

Meeting Minutes
COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)
8:00 a.m. Extension Office Conference, Whitehall
Thursday, January 9, 2020

The CTAC meeting was held in the Borden's conference room. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Gerry Keogh, Jason Brooks with BLM, Nathan Bain with GSM, Jessica Franklin, Hannah Nieskins, Chuck Buus, John Kreis, Bruce Binkowski, Jerry Muethling, Jack Smith, Nick Hensleigh, Leonard Wortman, Tim Mulligan, and Gena Nellis.

1. Meeting started at 8:00 a.m. followed by introductions.
2. December minutes were approved.
3. **GSM Operations**: Chuck B. presented
 - a. **Safety Report** - No reportable injuries for December, Making it over 1000 days without reportable injury and a significant milestone for GSM. No reportable spills and one small minor fresh water event involving a broken pipe.
 - b. **Current Operations and GSM Update** – Winterizing facility complete.
 - c. **Employment Status** -20 FTE and 14 FTE contractors.
 - d. **Exploration Update** – No exploration plans at this time.
 - e. **Concentrator Project**- Chuck B. reported bids are back for RFP and selection process to be complete by middle of next week. Permit work is underway with help of contractor with expected completion in January in line with company 4th quarter review.
 - f. **Infrastructure Updates** – Water Line work is in final phase. Finalizing PLC to automate everything in next two weeks.
4. **GSM Environmental Update** – Jerry M. Presented
 - a. **Permit Updates** – Tailings reprocessing permit will be submitted by month end.
 - b. **Reclamation Update** – Reclamation work is wrapping up for season, with 75 acres of seeding completed this year. Recent wind events have created small setbacks. Reclamation with continue for next 3-4 years.
 - c. **Closure Planning**- Tentative completion of plan expected September 2020 From Barrick. Discussed having corporate sustainability personnel at March CTAC to discuss results of community surveys and input from mine closure planning process.
 - d. **Other Items**- Turkeys were donated for the holidays and there will be a corporate presence at upcoming Chamber Black Tie Blue Jeans event.
5. **Sunlight Business Park Update** –Tom H. reported LGT is finalizing funding for project, hydrogen storage units are gaining popularity, and bond council agreements are moving forward for GSM infrastructure project.
6. **Town of Whitehall Update**- Nick H. reported the town is packing up the Christmas décor. He also shared the water treatment project is gearing up and they are shooting for completion by year end.
7. **Whitehall Schools Update**- Hannah N. reported the addition of 3 new students and 1 new staff. She also shared results of recent OSHA inspection stating there will be a few minor repairs. Winter plan is up on the school website for severe weather protocols.
8. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – John K. shared Black Tie Blue Jeans event preparations are underway, with roaring 20's theme, slated for March 14. Volunteers are welcome. The group has submitted for a grant to aid the Community Center with bathroom remodel project.
9. **Jefferson County Commission/Events**- Bruce B. shared maintenance projects underway at Jefferson County Fairgrounds and that the local radio stations will be airing special programming to include live and recorded local events. Leonard W. and Tom H. shared some information about meat processing feasibility study and presentations, as well as upcoming Metal Mines funds release to local schools. He gave update on Western Heritage Project and progress on MDC reutilization process.
10. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Leonard W. and Tim M. shared no new movement on project.
11. **Fish, Wildlife and Parks Update** – Tom H. shared notes from regulations change public meeting he attended.
12. **Other Items of Discussion/Next Meeting Date August** –Alison R. shared a social media marketing class will be held at Borden's on Jan 21st for local businesses and a youth Super Bowl Party is set at the Library for February 2nd at 4:00pm. James Brooks from BLM shared plans for a 4th grade fishing event at Piedmont Pond are in early stages. Group offered lots of support for the event. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m. and the next meeting is set for February 13, 2020.