

Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management
CURA SC Meeting Agenda
Web Summary

February 11, 2005 - 10:00 AM
Rm 6-312, UNBC, Prince George

Present:

Principal Investigator, Chair

Co-Investigator, Improved Partnership Stream Leader

TI'azt'en Coordinator (Secondary Recorder), Improved Partnership Stream Leader

Junior UNBC Coordinator Recorder)

UNBC TEK Stream Leader

UNBC Education Stream Leader

TI'azt'en Education Stream Leader

TI'azt'en Member-At-Large

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM

1) Welcome and Opening Prayer

2) Adoption of Agenda

3) Correction and adoption of Minutes

Review of previous minutes. Education and UNBC coordinators need to discuss SSHRC reporting requirements. Band Council Resolution was obtained for appointment of second TI'azt'en Member-at-Large. TI'azt'en coordinator with help from UNBC coordinators prepared CURA introduction package for band council members. Progress made on archivist job description. SC members have reviewed TEK graduate student project descriptions.

4) Progress updates

IP stream - Poster presentation will be delivered at upcoming National Aboriginal Forestry Conference in Kelowna. Making progress on resubmitting two academic publications. Request that a general CURA poster be prepared. Research Protocol data has been collected, and synthesis report is being prepared.

Inquiry about worked undertaken by Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council and UNBC on a research protocol. None in attendance had been involved.

TEK stream - a research assistant has completed work on identifying data resources in Tache, and began preparations for a questionnaire for community members for further information about TEK. Discussion about

direction of questionnaire and sharing workloads. Report is upcoming from research assistant. Graduate student position posted on Canadian Botanical Association website <http://www.uoguelph.ca/botany/cba/>. Concern about getting enough applicants for TEK graduate student position. A questionnaire for the place-names research will begin soon. A research assistant from Tache will be employed in the short term to assist with this, funded by TEK stream. Supervision will be by graduate student (from out of town), on-site supervision by Tl'azt'en TEK leader and/or co-investigator. Research assistant will verify information with Carrier Linguistic Committee, and needs to verify transcripts with interviewees.

Education stream - Stream leaders are reviewing information collected by research assistant last summer. Stream leaders looking for a graduate student for the stream. Concern about financial support for Tl'azt'en stream leader. Concern expressed about possible replacement of Tl'azt'en Education stream leader. PRA group has been processing archival data in Tache. Consideration of other sources of funds for the Education stream. Offer of space at JPRF and UNBC for education. Discussion of a potential UNBC partner. Discussion of keeping stream focused on science education and incorporation of TEK to accomplish goals.

Announcement about Chuntoh Education Society receiving funding from PromoScience for JPRF children's camps. Possibility of leveraging more funding for education. Discussion about Tl'azt'en youth in science.

Discussion about potential for Ecotourism stream, and finding a Tl'azt'en counterpart. Potential UNBC leaders have been identified.

5) Expert resource pool

Update on outstanding invitations. Discussion of recognition and involvement of ERPs. No new nominations.

6) Potential Partnerships

Tl'azt'en Justice - Tl'azt'en Community Justice coordinator is looking for opportunities for Community Work Service (CWS) placements with CURA. Discussion of potential CURA involvement. A letter will be drafted supporting the idea of CWS placements with CURA, although no commitments are made at this time.

Himalayan National Park (HNP) - TEK has been in correspondence with HNP; SC approved of UNBC TEK leader will meeting with them in Toronto in the summer.

7) Budget Tracking

With Senior UNBC coordinator unavailable, budget tracking had not been fully examined. UNBC stream leaders will meet with UNBC research

accountant for clarification about budgets. Principal investigator may take over budgeting responsibilities.

8) Extension

Progress being made on LINK newsletter article. Draft press release needs revisions. Cultural Survival Quarterly article written. Will also be translated for a Russian version of the publication. Information package delivered to TI'azt'en Chief and Council.

9) Contract Agreements between UNBC and TI'azt'en Nation

Contract created for TEK stream. Education stream needs to do one as well. In the future, these will be completed in advance of services.

10) March 2005 Newsletter

Coordination of upcoming newsletter articles. Newsletter will be distributed in March.

11) Safety Policy

Work is ongoing on this important topic, and is more complicated than anticipated. Emphasis that this is just a guideline, and stream leaders will be ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with rules of respective organizations. References will be made to key documents. Discussion of next steps.

12) CURA Annual Report

A five-page CURA annual report was submitted last week. Comments will be kept on file.

13) Graduate Student Recruitment

Deadline for September 2005 applications has passed. Concern about sufficient applications for CURA students. Much interest has been expressed by students, but no commitments were made. List of student applications to UNBC should be available shortly. Discussion of students interested in employment, and seeking funding for them.

14) CIDA Workshop

CURA had been invited to participate in a CIDA workshop. Discussion of potential involvement. SC rejects involvement with workshop.

15) Meeting Scheduling

Upcoming meetings are tentatively scheduled for April 8th, June 10th and August 12th.

16) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM