

## Community Transition Advisory Committee (CTAC)

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 14, 2019

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

1. Meeting started at 8:01 a.m. followed by introductions. January minutes were approved.
2. **GSM Operations (GSM):** Dan B. presented.
  - a. **Safety Report** – No reportable injuries for over a year. No spills reported.
  - b. **Current Operations Update** – Monthly production was 2000 ounces even though the mill wasn't running. The mill is not operating at this time and will be running again in February. Underground had a good month.
  - c. **Employment Status** – 54 employees and 103 contractors.
  - d. **Exploration** – Ongoing. Four drills are currently underground and one core rig is at Apex.
  - 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 is doing floatation research and testing.
  - h. **Infrastructure Project** – On hold until the weather warms up.
  - i. **Other** – New Barrick executives from the merger with Randgold will visit in two weeks, and the new CEO will visit in four weeks.
3. **GSM Environmental Update:**
  - a. **Permit Updates** – Updating current permits that are in place.
  - b. **Reclamation** – Moving topsoil at this time. More reclamation will occur when the ground thaws.
  - c. **Closure Planning** - Continuing to work on prefeasibility studies and plans.
  - c. **Other.** Approved a Request for Proposals for bench testing on water for a water treatment plant.
4. **Sunlight Business Park (SBP) Overview:**
  - a. **Science, Technology and Innovation Committee (STI)** – Waiting for the ground to thaw to finish adding surveillance and internet at the new warehouse building.
  - b. **Wind Project Update** – Developer continues to move forward to get a prototype built. They sold their operation in Lolo and are in the process of moving to Whitehall.
  - c. **Facility Expansion** – Interest from several parties looking for building space.
6. **Town of Whitehall** – The Country Store donated \$20k to the town for a new garbage truck. A special meeting is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> to vote on whether to conduct a community assessment through MEDA.
7. **Pipestone Creek/Jefferson Slough Update** – Confluence engineering conducting a feasibility study for a levy on Pipestone Creek.
8. **Whitehall Chamber** – Working on the Easter celebration, Black Tie Blue Jeans, and the Halloween celebration.
9. **Schools** – Enrollment is stable at approximately 420 students. Basketball is in tournament season. Currently tracking some education bills in the legislature. The three year strategic review is available for viewing. Contract negotiations are ongoing. Power outages caused problems.
10. **Jefferson County** – Discussed the MDC reutilization committee. The Western Legacy museum at the Boulder interchange is progressing. The new county tourism website is now live. Planning for a circus in June, Mule Days, and Frontier Days.
11. **Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)** – No update.
12. **Other Items of Discussion** – Discussed NorthWestern Energy planned outage on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1am – 6am. Flyers were passed out and media blitz is planned to get the word out. If the weather forecast doesn't look good the Friday before, the planned outage will be canceled. Barrick purchased a new handicap van for Liberty Place.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am and the next meeting is set for March 14, 2019.