

**Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management
CURA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 2007
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

TI'azt'en Administration Building, Tache

Present: Principle Investigator (PI) Chair
Co-investigator, TI'azt'en Improved Partnership (IP) Stream
Leader
TI'azt'en Coordinator, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)
Stream Leader
UNBC Coordinator, Improved Partnership (IP) graduate student
UNBC Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Stream Leader
TI'azt'en Ecotourism Stream Leader
UNBC Ecotourism Stream Leader
TI'azt'en Education Stream Leader
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TI'azt'en Member-At-Large (2)
UNBC Ecotourism graduate students (2)
UNBC Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) graduate student
Guest- Ministry of Forests - Fort St. James
- Director of Education - TI'azt'en Nation

- 1) Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 2) Adoption of Agenda:
Addition of budget meeting to agenda
- 3) Correction and adoption of Minutes from Oct. 30th, 2007
- 4) Welcome new UNBC coordinator

Old Business:

- 5) Thesis defense & community presentation of TEK graduate student:
Thesis defense will be held at UNBC on January 24 at 9am and a
community presentation will be held in Tache on January 25 at 10am.
- 6) Thesis proposal from Royal Roads student:
Proposal states an interest in interviewing those involved in CURA who
are developing curriculum. Suggestion is made that the Royal Road
student contacts the Chuntoh Education Society, as the Yunk'ut Whe
T'so Dul'eh Program might benefit from her proposed work.

7) Community Update:

TI'azt'en coordinator shares that the focus of the community update will be on introducing the UNBC graduate students to the community.

8) Stream updates:

Improved Partnership (IP) Stream: The IP stream is looking for a UNBC IP stream leader. Current IP graduate student is working on developing her thesis proposal.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Stream: The TEK graduate student is currently working on an annotated bibliography of the effect of management on plant gathering sites for the Research & Development office and finalizing a work plan to add to her proposal. Medicinal plant research done in the past is discussed, and it is concluded that it wasn't specific to management of gathering sites.

Education Stream: The TI'azt'en Education and Ecotourism stream leaders agree to complete the focus group analysis process so that data can be shared with community members in a Curriculum Development Committee (CDC). A UNBC research assistant to the Education stream presents completed curriculum units using the place-name research from a TEK graduate student. These units and others developed will be reviewed by the Committee, with the goal of ensuring that developed curriculum will provide the best learning outcomes for TI'azt'enne students.

Rabbit snaring: Plans for an upcoming weekend of rabbit snaring has been postponed due to extreme cold weather. Feedback from these sessions will be used to enhance curriculum development.

Ecotourism: Ecotourism graduate students are currently working on finalizing research topics and completing their research proposals for early spring. The TI'azt'en Ecotourism stream leader shares that TI'azt'en Nation's Economic Development goals and CURA objectives can contribute to one another and facilitate a relationship between community and students.

9) Sustainable Forest Management Network (SFMN) Proposal: A letter of support has been sent to SFMN to potentially become a part of this project which is interested in looking at non-traditional protected areas (i.e. JPRF).

10) CURA community products: The PI reminds all CURA streams of the importance of developing useful community products from our CURA research. TI'azt'en's Director of Education (guest) shares his experiences with curriculum development and how he feels curriculum reporting and assessment can be improved. The TI'azt'en Ecotourism stream leader shares of Chuntoh Education Society's experience in School District 91.

11)IAMC Co-management Processes Project proposal: The Criteria and Indicators of Joint Forest Management research has not completed its work with regards to management processes. A proposal for funding to continue this work will be submitted and a BCR will be sought from TI'azt'en Nation Chief and Council so that analysis and implementation this research can be completed.

12)Budget Meeting: SC budget meeting is scheduled for January 24, at 1pm at UNBC.

13)In Camera session

14)Next Meeting: To be scheduled by coordinators for March at UNBC.

Meeting Adjourned