



# Fraser River Peacemakers

Telephone Conference

February 10, 2015

10 – 11:30 am

## Attendance:

Rod Clapton  
Wayne Saito  
Don Simpson  
Ernie Crey  
Tim Susic

- 1) Review status of PICFI proposal (now dead), but elements of the proposal relevant to the future of Peacemakers.
- 2) Financial status and plans for next few months.
  - a) Had funds transferred from BCWF to a CIBC account (Ernie/Rod co-signers) - \$6,334.15 includes dealing with \$140 bill for business cards.
    - i) Outstanding invoice from Dave Moore
      - (1) Web master recommended by K. Estrada to be originally paid by FBC. Complex web site information gathering process that D. Moore was asked to take on. Past 6 years of information and data was downloaded onto a memory stick.
      - (2) Dave recently provided the information.
      - (3) Invoice totals \$1,286.01
        - (a) **Action** - Suggestion to pay the invoice was approved.
      - (4) Leaves \$4,908.14 balance remaining.
    - ii) One more meeting room credit remains at Sumas
      - (1) Oct. 16 meeting at Sumas had 3 credits left but looking for confirmation
      - (2) Don will inquire for more meeting space (free gratis?) particularly after the end of the fiscal year to support Peacemakers meeting as an in-kind contribution.
      - (3) Rod will approach BCWF for similar gesture.
        - (a) Cheryl Johnson will be approached for commitment to providing meeting space.
      - (4) There was some success with the approach of meeting at other band offices but there will be a significant need for coordination/contact people etc similar to what was enjoyed from D. Moore/D. Barrett in the past.
        - (a) Katzie "owes" us a meeting for loaning the pfds last year.
      - (5) Ernie – might be wise to meet at the Skwah band office as there is an event planned in the area. Agrees with looking at moving meetings within a strategic approach
        - (a) Agreed. Arrangements should be initiated as soon as possible – April meeting?
          - (i) **Action** – Ernie will contact and suggest holding a meeting in Skwah traditional territory
    - iii) It was agreed there are no other short term expenses to expect.
  - 3) Prospects for alternative funding
    - a) Pursuing potential grants thru Transport Canada?
      - i) Committee was – L. McCracken (sp?), John Vang (sp?), D. Barrett, M. Gass on the



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committee.

- (1) Tim – need to apply to as many of these sources of funds as possible.
    - (a) Need to look at the other funding pot to look at as a better fit for freshwater situations such as Peacemakers.
    - (b) **Action** - Request a report from the committee at the next meeting.
  - b) Re-apply again for PICFI funding?
    - i) It was agreed our efforts might be best expended in some other areas.
  - c) Fraser Basin Council?
    - i) Ernie – his experience indicates that if a proposal has merit and is well developed, the FBC has been very resourceful in finding funds to support the proposal/concept.
    - ii) Don – now that we are re-focussing towards different partners, there would be a benefit to re-examine our vision, mission, purpose statements etc to enable a better fit for our organization and our potential (funding and strategic) partners.
      - (1) Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> notes did not have a lot of prescriptive action points except to suggest establishing an interim committee. However, he believes Peacemakers can pull out key objectives from the PICFI proposal that would position the organization with a structure and organizational format etc – what/where/how questions will all be revealed.
        - (a) Action - Don – to summarize and send key points to business committee
      - (2) Rod – agrees that many elements of the PICFI application apply well for other potential funding/strategic partners. Should we be re-visiting the notes from the November business meeting at the basis for developing an organizational approach to put into effect?
        - (a) **Action** –Wayne will re-send the meeting notes wrt the society process and Rod will highlight the key points for consideration.
    - iii) Tim – Community Salmon Program (\$1.4M per year budget) might have some pots the Peacemakers could qualify for. Jim Shinkewski might be prepared to help us fill out the appropriate forms
      - (1) **Action** – Tim to send Jim’s contact info and heads up Wayne will be calling.
  - d) M&C Panel?
    - i) Ernie -> D. Barrett – possibility of renewing a conversation for some funding?
  - e) Don - Need to go through a naming exercise to make it Peacemakers specific – “Peacemakers Strategic Plan”
- 4) Other
- a) Rod – is group receptive to a meeting a “group at large” meeting?
    - (1) Newer members,
    - (2) Potential funding sources
    - (3) Possible FBC –Peacemaker involvement in planning for a summer festival
      - (a) Action – Rod will email Christine ? (FBC contact) wrt their interest in the festival
  - ii) Tim – March likely won’t work for a director (group at large) and suggest late April
- b) Ernie – at the former Chilliwack forces base, large concentration of training for RCMP, Fisheries etc and Peacemakers are not part of it yet. They pay for resource people to train, lecture and



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instruct their people. Would be helpful to establish strategic partnerships that take advantage of what has been learned over the 6 years of the Peacemakers existence.

- i) **Action** – Ernie will look at the Justice Institute syllabus to see if how and where Peacemakers might fit
- ii) *[Wayne – Barry Stuart has connections and commitment to the Peacemakers concept and might be helpful ally?]*
- iii) Wayne – do we have a real bottom line financial need?
  - (1) Rod – would depend on structure and purpose.
  - (2) Don – we need cash flow but depends on what we are doing and how.
    - (a) His projection was \$48K but there is a fair bit of wiggle room if there is in-kind dollars, fiscal year flexibility etc that can be included in the calculations. There are some elements of this value that will be reflected in a revised budget but this will be refined when the Peacemakers structure is established.
- iv) Consider how practical a social occasion such as a golf tournament might be?
- c) **Action** - Don – will filter the Peacemakers funding application to retable with committee.
- d) Rod – Cowichan River – history of conflict between sport fishermen and First Nations. Has offered Peacemakers will get involved but has to be invited. Ernie has also been approached/briefed on issue.
- e) Next meeting – April at the Skwah? Date to be determined by Ernie following his conversation with Skwah.

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