

# Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management CURA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2006  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Cinnabar Resort and Research Station

## SC Members Present:

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

## Others Present:

UNBC Education Stream RA, TEK Grad Student, TEK PhD Student, Tl'azt'en Genealogist

### 1) Welcome and Opening Prayer

Welcome to Cinnabar Resort and Research Station, Prayer and Introductions.

### 2) Adoption of Agenda

No additions, accepted as presented.

### 3) Correction and adoption of June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and web summary

Request that 'logging' be changed to 'timber'. Action item for Tl'azt'en TEK RA to forward copies of video tapes to UNBC on Focus Group activities

## Old Business

### 4) Portions of the meeting In-Camera

CURA SC meetings have been open to students and Tl'azt'en community members for capacity building purposes, but portion of SC meetings could be in-camera, as there are and will be times when issues of concern and/or sensitivity will be discussed that should be kept internal to the SC group. In-camera, if needed or requested, will be at the beginning of the meeting.

### *Session In-Camera*

**NOTE:** In-camera ends, students are invited back to the meeting.

### 5) Chief and Council Updates

CURA quarterly updates will be provided to Tl'azt'en Chief and Council. Copies were also provided for the Tl'azt'en AGM. Chief and Council Election scheduled for September 20, and Tl'azt'en Education Director and Assistant were hired.

### 6) Community Justice Office (CJO) involvement in CURA

CJO Coordinator has coordinated with Tl'azt'en CURA Coordinator the delivery of the June Community Update and SC are reminded that if there are other things that CWS clients can perform, to submit a request to CJO office.

7) **Newsletter**

Fall Newsletter is due and articles need to be submitted ASAP due to time constraints for UNBC Coordinator. Addresses for those to be added to CURA mailing list should be forwarded to UNBC Coordinator.

8) **Protocols and ethics workshop**

Discussed above

9) **Stream Updates**

**TEK** - TEK Grad student is working two days a week as a summer RA and is collecting information on the effects of forest management on culturally sensitive plant collecting sites, including the affects of herbicides in such areas and will develop a annotated bibliography for Tl'azt'en Nation. Birch brochure will include other traditional uses for birch and birch bark baskets. A process needs to be defined on how Elders will be involved on important uses of plants, ecology, seasonal gathering and when plants are prepared for medicinal purposes [not sure what this means - should it be Elders will be involved in verifying? Identifying?]. TEK PhD student has prepared a summary of research topic ideas for review, suggests topic get defined by what outcomes or findings will be most useful to Tl'azt'en Nation in addressing their Treaty and Resource Management issues related to forest health. Place-names thesis is complete, and currently being reviewed by Committee, defense hoping to happen in October. Ten (10) place-names within the JPRF boundary of interest to Tl'azt'en Nation were documented; researcher will do a community presentation on findings.

**Improved Partnership** - IP Grad student was at UNBC in July to find accommodation and meet UNBC Supervisors, orientation included readings to complete before the fall semester. Student was recommended to sign up for Research Methodology and FN Studies courses. Meeting will be scheduled with IP Stream Leaders and JPRF to define environmental monitoring topic and methodology. Other IP Grad student is writing thesis on the methodology, analysis and outcomes on how Tl'azt'en Nation can measure JPRF success in implementing cultural components into their mandate, with defense hopefully in early 2007. IP got interest from a Innu doing his PhD to collaborate on IP findings with other co-management arrangements currently in place with FN in Canada. Another student is interested in looking at frameworks of Aboriginal forest management. The University of Quebec is seeking collaboration on the outcomes of IP research for a compilation study. Prince William Sound, AK, requested UNBC IP Stream Leader to review a proposal for co-management research funding. IP products include articles in the Forestry Chronicle, the LINK newsletter and a draft of methods paper on local level C&I.

**Education** - currently data analysis is being completed, but is taking a little longer than anticipated. Initially hoped to begin curriculum development in August, but with the delay in analysis and the schedules and other commitments of community members we wanted to involve in curriculum development, it was not possible to implement at this time. Education Stream will have to re-group to define achievable

goals within in the last 2.5 years of the CURA Project, and a process to implement TEK research into curriculum.

**Ecotourism** - first official day of employment for Tl'azt'en Ecotourism Stream Leader. Besides Ecotourism Stream Lead, will also assist as an IP RA, JPRF/Cinnabar RA and Tl'azt'en Nation with Economic Development proposal writing. Official title under JPRF is Recreation and Tourism Coordinator.

**Other Additions**

**10) Fall Community Workshops** - related to training opportunities and mentorship initiatives between students and community members. Discussed above.

**11) Next Meeting** - October 30, 2006 at UNBC

**Afternoon Group Activity - BBQ**