

Community Transition Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 14, 2019

The CTAC meeting was held in the Borden's conference room in Whitehall. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Bruce Binkowski, Dan Banghart, Leonard Wortman, Tim Mulligan, Chuck Buus, Nick Hensleigh, John Sullivan, and Aubrie Boline. Guests Jack Smith (Whitehall Ledger) and Paul Babb (NorthWestern Energy).

1. Meeting started at 8:05 a.m. followed by introductions. February minutes were approved.
2. **GSM Operations (GSM):** Dan B. presented.
 - a. **Safety Report** – No reportable injuries for over 400 days. No spills reported.
 - b. **Current Operations Update** – Monthly production was 2000 ounces even though the mill wasn't running until Tuesday. Strip circuit challenges caused about 1500 ounces to be pushed to March. Underground and mill exceeded targets.
 - c. **Employment Status** – 54 employees and 97 contractors.
 - d. **Exploration** – Ongoing. Completed drilling in Apex and waiting for feedback. Exploration started on the Sunlight Vein to expand operations south.
 - 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 phase three of column testing.
 - h. **Infrastructure Project** – Conducting prefeasibility study.
 - i. **Other** – New Barrick executives are scheduled to visit. Discussed the Barrick and Newmont joint venture in Nevada. Discussed potential closure plans.
3. **GSM Environmental Update:**
 - a. **Permit Updates** – Received approval to open new portal to expand south.
 - b. **Reclamation** – Updated seed mixture. Waiting for a study from Montana Tech to complete to move forward.
 - c. **Closure Planning** - Continuing to work on prefeasibility studies and plans.
 - c. **Other.** None.
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. Some snow removal challenges due to drifts.
 - 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. Constructing a new warehouse building to house the business.
 - c. **Facility Expansion** – Interest from several parties looking for building space.
6. **Town of Whitehall** – Council approved conducting a community review. Sand is available for those concerned about flooding.
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 on May 4th, and the Halloween celebration.
9. **Schools** – Flat roofs have been cleared of snow. The audit report is very good. Working on the strategic plan. Driver's education class has started. Discussed Senate Bill 307. There are two elementary school teacher openings. John is resigning effective July 31st.
10. **Jefferson County** – Discussed snow removal challenges. Sand bags are available to residents at county shops. Commission conducted solid waste meetings. A new solid waste site will be built in Montana City and two compactors will be added at the Boulder site. Planning continues for Mule Days, Frontier Days, Safety Fair, and Halloween. The tourism website is live.
11. **Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)** – The Sportsman's Banquet was a success. Horn hunting season is being postponed for a couple weeks due to harsh winter. FWP requests residents report distressed animals.
12. **Other Items of Discussion** – Discussed NorthWestern Energy planned outage is tentatively rescheduled for April 16th from 1am-6am. Discussed the upcoming Safety Fair and River Rally on May 17th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 am and the next meeting is set for April 11, 2019.