

SUNSHINE VALLEY COMMITTEE

SUNSHINE VALLEY COMMUNITY VISION SUMMARY REPORT MEETING 2

PLANS AND PROCESSES FOR CROWN LAND

**8TH SEPTEMBER 2007
SUNSHINE VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL
9:00AM – 12:30PM**



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SUMMARY

Plans and Processes for Crown Land

Sunshine Valley Committee Meeting September 8th, 2007

Introduction

This is the second of four meetings – a series of building blocks planned to develop a community vision for the Sunshine Valley. The overall goal of this meeting was to provide a brief overview of how provincial agencies interact with electoral areas. Specifically, the meeting had four objectives:

- to confirm the committee composition, expectations and procedures
- to provide a general overview of how the province and regional districts interact
- to provide information on how communities can interact and participate in crown planning processes with:
 - Ministry of Forests
 - Ministry of Highways
 - Integrated Land Management Bureau
 - Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Arts – Recreation Sites and Trails
- to interpret the information learned in the context of the Sunshine Valley

See Appendix A for the Agenda for this meeting.

Revisiting the Outcomes of Meeting 1

The first order of business for this meeting was to confirm the committee composition, expectations and procedures. There was general consensus that the meetings would continue without formal structure – no chair, facilitated by the FVRD, individual participation.

In the discussion regarding committee composition, the group agreed to close committee membership as of this meeting as a result of an informal vote. Committee members then are all those who have attended either or both meeting 1 and 2. Appendix B is the list of names of the Sunshine Valley Committee, totaling 34. In addition, the meeting would be open to observers and the committee would welcome submissions.

Lastly, the group discussed communication. There was confirmation to continue to post relevant information on the updated Sunshine Valley page in the FVRD website. It was noted that individual privacy would be protected. For example, individual meeting feedback comment sheets would not be posted but the comments would be summarized and posted on the website.

Version 2 of the Sunshine Valley Community Profile was distributed. The profile now contains a historical timeline. In addition, a binder titled Sunshine Valley: History and Stories was introduced with a request for committee members to contribute detailed stories and pictures on Sunshine Valley.

Regional District Role in Crown Approvals

Graham Daneluz, Manager of Forward Planning, provided an overview of the interaction between the province and regional districts. In this presentation, he stressed that Sunshine Valley is still very much part of the FVRD. It has political representation at the FVRD board. It is part of the Regional Growth Strategy and the FVRD transfer station. The FVRD provides comments for provincial referrals. Sunshine Valley does not participate in the Planning and Building Inspections regional district function. There is no Official Community Plan or Zoning Bylaw providing direction for amount and type of development. There is no forum for the community to get together, to present a unified presence, a common voice to the province or the regional district. This forum in other FVRD unincorporated communities is represented by the OCP and/or the zoning bylaw.

In the overview of regional district functions, it was noted that:

- regional districts in general have very little regulatory ability.
- regional districts have an advocacy role, advocating with crown agencies the position on development of communities within the regional district
- crown agencies do consult regional districts through the referral process when considering plans and applications that involve electoral areas within the regional district
- in the referral process, the FVRD frequently recommends crown agencies participate in community consultation through public meetings

The goal of this meeting is to reach an understanding of how Sunshine Valley community can work with crown agencies either through the regional district or as a unified community to achieve its vision.

Provincial Agency Presentations

Ministry of Forests and Range

Allan Johnsrude from Ministry of Forests and Range Chilliwack District Office provided an overview of the policy and procedures of how the ministry interacts with the general public, including unincorporated communities. Briefly, the mandate of the Ministry is to manage and promote the forest resource as an economic and sustainable industry on behalf of the province. The ministry consults directly with the community and indirectly through the FVRD when developing Forest Stewardship Plans. The ministry is also a referral agency commenting on development proposals if they impact forest lands. The PowerPoint presentation is summarized in Appendix E.

In the following discussion, the principal question was how a community can influence the degree and location of harvesting in order to preserve view and recreation values. The following points were made in the discussion:

- Logging companies develop their Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP) using an extensive consultation process with Ministry of Forests and Range, other agencies and the public. These FSPs contain general guidelines governing how the area will be harvested. These guidelines include visual quality objectives. Ministry of Forests and Range provides review comments, then the Delegated Decision Maker makes a decision on the plan. It is the registered professional forester who develops the specific plans that guide the actual harvesting in the cut blocks.
- The District Manager (MoFR) must authorize harvesting if the harvesting plan meets the guidelines established in the FSP. The District Manager however does monitor the results of harvesting and can halt logging if FSP objectives are not being met.

- Although once the FSP is completed, there is no legal requirement under the BC Forest and Range Practices Act to consult the community, there is an expectation under the BC Foresters Act. The registered professional forester has a responsibility to consider public opinion and concerns in their ongoing management of cut blocks.
- Viewpoints are established by MoF in the visual inventory for the area. In determining viewpoints, MoF must identify a significant viewpoint that meets the needs of many versus an individual viewpoint that meets the need of one. The Hope Slide is designated as a view sensitive area. Viewpoints based on the Hope Slide, however, may not protect the Sunshine Valley views. The community can present a plan for viewpoints to be considered when MoF updates its visual inventory for the area.
- The Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) is relatively new – MoF staff continue to interpret the legislation. FRPA provides the framework to for increased reliance on professionals including accountability. There are Compliance and Enforcement provisions in the FRPA and the Foresters Act. Individuals are encouraged to use them. (District of Chilliwack Public Incident Report: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dck/CE/report.htm>).
- The Forest Practices Board recently produced an interim report on the effectiveness of current public communication practice.
- The most effective approach to ensuring community concerns are being addressed by the forest company is for the community to develop an ongoing dialogue with the forest licensee and the registered professional forester.

Ministry of Transportation

Barry Eastman and Mike Neill of the Ministry of Transportation (MoT) gave an overview of the role of the ministry in electoral areas. The ministry has two principal functions in electoral areas

- public road construction and maintenance
- subdivision approval.

In addition, the ministry is a referral agency commenting on developments that impact public roads and highways. The ministry depends on the FVRD for its cadastral mapping and its expertise on community planning. This presentation is summarized in Appendix F.

The main focus of the ensuing discussion was issues related to the gravel road through Alpine. This road is a Ministry of Forests and Range road that does not currently meet provincial public road standards. Neither does it meet the community's needs – it is not plowed consistently; nor does it receive regular maintenance. MoT noted:

- to be designated a public road, it must be upgraded to provincial standards – issue is who would fund the upgrade: MoT, MoF, the responsible forest company or Sunshine Valley?
- MoT provides funding to MoF to cover maintenance costs for MoF roads used for public access – but has no control over MoF service standards for these roads.

The discussion also focused on the subdivision process, specifically the conversion of a common lot or shared interest property to a strata title property. A subdivision application would involve:

- upgrading roads to MoT standards
- detailed map of lots, public spaces, public buildings, roads, services, etc.
- relevant reports for example geotechnical, flood hazard, slope hazard, avalanche, etc
- upgrading services, i.e. sewer or septic, water, storm water, lighting, etc.

Integrated Land Management Bureau

Andrew Upper and Andrea Cowgill provided a brief overview of the functions of the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB). Basically, ILMB is one stop shopping for applications for

crown land use ranging from agriculture to mining to recreation to residential. It refers applications to appropriate referral agencies, including the FVRD. ILMB is also responsible for public advertising of crown land development proposals in communities. For the detailed presentation, see Appendix H. In the ensuing discussion, the group questioned the role of covenants in protecting land development. It was noted that covenants were registered on title for private land, not for crown land.

MoTSA: Recreation Sites and Trails Branch

Frank Ullmann discussed the role of the Recreation Sites and Trails Branch within the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Arts. This branch is responsible principally for the non commercial, non provincial park recreation uses on Crown Land. This branch has both direct and indirect responsibility for the construction or maintenance of recreation trails and sites on crown land. Although it does directly deliver recreation services on Crown Land, the Branch finds it more effective to work with other agencies and community groups. See Appendix I for the detailed presentation.

Following the presentation, the breakout group discussed how to manage recreation sites on crown land, including how to fund trail building. It was noted that there is seed money, but the bulk of the funding is provided by the community group involved in the recreation trail. There may be opportunities for ‘user groups’ to work with the Province on recreation management. For example, recreation users on Vedder Mountain (Chilliwack) have worked with the Province to map and document trails, and to maintain trails. This has led to greater recognition of trail users in forestry and crown land approval processes.

Small Group Discussion

The committee broke into two groups for the breakout session at the end of the presentations. These groups discussed in general detail, the ILMB and the Recreation Sites and Trails Branch presentation, then the meeting in general. The following issues were noted:

- Community stability.
- How to collaborate with developers on the direction of community development.
- Sustainability of Sunshine Valley, particularly its services.
- Return on investment and attainment of Sunshine Valley community goals.
- Establishment of responsibility for maintenance of community facilities.
- Options for private service delivery.
- There are many development proposals around Sunshine Valley. Each one is evaluated by the relevant government agency in isolation. There is no overall plan to provide context for individual applications.

Summary of Comments Sheet

Of the 27 people who attended the second meeting of the Sunshine Valley Committee, 17 completed Feedback Comments sheets. The overall feedback was very positive. Members liked the format of the meeting in general. Some members preferred the total group sessions while others wanted more break out group interactions. Members found the participation of provincial agencies to be very informative and interesting. Many wanted more time per presenter.

In this session, there were just two groups in the breakout session with one audibly dominating the room. This interfered with the concentration of the second group, resulting in a recommendation to move one group to the library. Note that this was not a problem in the first meeting with three smaller groups in the breakout session. Smaller groups are able to concentrate in a smaller space allowing quieter dialogues.

There were several requests made in response to last question regarding future meetings. These include:

- Placing the Ministry PPT presentations on the FVRD website.
- Post 'rules of engagement' on a flip chart.
- How public ownership of the existing recreation centre would affect the community.
- Discussion in a future meeting on:
 - proposed developments
 - zoning
 - water management
 - formation of local government for Sunshine Valley
- The procedure for including a referendum in the next local government election.
- Clear articulation of the complaints process used by government agencies.
- Information about specific tools that could be employed to solve on-going issues, i.e. Bear Smart Accreditation.

For a complete summary of the comments, see Appendix J.

Next Steps

The presentations by the Ministry of Forests and Range, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Arts, and the Integrated Land Management Bureau provided the committee with information on how provincial agencies consider development in rural areas and how communities can participate in provincial planning and decision making processes. This information provides an important base of understanding of how provincial processes work, and will help when the Committee moves on to the next meeting on October 20, 2007. This upcoming meeting will begin to discuss what the community wishes to become, and start to 'fill in' details on the important community values that will form the vision for Sunshine Valley's the future.

Appendix A: Agenda

Sunshine Valley Committee

Saturday 8th September
Sunshine Valley Community Hall
8:30am - 12:30pm

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to assist Sunshine Valley Residents in:

- confirming the committee composition, expectations and procedures
- providing a general overview of the interaction between the province and regional districts
- providing information on the roles and responsibilities in Electoral Areas of Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Tourism, Sports + Arts and Integrated Land Management Bureau
- interpreting the information learned in the context of the Sunshine Valley

MEETING AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00 am *Registration and coffee*
- 9:00 am **Welcome and introductions**
- 9:05 am **Revisiting the outcomes from Meeting 1**
- ▲ review of the Summary Report from Meeting 1 held on Aug 4 2007
 - ▲ introduce Summary of Recent Applications and Referrals for Sunshine Valley
 - ▲ update of Community Profile- version 2
 - ▲ introduce *Sunshine Valley – History and Stories* binder (handout)
- 9:20 am **Regional Districts and the Provincial Government**
Presentation: Graham Daneluz – *Plans and Processes for Crown Land – from the Regional District perspective*
- 9:30 am **Ministry of Forests**
Presentation: Allan Johnsrude – *Overview of Plans and Processes of the Ministry of Forests*

- 10:00 am **discussions)** **Ministry of Forests and Electoral Area B – (small group**
- ^ Concurrent small group sessions, all to examine the following:
 - What did you learn from this presentation?
 - What does this mean for the Sunshine Valley community?
- 10:20 am **Ministry of Transportation**
Presentation: Barry Eastman and Mike Neill – *Overview of Plans and Processes of the Ministry of Transportation*
- 10:45 am **discussions)** **Ministry of Transportation and Electoral Area B – (small group**
- ^ Concurrent small group sessions, all to examine the following:
 - What did you learn from this presentation?
 - What does this mean for the Sunshine Valley community?
- 11:05 am *Refreshment Break*
- 11:20am **Integrated Land Management Bureau**
Presentation: Andrea Cowgill and Andrew Upper – *Overview of Plans and Processes of the Integrated Land Management Bureau*
- 11:40am **Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Arts**
Presentation: Frank Ullmann – *Overview of Plans and Processes of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Arts: Recreation Sites + Trails Branch*
- 12:00pm **Sport and Arts** **Integrated Land Management Bureau and Ministry of Tourism, and Electoral Area B – (small group discussions)**
- ^ Concurrent small group sessions, all to examine the following:
 - What did you learn from this presentation?
 - What does this mean for the Sunshine Valley community?
- 12:20pm **Wrap Up and Next Steps**
- ^ Review of day’s proceedings
 - ^ Objectives for the next two meetings
 - ^ Completion of Comment Sheets
- 12:30pm *Adjourn*



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Appendix B: Sunshine Valley Committee Members

Sunshine Valley Committee Members

Aug 4	Sep 8	First Name	Last Name
X	X	Doug	Aldolph
	X	Maureen	Andronyk
X	X	Norm	Bell
	X	Carol	Bender
X	X	Don	Bender
X	X	Sharon	Bender
X	X	Hazel	Boyd
X	X	John	Campbell
X		Linda	Carter
	X	Jana	Cowan
X		Alan	Culshaw
	X	Norm	Demer
	X	Judy	Folkestad
X	X	Rick	Gagnon
X		Kerry	Gillis
X		Christine	Hawkes
X		Robyn	Hobbs
X	X	Al	Johnson
X	X	Frances	Kenny
X	X	Beata	Korabek
X	X	Don	Low
X	X	Donna	McBride
X	X	Barry	McCourt
	X	Jean	McCourt
	X	Linda	McLaren
X	X	Brian	Nokleby
	X	Ann	Phelps
	X	Marc	Porter
	X	Kerry	Rawlick
X		Walter	Rawlinson
X	X	Susan	Redford
X		Henry	Spacil
	X	Don	Third
X	X	Kate	Zabell

(X indicates attendance)

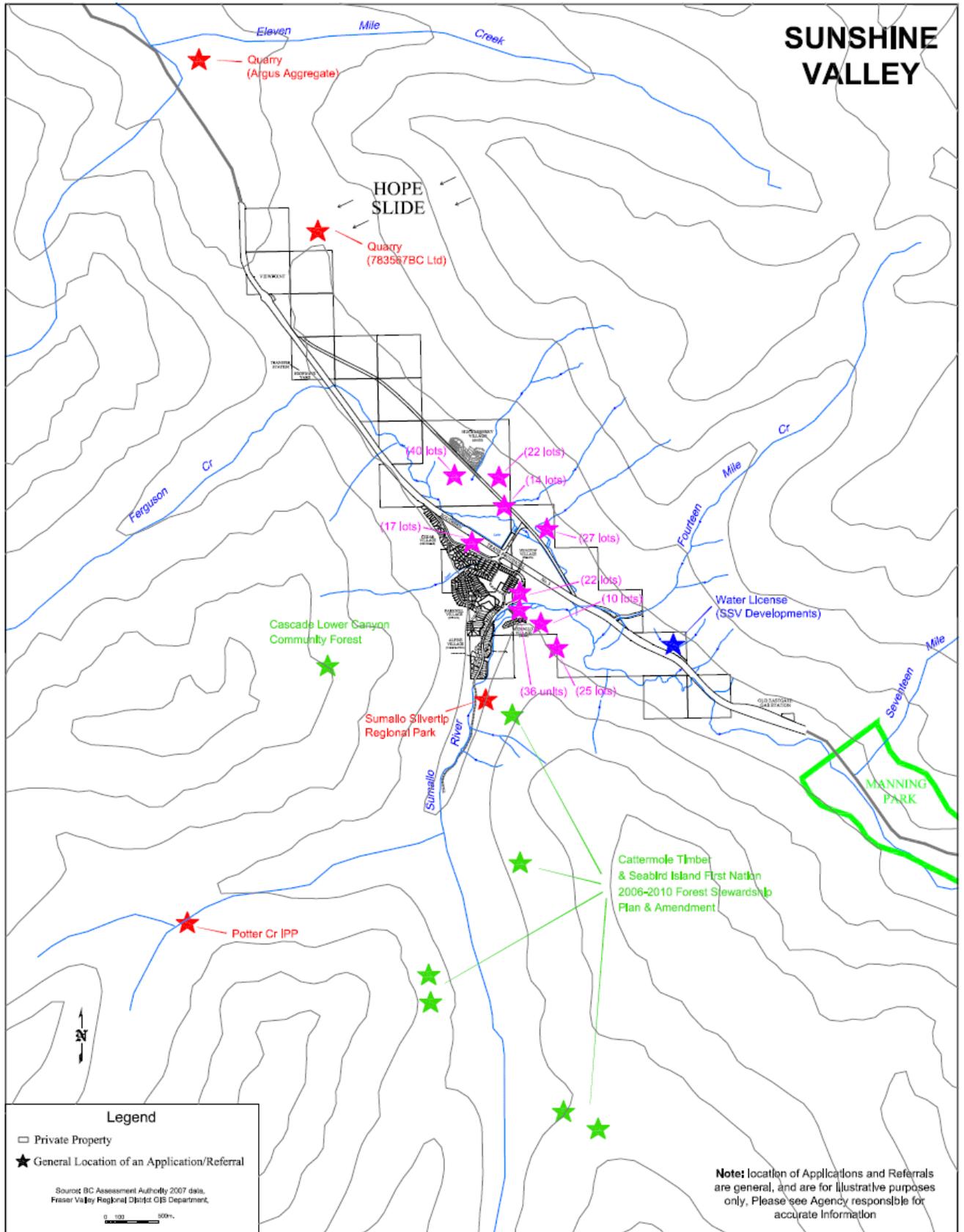
Total Membership is 34

Appendix C: Summary of Applications and Referrals for Sunshine Valley

Table: Summary of Recent Applications and Referrals for Sunshine Valley¹

Agency Responsible	Name of Project	Date	Type of Development	Status
Min of Agriculture and Lands - ILMB	Argus Aggregate	Aug 2007	Quarrying – sand and gravel	Under review
Min of Agriculture and Lands - ILMB	783567BC Ltd	July 2007	Quarrying – rip rap	Denied
Min of Agriculture and Lands - ILMB	Potter Creek IPP	2004	Independent Power Project	On Hold
Min of Agriculture and Lands -ILMB	Sumallo Silvertip Regional Park	Mar 2006	Crown grant for FVRD regional park	Under review
Ministry of Environment	Sunshine Valley Developments	Nov 2003	Conditional Water License 118258 (Industrial Water Bottling 60,000 gal/day)	Granted
Ministry of Forests	Cattermole Timber and Seabird Island First Nation 2006-2010 Forest Stewardship Plan		Forest Harvesting	Approved
Ministry of Forests	Cattermole Timber and Seabird Island First Nation 2006-2010 Forest Stewardship Plan – Amendment	Sept 2007	Forest Harvesting	Under review
Ministry of Forests	Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest	2005	Probationary Community Forest Agreement	Under review
Ministry of Transportation	Sunshine Valley Developments	May 2006	22 strata lot subdivision (Alpine)	Denied
Ministry of Transportation	Sunshine Valley Developments	May 2006	17 fee simple lot subdivision (Cedar)	Denied
Ministry of Transportation	Sunshine Valley Developments	May 2006	10 fee simple lot subdivision (Sumallo Phase 1)	Denied
Ministry of Transportation	Sunshine Valley Developments	May 2006	25 fee simple lot subdivision (Sumallo Phase 2)	Denied
Ministry of Transportation	Sunshine Valley Developments	May 2006	14 fee simple lot subdivision (Huckleberry)	Denied
Ministry of Transportation	Sunshine Valley Developments	May 2006	27 fee simple lot subdivision (Huckleberry)	Denied
Ministry of Transportation	Sunshine Valley Developments	May 2006	? fee simple lot subdivision (Huckleberry)	Denied
Ministry of Transportation	Sunshine Valley Developments	May 2006	40 fee simple lot subdivision (Huckleberry)	Denied
Ministry of Transportation	Sunshine Valley Developments	May 2006	Renovation of Sunshine Hospitality Inn into 36 Strata Condominiums	Denied

¹ This is not a comprehensive list of every application or referral in this area. It is based on a brief review of FVRD files.



Appendix D: FVRD Presentation

Presenter: Fraser Valley Regional District
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Sunshine Valley Committee

Meeting 2
Plans and Processes for Crown Land

Outline

- Our objective
- Housekeeping
- Review of last meeting
- Today's meeting
- RDs and the Province

Our Objective

- Develop a shared vision for the future of Sunshine Valley
- Improve understanding and community
- Bring people together
- A basis for moving forward cooperatively

Our Objective

- Appreciate the past; focus on the future
- Respectful
- Open and inclusive
- Positive
- Come together as individual community members

... but you don't have to sit up straight

Expectations

- Have realistic expectations
 - these meetings are a starting point
 - we won't solve all the problems or answer all the questions

Housekeeping

- Last meeting we agreed that:
 - Informal meetings
 - No chair
 - Participate as individuals
- 6 new volunteers
 - Sumallo ✓
 - Huckleberry ✓
- Now have xx members
- Close membership / Open meetings?

Communication

- Last meeting we agreed to:
 - Circulate info to Committee members by email
 - Post Committee info on the FVRD website

<http://www.fvrd.bc.ca/FVRD/Services/Planning+and+Development/Projects/Sunshine+Valley.htm>

New Information

- Status of Major Projects
 - summary table and map
- Community Profile – Version 2
 - now has a historical timeline
- Sunshine Valley: History and Stories
 - binder to hold your stories and histories

Please use these forms to fill out the stories you shared in the last meeting.

Last meeting

- Challenges & opportunities
 - The surrounding environment – crown land – is the basis for the community
 - Both opportunity and threat
 - ♦ recreation, wildlife, beauty, trees
 - ♦ visual impacts, hazards, conflicts
 - No forum for a unified community voice

Today's meeting

- Crown plans and processes
- We have 4 provincial agencies:
 - Ministry of Forests
 - Allan Johnsrude
 - Ministry of Transportation
 - Barry Eastman and Mike Neill
 - Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Arts – Recreation Sites + Trails Branch
 - Frank Ullmann
 - Integrated Land Management Bureau
 - Andrea Cowgill and Andrew Upper

RD Role in Crown Approvals

- RD's role in Crown processes:
 - Provide comments
 - Often have no authority or formal responsibility
 - Typically think about:
 - Known community values & concerns
 - Community involvement
 - Hazards – land & water
 - Water supplies
 - Land use conflicts; private property

Focus

- Today we are asking you to:
 - focus on broad issues
 - think to the future
 - listen to the presentations
 - ask questions in general terms
 - divide into two break out groups to
 - reflect on the presentations
 - discuss the implications for Sunshine Valley

Questions to Consider

- Questions to consider as you listen
 - What are the communities interests and values?
 - What is the community's vision?
 - How can the community work with agencies to achieve the vision?
 - How can the community have a voice in approvals and management decisions?

Appendix E: Ministry of Forest Presentation

Presenter: Ministry of Forests
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Sunshine Valley Visioning Workshop

- * Role of the Ministry of Forests and Range
- * How SVC can effectively interact in forest planning

MFR Mandate

Purposes and functions of the Ministry of Forest and Range

- Under the direction of the minister, to do the following:
 - **encourage maximum productivity** of the forest and range resources in British Columbia; *legislated timely reforestation, manage stocking standards*
 - **manage, protect and conserve the forest and range resources** of the government, having regard to the immediate and long term economic and social benefits they may confer on British Columbia; *fight fires, set objectives (FRPA)*
 - plan the use of the forest and range resources of the government, so that the production of timber and forage, the harvesting of timber, the grazing of livestock and the realization of fisheries, wildlife, water, outdoor recreation and other natural resource values are **coordinated and integrated**, in consultation and cooperation with other ministries and agencies of the government and with the private sector; *planning, referrals, consultation*
 - **encourage a vigorous, efficient and world competitive** (i) timber processing industry, and (ii) ranching sector in British Columbia; *policy shifts, Coast Recovery Plan*
 - **assert the financial interest of the government** in its forest and range resources in a systematic and equitable manner. *collect stumpage, 20 million in this district*

Ministry of Forest and Range Chilliwack Forest District

- Management Unit referred to as Timber Supply Area – Fraser
- Annual Allowable Cut 1.27 million m³ or 35,000 truck loads
- 35 full time staff to manage the issuance of cutting authorities, plan approvals, monitoring, compliance and enforcement, consultation, referrals, science, engineering, revenue collection and support services
- million hectares Bowen Island to Toll Booths
- Thousands of km's of forest roads
- Hot bed for species at risk

- On the door step of the lower mainland
- 3500 direct and indirect jobs
- 20 million in revenue to Province

How can your community work with MFR / the Licensee

- Forest Stewardship Plan – public process
- Workshops such as this
- Responding to direct concerns
- Eyes and ears in our forests (record and report)
- Knowing who is who and what our mandates are
- Sharing your vision and looking for means to incorporate in planning objectives
- Keep communication lines open
- Seek to understand each others interests

Policy and Planning

Two distinctive processes:

- Policy:
 - mostly internal, provides for consistency and guidance, always evolving
 - takes into account client / public needs but may or may not include their input
- Planning
 - higher level (none) and local (none)
 - FSP and objectives set by government, licensee innovation encouraged, Pro-reliance
 - Work collaboratively with other agencies such as MoTSA, MoE and ILMB

Policy and Planning

- Landscape Planning Processes
 - A function carried out by the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) we support
 - Values considered are largely landscape and stand level biodiversity targets such as:
 - Old Growth Management Areas
 - Wildlife Tree Patch Retention targets

Policy and Planning

- Designation of Viewscapes
 - Visual Landscape Inventory (VLI) information provides the basis for:
 - Determining and establishing visually sensitive areas which are designated as “scenic” by the District Manager
 - Visual Quality Objectives established by the District Manager considering information from the inventory
 - Information considered in a VLI include viewpoint significance, current conditions, ability to absorb disturbances and sensitivity to alterations
 - Licensees must then specify intentions of the Visual Objective in the FSP in the form of a Result or Strategy

Consultation / Referral

- Again distinctive processes
- Consultation:
 - is the legalese (legal –eeze) for our obligations to First Nations
- Referral:
 - is a process of seeking input related to impacts of a proposal and is not consultation as defined in Canadian Law
 - Example where we might refer to this community would be “access management planning”
 - FSP’s are often referred to communities such as this as well as the FVRD

Forest Stewardship Plan in the new Forest and Range Practices (FRPA) World

- FRPA Concepts
 - Results based verses prescriptive
 - More autonomy to licensee to practice forestry over previous regime of the FPCA
 - Much more reliance on professionals to do their jobs
- FSP is void of specifics as it relates to where, when and how (no blocks or roads)
- Plan must specify results and/or strategies to achieve the objectives set by government for a forest development unit
- Public must get involved and ask questions to understand or convey concerns

Are your concerns being adequately addressed in planning and execution?

- The obvious concerns include noise, slope stability, water quality, wildlife impacts, speeding, visuals, fire protection, disease and insect infestations, replanting and tending the growing tree crop
- In short most of the above are regulated and well articulated in legislation and plans
- Noise is not within our control but can be managed
- Land-use decisions are not within our control and is a central government decision

Hope Community Forest

- Partners include FVRD, Yale FN and Hope
- Some of the area located adjacent to the Sunshine Valley
- License is not issued but is in process and could be issued prior to the end of 2007

Thanks for listening!
Questions from the floor?

Appendix F: Ministry of Transportation Presentation

Presenters: Ministry of Transportation
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Presentation Summary:

The Ministry of Transportation (MoT) provided a general overview of how it delivers services within the province. The ministry is primarily responsible for the provision of transportation services including highways, roads, bridges, public transit. It has drastically changed how it provides these services within the province, starting in 1988 with privatization.

- Pre 1988 8,000+ employees
- 1988 3,500 employees
- 1996 2,700 employees
- 2002 1,500 employees
- Today 900+ employees

Currently, the ministry delivers most of its services related to road maintenance and construction with a series of contracts for the 28 MoT Service Areas in the province. The focus is on detailed contracts where the contractors supervise themselves in carrying out their work plans. MoT sets the standards (Quality Management Service Manual); the contractors perform their work according to the standards; MoT monitors compliance through weekly and bi-annually audits.

There is no formal application process for designating a road as public. To make a road public, there must be a 'will' – a reasonable desire by MoT, MoF and/or the community. MoT also requires that to be designated public, a road must meet provincial standards. Gazetting a road is the legal tool to register (not designate) a public road.

There are three principle ways that the ministry interacts with unincorporated (Electoral) areas:

- the ministry is a referral agency, providing comments on proposed developments for other agencies
- the ministry is the Subdivision Approving Authority for unincorporated areas
- the ministry, where appropriate, refers highway and subdivision development proposals to other government agencies for comment

In making decisions related to community development, specifically questions related to subdivision applications, MoT relies on the FVRD for their expertise and knowledge of individual communities. MoT also makes extensive use of the FVRD's Cadastral Mapping

Sunshine Valley presents some difficulty for MoT because they have opted out of the FVRD planning, zoning, bylaw enforcement and building inspection functions. There is no OCP or zoning bylaw for the FVRD to indicate whether proposed subdivisions in Sunshine Valley are appropriate for the community. Neither is there a public approval process which is inherent in the adoption of an Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw, or their amendments. MoT cannot withhold a subdivision application based on noncompliance with existing zoning or OCP.

Appendix G: Integrated Land Management Bureau Presentation

Presenters: Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
Integrated Land Management Bureau

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Administration of Crown Land

The Minister of Agriculture and Lands has delegated partial authority of the *Land Act* to selected ministries:

- Transportation
- Tourism, Sport and the Arts
- Forests and Range

The Application Process

All applications have the following standard requirements:

- Completed Crown Land Application Form
- Payment of application fee
- Description of the proposal that provides details for the planned use of the land. This may include a formal management plan.
- Completion of an application checklist
- General location map and a detailed site plan.

Front Counter BC

- Applications and fees are received by Front Counter BC
- Applications are reviewed for Completeness
- Senior Land Officer:
 - Assigns a Land Offer to adjudicate the file
 - Determines whether referrals and advertising are required

Referrals

- The application package is referred to various agencies and interested parties
- Referred agencies, including local government, have 30 days to respond
- First Nations have 45 days to respond
- The application area is advertised, if required, in local papers.

General Questions on the Referral Form

- We ask for your comments on the application.
- Does the proposal relate to your agencies legislated responsibility?
- If the proposal proceeds will the proponent require approval or a permit from your agency?
- Will compliance monitoring be required by your agency if this proposal goes ahead?

Questions for Municipal/Regional governments

- Is the area for the Land application zoned for the proposed purpose?
- If not, what is current zoning?
- What is the estimated time required for a decision on an application to re-zone the area, should the applicant wish to pursue this option?

Questions for First Nations

- Please review this referral and the attached information package, and provide comments on this form or on a separate page.
- Specifically, we are looking for information with respect to any aboriginal interests that may exist on, or adjacent to, the land under application, the nature and extent of those interests and comments regarding how, specifically, the proposal might impact those interests.
- If you identify a potential impact, please indicate what mitigative measures, if any, would address your concerns.

Advertising

- Advertising may not be required
- In making our decision we consider the length of term and whether there will likely be an impact on adjoining land uses.
- Advertising is done in local newspapers and all responses generated are considered in the review of the application.

Adjudication

- All referral comments are reviewed by the Land Officer and taken into consideration.
- The Land Officer will recommend that the application either be allowed or disallowed.
- If allowed, the Land Officer will recommend the specific terms of the tenure.
- Applications and Reasons for Decision are posted on the Web at <http://www2.lwbc.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp>

Appendix H: Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Arts – Recreation Sites and Trails Branch Presentation

Presenter: Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Arts
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Recreation Sites and Trails Speaking Notes

Tourism Sport and the Arts (MTSA)

- Tourism Division
 - Resort development Branch
 - Adventure Tourism Branch
 - Recreation Sites and Trails Branch
 - Mandate: Manage recreation on Crown Land outside Parks and outside settled Areas

Legislation is Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA). Essentially we cover much of the old Forest Service recreation program

We manage established recreation sites and trails through partnerships with individuals or incorporated organisations. This is done through formal agreements.

- Establishment is a lengthy process and involves consultation with other agencies, with First Nations and with stakeholders
- Establishment does not confer automatic alienation from other resource users. It does confer the final decision on a use to the Recreation officer.

We also approve, or not, recreation trails on Crown land under section 57 of FRPA which requires approval to construct or maintain such a trail

- Process to follow, ensuring safety, environmental soundness and lack of conflict with other resource users
- Does not provide any form of protection to trail

We are the government advocate for non commercial recreation use on Crown Land and have input into any land use decisions specifically in regard to the positive or negative impact on recreation.

² Mike Peters will return to this position January 2008

Appendix I: Summary of Comment Sheets

Sunshine Valley Committee Meeting 2 – September 8, 2007 Summary of Feedback Comments

Total respondents – 17

1. *Were you able to access the FVRD information from the first meeting?* Yes 13 No 1
2. *Were you able to access reports on the new FVRD webpage for Sunshine Valley?* Yes 8 No 2

Comments:

- I did not try #2 – will do.
- Didn't try but will for this meeting's information.
- Away on holidays – no access to internet – will in future.
- Never tried – received from FVRD.
- Have not had time to try to access.
- Very informative.

3. *Did you find the provincial agency presentations useful?* Yes 17 No 0

Comments:

- Really appreciated the support from the different department agencies.
- Yet more time per presenter needed.
- Yes, but it cut down on small group and feedback time.
- Concerned over private contract issues.
- Very informative.
- Found very interesting and answered all questions.
- It was informative to see where they stand and problem we face in the future.
- Could have used more time with forest and range.
- Great information from MoF; ILMB not so much – still don't know what they really do.
- Need to have contact information on their presentations.
- A great basis of understanding to build on in the development of an Official Community Plan (which hopefully is the goal of the community).
- It was an interesting meeting, short on specifics, and long on generalities, which, in the end, will no doubt have some value, more for the developer than the various owners and lessees in the Valley.

4. *Was the opportunity to discuss the provincial presentations in the smaller groups useful?*

Comments:

Yes 13 No 2

- Very good to interact/understand what other departments are available for different issues.
- Tooooo short.
- This meeting missed having feedback from small group to larger group.
- Although I found informative – difficult to hear from distraction of other group – could have been covered in one large group.
- Generally I prefer total group discussions unless both groups have designated discussion matters and later review as done in first session.
- The larger groups everyone hears what is said.
- More detail questions can be asked.
- Seemed to turn more into a bitch session.
- But need more time per speaker, as many questions left unanswered.
- n/a – should be smaller groups to allow discussions. Thanks.
- Perhaps move one group into the library.

5. *Do you have any additional comments about the provincial plans and processes in terms of the Sunshine Valley?*

Comments:

- Our alpine community is quite concerned about the lack of opportunity to have notification regarding logging changes – newspaper local is not enough.
- Seems very ambiguous.
- It seems clear that we need to have one community voice in the Sunshine Valley in order to access or deal with all ministries and agencies regarding the future plans for the valley.
- Who do we see about getting trails built? Is there a written process?
- Would like to see highways take on our forestry road. Check strata application that was approved by Ministry for Low Developers.
- Local Government at Sunshine Valley.
- It would be more useful if the developer (new) were more involved in the meeting.
- Information about specific ‘tools’ that could be employed to solve on-going issues, i.e. values are ‘x’...here’s options for managing/securing values. Bear Smart could be such a tool. Request speaker: Mike Badry (MoE Wildlife Stewardship) – have him explain what value Bear Smart Accreditation could be to this community.
- I am a new resident in Sunshine Valle, and I look forward to future plans for the area, and also make information re: same.
- Yes I support being part of the Fraser Valley Regional District.

6. *What would you like to see incorporated in future meetings? (topics, speakers, meeting structure)*

Comments:

- Fully satisfied with the whole planning and content that you have worked on tirelessly. Thank you.
- Thank you for your efforts. Can we have the slide shows from the Ministries on the web?
- Continue with small groups. Keep presentations brief and as ‘plain language’ as possible. Moderators need to post ‘rules of engagement’ on flip chart at each meeting.
- Process of getting RD back in Valley. How do you get something put on Referendum at an election, i.e. Fire Department?
- Possibility of public ownership of our recreation centre. How this would affect us.
- Discussion on:
 - proposed development
 - zoning
 - water management
 - formation of local government for Sunshine Valley
- On proposed developments.
- Anything that is positive for Sunshine Valley to future development.
- Anything re: positive improvements or changes to Sunshine Valley.
- Policing – in regard to rules – who is responsible?
- Clear understanding of way to vocalize complaints through government agencies.
- Visions – communication (how to).
- More specific discussion on local interests and challenges.
- We have 6 communities – we need to bring them together in a formal way to set the basis for the development of an O.C.P. (Official Community Plan). A facilitator to run a meeting(s) to this end would be useful. Keep up the good work!