

**Community Transition Advisory Committee (CTAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

The CTAC meeting was held in the Borden's conference room in Whitehall. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Bruce Binkowski, Dan Banghart, Jan Thorne, Leonard Wortman, Tim Mulligan, Chuck Buus, Nick Hensleigh, Gerry Keogh, Lee Good, Todd Breitenfeldt, Ann Geiger, and Aubrie Boline. Guests Jack Smith (Whitehall Ledger), Paul Babb (NorthWestern Energy), and Bandi Sparks (NorthWestern Energy).

1. Meeting started at 8:06 a.m. followed by introductions. December minutes were approved.
2. **GSM Operations (GSM):** Dan B. presented.
  - a. **Safety Report** – No reportable injuries. No spills reported. Scored .63 on a safety assessment where .8 is the tolerance level. Only one injury for all of 2018.
  - b. **Current Operations Update** – Monthly production was 3000 ounces, a couple hundred below projections. Copper mitigation is improving productivity. Underground production stopped from December 22 through January 3. The mill is not operating at this time and will be running again in February. Started pumping the leech tanks to get leftover gold out and clean up the copper for the spring.
  - c. **Employment Status** – 54 employees and 90 contractors.
  - d. **Exploration** – Ongoing. The core drill will start in Apex next week.
  - e. **Third Party Ore Processing** – Closed down for the season and will resume in the spring based on weather.
  - f. **West High Wall** – Monitoring in progress.
  - g. **Concentrator Project** – Montana Tech was on site yesterday. They deduced that the tailings cannot be processed at Stillwater, and they will probably need to be sent to Nevada. Montana Tech will start floatation tests.
  - h. **Infrastructure Project** – Working on getting water and power to Apex.
  - i. **Other** – New Barrick executives from the merger with Rangold will visit in March. The new Barrick USA COO will interview with the Montana Standard about local effects of the merger.
3. **GSM Environmental Update:**
  - a. **Permit Updates** – Current permits are in place. Permitting is affected by the government shutdown.
  - b. **Reclamation** – Had a busy and successful quarter. Approximately 8-10 out of 50 acres in the East Dump has been seeded. Pushing top soil at this time with only five acres left.
  - c. **Closure Planning** - Continuing to work on prefeasibility studies and plans.
  - c. **Other.** Beginning year end evaluations.
4. **Sunlight Business Park (SBP) Overview:**
  - a. **Science, Technology and Innovation Committee (STI)** – Discussed the internet expansion in the Whitehall area is progressing. Discussion about the Century Link outage and its impact. Discussed the use of drones to identify and spray weeds.
  - b. **Wind Project Update** – Developer continues to move forward to get a prototype built.
  - c. **Facility Expansion** – New warehouse building has three new tenants.
6. **Town of Whitehall** – Applied for grants for water treatment.
7. **Pipestone Creek/Jefferson Slough Update** – Noted that the river is unusually high for this time of year. Montana Tech students are doing groundwater studies.
8. **Whitehall Chamber** – Good feedback from the Christmas Stroll. Black Tie Blue Jeans planning meeting today at the Chamber office.
9. **Schools** – No update.
10. **Jefferson County** – Cowboy Hall of Fame discussions continue. Tom and Leonard met with the Montana Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame organization in Billings. Tom and Alison have a meeting tomorrow with the Montana Historical Society. Presentation to the Cowboy Hall of Fame is February 9 in Great Falls. MDC reutilization committee is working closely with the state. The new county tourism website launches next week. Working on getting a circus to come to Boulder and Whitehall. There was a meeting last night in Whitehall about a Halloween celebration. Discussed trails and recreation.
11. **Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)** – No update.
12. **Other Items of Discussion** – Discussed NorthWestern Energy outages and impacts. Whitehall Public Transportation is in the process of building a garage.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 am and the next meeting is set for February 14, 2019.