

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

The CTAC meeting was held in the Borden's conference room. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Gerry Keogh, Paul Antonoli, Phil McDonald, Bruce Binkowski, Dan Banghart, Jerry Muething, Nick Hensleigh, Leonard Wortman, Ed Handl, Tim Mulligan, Gena Nellis, and Jack Smith.

1. Meeting started at 8:15 a.m. followed by introductions.
2. July minutes were approved.
3. **GSM Operations**: Dan B. presented
  - a. **Safety Report** - No reportable injuries for July. No spills or environmental issues.
  - b. **Current Operations and GSM Update** – Production was 537 ounces for the month of July. Ongoing clean up in refinery and general clean-up of stock piles will produce an additional 600-700 ounces in August.
  - c. **Employment Status** -50 FTE and 20 FTE contractors.
  - d. **Exploration Update Apex** –Geology work is ongoing. Reviewing structural geology modeling and financial analysis document. Apex review is expected to be complete in August.
  - e. **Tailings/Reprocessing Project**- Flotation process development/feasibility team visited flotation operations in Africa and are confident a flotation recapture system is feasible on site. Operational plans will be next to be developed for consideration. Discussed how tailings would go through an additional grinding circuit. Discussed impact on ability to process outside ore if concentrator project moves forward.
  - f. **Infrastructure Updates** - Water line update work will be completed in by early October. New access control gate has been installed on lower section of mine access road.
4. **GSM Environmental Update** - Chuck B. Presented
  - a. **Permit Updates** - Hydrology work centered around open pit if permit goes through.
  - b. **Reclamation Update** – 30 acres seeded on north side.
  - c. **Closure Planning**- September 30<sup>th</sup> is date for reduction in force. Additional closure planning is ongoing and draft plan is being developed.
  - d. **Other Items**- Conservation easement opportunities dialogue continuing about Piedmont and Candlestick Ranch area. GSM donated office supplies to area schools. Montana Tech received several pieces of equipment. Will be reviewing historic documents for museum.
5. **Sunlight Business Park Update** –Tom H. updated the new building will be done next week. Inquiries continue for additional space. Security system has been updated.
6. **Town of Whitehall Update**- Nick H. updated highway department will be doing curbs and sidewalks on Legion street next year. Town is meeting with attorney regarding chip seal contractor not returning to redo work. A combination of three grants and Rural Development loan will fund towns new water treatment installation at the building adjacent to the city hall.
7. **Whitehall Schools Update**- Tom H. reported Hannah N. has taken over as school superintendent.
8. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – Nick H. & Bruce B. said good turnout for Frontier Days.
9. **Jefferson County Commission/Events**- Bruce B. shared Jefferson County is preparing for Fair August 22-25. Leonard W. shared the county is finalizing budgets. They are working on capital improvement plans to help in applying for future grants and encourage community input. Chip sealing will be underway on highway through Whitehall next month.
10. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Flow monitor installed and testing is up and running. Milfoil treatments completed. New levy design in works.
11. **Fish, Wildlife and Parks Update** – Tim M. shared hoot owl restrictions for fishing are expected to go in to effect as precipitation dwindles, but as of now they have not.
12. **Other Items of Discussion/Next Meeting Date August** – Leonard shared new Feinstein Bill could open up some forest road easement tree thinning in Montana, generating a few contracts in the county.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m. and the next meeting is set for September 12, 2019.