

**AGENDA**  
**COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)**  
**8:00 a.m. Extension Office Conference, Whitehall**  
Thursday, July 11, 2019

The CTAC meeting was held in the Borden's conference room. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Gerry Keogh, Lee Good, John Kreis, Paul Babb, Bruce Binkowski, Vanna Boccadori, Dan Banghart, Chuck Buus, Nick Hensleigh, Leonard Wortman, Ed Handl, Tim Blake, Randy Carpenter, and Jack Smith.

1. Meeting started at 8:00 a.m. followed by introductions.
2. June minutes were approved.
3. **GSM Operations**: Dan B. presented
  - a. **Safety Report** - No reportable injuries for 500 days. No spills or environmental issues.
  - b. **Current Operations and GSM Update** - Production 1300 ounces for the month of June. Ongoing clean up in refinery and general clean up. Reported additional ounces will come in July with clean up efforts as last real mill run was in May. Stockpile sand and gravel.
  - c. **Employment Status** -50 FTE and 29 FTE contractors.
  - d. **Exploration Update Apex** –Geology work is ongoing. Reviewing structural geology modeling and financial analysis document.
  - e. **Tailings/Reprocessing Project**- Flotation work to fully define size of flotation cells going to plant-work being done on bulk sample awaiting test results, doing some test work column flotation. Engineer of record hired to focus on Tailings Facility 1 (TSF1).
  - f. **Infrastructure Updates** - Upper pump station work has started. Anticipate that water line update will be completed in fall of 2019.
4. **GSM Environmental Update** - Chuck B. Presented
  - a. **Permit Updates** - Hydrology work centered around open pit if permit goes through.
  - b. **Reclamation Update** – Ongoing. Future West opportunity for legacy mine clean up get together with Great West to look for opportunities for them. Timeline anticipate a year of permitting figure we are two years out if concentrator approved.
  - c. **Closure Planning**- always updating closure planning and concentrating on reclamation being a bigger effort than over the last decade, cheat grass test results going to BLM and 3-year retention life looks promising with two treatments completed so far.
  - d. **Other Items**- Conservation easement opportunities dialogue continuing about Piedmont and Candlestick Ranch area. GSM donated computers to area schools. Security gate will be installed on road above Sunlight Business Park.
5. **Sunlight Business Park Update** -New building will be done end of month. Working on weed mitigation.
6. **Town of Whitehall Update**- Concrete work completed at Rec Complex to allow for handicapped parking. Curbs and gutter work ongoing hopefully done by Frontier Days. Town is filling pot holes and there is a new lawn at the cemetery donated by Women's Auxiliary.
7. **Whitehall Schools Update**- There have been staff changes. Currently working on summer maintenance.
8. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – Frontier Days is looking for grand marshal nominations. Chamber may move all meetings to Borden's. Chamber extended a thank you to GSM for their help with Frontier Days and continued support.
9. **Jefferson County Commission/Events**- In design phase of new solid waste site in Montana City. Montana Developmental Center (MDC) state survey complete. Next will be to survey ground facilities and explore deed transfer to Jefferson County. I-15 project PAER Econ Feasibility study with completion this fall.
10. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Flow monitor installed and testing is up and running. Linked to website along with other gauges monitoring the flow of the slough.
11. **Fish, Wildlife and Parks Update** - Some winter kill, elk did not migrate to concentrated winter ranges. June weather helped calf survival this year, not much dip in population.
12. **Other Items of Discussion/Next Meeting Date August** – NorthWestern Energy wants to know if power "blips" are still happening and let them know if they continue. July 22<sup>nd</sup> look for orange shirt Fuller bicycle group coming through town. Methodist church will be hosting them

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. and the next meeting is set for August 8, 2019.