

**Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society  
Board of Director's Meeting  
Tumbler Ridge, BC  
Feb 21, 2019 – 7:01pm**

**Present:**      Roxanne Gulick                      Sarah Waters  
                    Birgit Sharman                              Keith Bertrand  
                    Marsha Dufresne                             Darryl Krakowka  
                    Steve Tory                                      Charissa Tonnesen  
                    Jane Butters                                    Tara Gamble

**Regrets:**      Charles Helm

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**1. Call to Order: Chairperson**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

That the agenda be adopted

Moved Charissa Tonnesen, Seconded Tara Gamble, Carried

**3. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

That the Consent Agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved Marsha Dufresne, Seconded Birgit Sharman, Carried

**4. Financial Report**

Double check requested on Payroll amounts – likely back pay but will be checked  
Mayor Bertrand requested to be CC'd on update.

Moved Birgit Sharman, Seconded Jane Butters, Carried

**5. Executive Director**

a. CNCG Report

i. Canadian Geoparks Network is new entity as of a planned April 1<sup>st</sup>  
2019 incorporation

- Executive to be determined
- Sarah may take North American seat at GGN Board  
(currently Gail Bremner)

- a. Two weeks of travel per year – flights paid by CGN
- b. Alternatively an executive position at CGN
- Funding from NRCAN and one-off project funding from CCUNESCO
- ii. Indigenous Roundtable
  - Thursday very productive
  - Recommendation for facilitated session
    - a. Potential for April 2019

## 6. Old Business

- a. Caribou and Y2Y
  - i. Still seeking input from Tim Burkhart
  - ii. Tim or Y2Y Staff hoping to visit TR and touch base with Geopark, Grizzly Valley ATV, and Ridge Riders
  - iii. Motion to ask that Tim or designate to call into next board meeting
    - Moved Birgit Sharman, Seconded Steve Tory, Carried
  - iv. Partnership listing was offered at end of alpine cleanup and we accepted it
  - v. We must align with a conservation organization for revalidation
- b. Meetings/Conference - January 2019
  - i. Expectations were exceeded; well done staff!
- c. Strategic Planning – Setting a date
  - i. April/May suggested
  - ii. Doodle poll to determine board preference
- d. Health in Geoparks - Charissa T conveying info from Charles H
  - i. Letter of support from DTR forthcoming
  - ii. Translation – French, Mandarin, Cree and Spanish
    - Charles and Sarah pursuing
    - May be funded by CCUNESCO
  - iii. Seeking First Nations Health Authority support
    - Focus on input; Recognition of many parallels
- e. Nesbitt's Knee Falls Naming
  - i. Charles leading this initiative
- f. Birds of Tumbler Ridge checklist
  - i. Updates to add new birds & branding
  - ii. Trent to bill Geopark for layout time
    - Not approved by board – Roxanne to reach out to Charles
- g. 3D Medical Conference – Drugs, Dinos, Doctors
  - i. Volunteers for 3 things
    - First Hike
    - Second Hike to Shipyard
    - Instead of a booth – A Geopark Info Table (non-manned)

## 7. New Business

- a. Revalidation Results
  - i. No News – We're past initial promised date
- b. Criminal Record Check
  - i. May be reviewed to see how often it is refreshed

## 8. Director, Staff & Guest Items

- a. Charissa
  - i. One more item from Charles H
    - Imagine Grant \$5k to wrap more windows of Health Centre
  - ii. Museum secured DTR funding of \$200k this week
    - Looking forward to earning trust and moving forward
    - \$95k also secured from PRRD
    - Forging new partnerships
- b. Marsha Dufresne
- c. Keith Bertrand
  - i. Geoscience BC
    - Suggested opportunity for the Geopark to collaborate
    - Mayor sits on Mining and Jobs taskforce – this relates to one of their action items
  - ii. Upcoming LVCU & NLC meetings
    - Lack of support for either at PRRD level – Lesson to be learned
    - Regional focus important for non-profits
      - a. Inviting regional representatives very important
    - Regional visitation stats for Museum & VIC a key figure
    - PRRD Strategic Planning workshop last weekend
      - a. Area directors (rural) see less benefit from tourism than municipalities
      - b. Potential for municipal Tourism Action Committee
        - i. NEBC Tourism Consortium could fulfill this
          - John Powell visiting Vancouver as rep next week
    - Data collection a priority for Mayor's term
      - a. Economic impact study has never been done
      - b. Hard data helps justify council decisions
- d. Birgit Sharman
  - i. Artwork for downstairs of VIC
  - ii. WNMS AGM & new executive
  - iii. BC Parks surplus staff coming to TR Area in spring
- e. Jane Butters

- i. TRMBA – Geopark partnership in works
- f. Tara Gamble
  - i. Sister’s Master’s project in urban planning has put TR on radar of some lower mainland individuals
  - ii. Interviews at UBC, UofA, and xxx – 17 engineers coming to TR/Chetwynd for 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews & tours over the next 2 weekends
- g. Roxanne Gulick
  - i. Joint Brand Award - \$1000 to Geopark
  - ii. \$125,000 awarded by PRRD
  - iii. GGN Youth Group update
    - Mario Kart competition
    - Potential for a dance
    - Recruiting still a priority
  - iv. Trailcam counting going to GeoYouth if necessary
- h. Steve Tory
  - i. VR in Library – will try to incorporate Geopark
    - Trail access for other-abled individuals
  - ii. New WNMS Treasurer
  - iii. WNMS Trail Counters to be deployed soon

**9. Motion to move into closed meeting (meeting format & personnel)**

Moved Jane Butters, Seconded Marsha Dufresne, Carried

Motion to come out of closed meeting

Moved Steve Tory, Seconded Jane Butters, Carried

**10. Next Meeting**

March 21st, 2019

**11. Adjournment**

Carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:57 pm

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Chairperson

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Vice Chair / Sec-Treasurer