

Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management
TI'azt'en / UNBC CURA
Steering Committee Meeting
Web Summary

October 15, 2004, 10:00 AM
Senate Chambers, UNBC, Prince George

Steering Committee Members Present:

Co-Investigator, Improved Partnership Stream Leader, Chair
Acting Principal Investigator, Senior CURA Coordinator, Improved Partnerships Stream Leader
TI'azt'en Coordinator (Recorder), Improved Partnership Stream Leader
Junior UNBC Coordinator (Secondary Recorder)
UNBC TEK Stream Leader
TI'azt'en TEK Stream Leader
UNBC Education Stream Leader
TI'azt'en Education Stream Leader
TI'azt'en Member-At-Large (1)
TI'azt'en Member-At-Large (2)

Others present:

TI'azt'en member attending UNBC

Meeting called to order at 10:16 AM

- 1) Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 2) Adoption of Agenda
- 3) Correction and adoption of August 16th Minutes; review and adoption of June 28th Meeting Minutes Web Summary

Old Business

- 4) Obtain remaining signatures on CURA Memorandum of Understanding; copy and distribute final version to SC members
Remaining signatures obtained. Band Council resolution for Member-at-Large 2 requested. Final copy of MOU to be distributed at next meeting.
- 5) Update on Expert resource pool
 - a. Invitations

Two invited persons have accepted invitations, and meetings are planned with two others. One invitation was sent to a university professor, and the nominating stream leader was requested to follow up with a phone call. Contact information requested for an outstanding invitation.

b. New nominations

Background presentations planned not available, no new nominations.

6) Associate Partner invitations

Potential education partner from UNBC currently too busy, but expected to be available later in the fall. A community education expert has expressed interest in becoming a partner. She is also very busy at present, but should continue to be included in developments, such as email correspondence. Associate partner nominated for IP stream. Description of nominee given, CV requested.

7) Budget Tracking

Senior coordinator has met with UNBC accountant (Research Analyst). Discussion of outstanding accounting discrepancies in stream budgets. Senior coordinator provides recommendations for stream leaders to reconcile accounts. Reminder that Junior Coordinator will store receipts and stream leaders should forward receipts at year end. Senior coordinator need to meet with stream leaders to resolve accounting issues.

General discussion about archival training between TEK and Education leaders. Planning session suggested.

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

Co-Investigator met with TI'azt'en TEK stream leader to develop contract for transfer of CURA money to TI'azt'en. Co-I needs to meet Education stream to do one as well. In the future, these need to be completed in advance of services.

9) Safety Guidelines

TI'azt'en coordinator distributed draft version of CURA safety guidelines, and requested feedback.

10) Hiring and Supervision of staff

Draft of performance review guidelines for coordinators distributed, and suggestions discussed. Discussion about experiences with RAs over the summer, including positive impacts and challenges. Rates set for RAs: 12\$/hr for post-secondary students, and 8\$/hr for high school students. Streams that hired students to complete performance review.

11) Information Sharing Session Planning

Discussion of importance of Information Sharing, particularly with reference to intellectual property, curriculum development, publication, archiving, and research ethics (e.g., Tri-council policy). Plan to develop session in the spring.

12) Extension

Request for outstanding progress reports and extension information from TEK and Education stream for SSHRC reporting. UNBC Communications Officer agreed to assist with press releases and contacts with publishers. Support from SC for request from a local forestry organization for CURA presentation by senior coordinator.

New Business

13) Progress Reports

TEK - Budget discussions to determine wages for Tl'azt'en researchers. Planning for grad student to start September 2005. Current student working on place names research has submitted articles for community review and is now in the process of verifying information. Discussion of creating an elders panel to review TEK research; agreement that Tl'azt'en SC members will lead on this.

Education -Tl'azt'en PRA's continuing to gather information on curriculum development. Education grad student may be delayed until year 3. Potential partner identified to be grad student supervisor. Tl'azt'en post-secondary student completed botanical drawings. Discussion about community issues in education.

Improved Partnerships - Presentation and curriculum provided to UNBC's Forestry Field Camp on Critical Local Values. Meeting to develop IP survey and receive web design instruction from Junior coordinator. Tl'azt'en post-secondary RA will continue part-time into the fall. UNBC graduate student hired part-time as RA. Attended 20th Annual Research Forest Managers' Symposium at JPRF to present co-management research results. Manuscript submitted to an international forestry journal: "Local-level criteria and indicators: and Aboriginal perspective on sustainable forest management". Planning to participate in Fort St. James Community Natural Resource Committee open house. Planning to deliver presentations to Chuzghun Resources Corporation Board of Directors. Submitted abstract to Co-management Conference in Waterloo, ON February 2005.

14) Potential Partnerships

a. Greater Himalayan National Park (GNHP)

TEK stream will consider invitation from GNHP to participate with their research on ecotourism and medicinal plants-based enterprise.

b. Tl'azt'en Justice

Tl'azt'en Community Justice Coordinator interested in CURA involvement. SC agrees to consideration of partnership.

c. School District 91

Education stream may get involved with a colleague developing an NSERC Crystal Grant, Stream Leader will provide SC an update at next meeting.

15) Review and Judging of Logo Contest Entries

Two logos selected by SC for use by CURA.

16) Meeting and Extension Scheduling

Next meeting scheduled for December 10th in Tache. Reminder to submit ½ page update by November 19th to Junior Coordinator for Community Update.

17) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM