

AGENDA
COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)
8:00 a.m. Extension Office Conference, Whitehall
Thursday, October 10, 2019

The CTAC meeting was held in the Borden's conference room. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Gerry Keogh, Alison Richardson, Lee Good, Chuck Buus, Hannah Nieskens, John Kreis, Bruce Binkowski, Dan Banghart, Vanna Boccadori, Nick Hensleigh, Leonard Wortman, Ed Handl, Tim Mulligan, and Gena Nellis.

1. Meeting started at 8:00 a.m. followed by introductions. Chuck acknowledged this was Dan Banghart's last meeting before retirement.
2. September minutes were approved.
3. **GSM Operations**: Dan B. presented
 - a. **Safety Report** - No reportable injuries for September, making total over 600 days. No spills or environmental issues.
 - b. **Current Operations and GSM Update** – Production was 134 ounces for the month of September.
 - c. **Employment Status** -21 FTE and 16 FTE contractors.
 - d. **Exploration Update** – New exploration project on TSF 2 will begin next year.
 - e. **Tailings/Reprocessing Project**- Dan shared that Barrick is working on the detailed engineering and scopes of work and that final financial approval for the project will be considered once all the other preliminary work is complete. Permit prep work is underway. Test pit work is complete and will be backfilled.
 - f. **Infrastructure Updates** - Water line and pump house work is wrapping up with final tie-ins and electrical yet to be complete.
4. **GSM Environmental Update** – Chuck B. Presented
 - a. **Permit Updates** – 2 permits will be needed for tailings reprocessing with public scoping and possible EIS. Should go in June-July 2020.
 - b. **Reclamation Update** – reclamation work is wrapping up for season, with 60 acres planned for seeding this month.
 - c. **Closure Planning**- Staff reduction complete, closure permit for environmental aspects still working.
 - d. **Other Items**- Conservation easement opportunities dialogue continuing about Piedmont and Candlestick Ranch area.
5. **Sunlight Business Park Update** –Tom H. shared LGT rep Tim Blake is in town and plans for test turbine are ongoing. One inquiry for Pellet mill is working, and another meeting to discuss Meat Processing is set.
6. **Town of Whitehall Update**- ~~Nick H.~~ ~~John K.~~ shared final general fund budget is awaiting council approval. Nick H. shared old town hall is set up for a City Court.
7. **Whitehall Schools Update**- Hannah N. shared enrollment is at 450, winter weather guidelines are available on the school website, permit for new electronic sign for high school approved by MDT, old crow's nest will be dismantled and new one will go up in spring, open bid for new varsity gym bleachers, and solutions/funding for new tennis courts are working.
8. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – John K. shared planned fall event for October 12th.
9. **Jefferson County Commission/Events**- Bruce B. shared work on Haunted houses is exceeding expectations and they will be ready for events in Boulder and Whitehall for last two weekends of this month. StageLine Pizza in Whitehall is planning to do free community Thanksgiving Dinner again this year. Leonard W. shared some information about meat processing meetings and gave a recap of most recent MDC tour with political candidates. He also shared the Red Rocks logging program is moving forward and that the county is considering hiring a Forester to take advantage of all that program has to offer.
10. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – no update
11. **Fish, Wildlife and Parks Update** – Vanna B. shared that ~~Coniferunter~~ Encroachment Project is looking for interagency funding. Confirmed Grizzly sightings in Elkhorn and State Creek areas. Assessment for season changes in 20-21 in works to better manage elk herd populations.
12. **Other Items of Discussion/Next Meeting Date August** – The group thanked Dan B. for all his years of commitment to our community and wished him well in all future endeavors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m. and the next meeting is set for November 14, 2019.