles* - CURA LINK article has been accepted, final proofs to be completed ASAP. CSQ (Cultural Survival Quarterly) is reviewing article, with notification expected by end of June. A Russian version of CSQ was also submitted but no resources available to translate into Russian. IP Stream is waiting to hear from the Forestry Chronicle on a manuscript that was submitted on TI'azt'en C&I. Issue 2, June Community Update was sent via e-mail and delivered house to house. PI will be in Siberia and will share research topic and protocols developed through CURA.

## New Business

### 9) TI'azt'en Ecotourism Stream Leader

The ACED students tentatively scheduled planning sessions on June 27 & 28, to put forth ideas on community tourism initiatives. TI'azt'en Ecotourism Stream Leader selection is on-going.

CURA Annual at Cinnabar is tentatively scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM