

Community Transition Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2011

CTAC meeting was held on 11/03/11 at the Extension Office conference room in Whitehall.

CTAC Attendees: Tom Harrington, Tara Mastel, Gerry Keogh, Mark Thompson, Leonard Wortman, Marcy Lamb, Dave Donnelly, Gary Sundseth, Tammy Fischer and Ann Geiger.

Community Visitors: Greg Corr, Dave Jones, Tim Blake, Paul Antonioli and Phil McDonald

Alaska Visitors: Kurt Parkan, William Bieber, Wayne Phillip, Sammy Chimegalrea, Andrew Wassillie, James Wassillie, Michael Akerelrea, Anna Jackson-Kasayulie, Bonnie Persson, Donald Wedll, John Peter Angaiak, and Vernon Chimegalrea.

1. Tom H. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. followed by introductions. A contingent from Alaska is visiting Golden Sunlight Mine (GSM) and the local community.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Gerry made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 10/5/11; Leonard seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as published.

3. CTAC Sustainability Presentation

Tom H. gave a CTAC presentation reviewing the core values of Barrick (Golden Sunlight Mine, GSM) and the importance of CTAC and how it started and was focused on sustainability William Bieber shared how the CTAC process is such a good communication process that would help with the many villages in Alaska. Presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Questions discussed ranged from the time it would take to get a community group started and the advantages of starting a group right away, what success' do you have that could be used getting a partnership like CTAC started, distance issues they have from the different villages, the importance of communication and if Donlin Gold is going to create a Facebook site as a source for getting information out to the communities. Marcy commented that in the State of Montana uses Vision Net Sites to communicate as a community resource. It could be used as a tool for face to face conferencing.

4. GSM Operations:

a. Current Operations Update – Tim D. reported that GSM had a good October. No safety issues to report and the mine achieved the goal of four years with no time loss injuries. They achieved their gold production target and are completing the stripping of the Mineral Hill Pit. They are mining the last bench of the East Area Pit. Small instabilities on the wall are being managed. 75% complete with the Courageous Leadership Training.

This training is given to every employee and contractor at the mine; promoting the importance of safety and is facilitated by the mine management. At the beginning of the week there was a tour of the mine site by the President of the Barrick region along with other technical people. They are supportive and happy about what is happening at GSM and are enthusiastic about the potential of having a mine in Alaska.

b. Employment Status – There are 203 employees and 84 contractors.

c. Third Party Ore Processing – Year to date there are 10 suppliers of third party ore; a little over 50,000 tons and produced about 5,000 ounces of gold.

d. Exploration - The feasibility exploration work on the North and South areas are proceeding on schedule

e. Concentrator Project – Planning potential construction of the facility in 2013; depending on the positive feasibility study. They are going to hire a project superintendent to get the feasibility project finished in a timely manner.

f. Wind Development – GSM with Seawind and are coming to an agreement to purchase the wind data and tower that is already in place. BLM is actively soliciting people who are interested in developing wind in the area.

5. GSM Environmental Update:

Mark Thompson reported that there were no environmental issues this month. A third reclamation dozer was added on the South Dump and two other dozers will be down until about the end of the month. Then they should have all three working together getting the South Dump completed early next year. Will not have soil placed on the dump and seeded until fall of 2013. There was only one congestion issue with the third party ore trucks using the Sunlight Business Park (SBP) access road.

6. Sunlight Business Park Overview:

Tara gave a brief description of the SBP and how the idea came about from the CTAC group.

a. Project Status – The construction on the project was completed in August. Once the engineers have completed their work; the grant can be closed out and the project officially completed.

b. Subdivision Update – The Plat has been signed and it is scheduled with the commission to finalize.

c. Prospective Tenants – Tom reported that there are some interested parties that have been given information on the park. One organization is going through a feasibility study on the park. No time line has been set yet for the feasibility study and will be contingent on award of a grant that was submitted

d. Business Assistance Center/Interpretive Center – Would be located at the entrance of the park and would be a Natural Resource and Interpretive Center

e. Science, Technology and Innovation Committee – Was a committee put together to look at the opportunities in the area for high speed internet and alternative energy sources and how to take advantage them. The committee is also looking at how it can help with school funding issues and developing school projects using a MET weather station integrated with the school website.

7. Piedmont Pond Habitat Project – The wetland property south of Whitehall owned by GSM is being looked at for development into wildlife habitat area.

8. Big Horn Sheep Introduction Update – Fish, Wildlife and Parks is working with land owners and the GSM mine to transplant Big Horn Sheep in areas around Whitehall.

9. Other Items of Discussion – Paul Antonioli reported that the South Boulder Clean-up Project is coming along really good and they are getting favorable feedback on the project from the Madison County Commission and people in the area.

10. Next Meeting Date/Time

The next meeting is scheduled for **December 15th, 2011**, 8:00 a.m. at the Extension Office. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Fischer