Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region
Roundtable Gathering Volume 4 – MINUTES

Date: Friday, August 5, 2016
Time: 13:00-15:30
Location: Town of Qualicum Beach, Committee Room
Notes by: Sarah Lumley & Monica Shore

Attendees (Alphabetical)
1. David Bob – Snaw-Naw-As First Nation, former Chief
2. Graham Sakaki – Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute
3. Julie Pisani – Regional District of Nanaimo, DWWP
4. Michael Recalma – Qualicum First Nation, Chief
5. Monica Shore – Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region, Coordinator
6. Neil Horner – Town of Qualicum Beach, Councillor
7. Pam Shaw – Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute
8. Sarah Lumley – Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute
9. Sarah Ross – City of Parksville, Mayor
10. Steve Adams – TimberWest

Regrets
1. Brent Edwards – Snaw-Naw-As First Nation, Chief
2. Chris Burger – MABR Liaison for City of Parksville
3. Chris Cole – TimberWest
4. Daniel Sailland – Town of Qualicum Beach, CAO
5. Dave Witty – Vancouver Island University, MABR Director
6. Ken Epps – Island Timberlands
7. Kim Burden – Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce
8. Makenzie Leine – Island Timberlands
9. Marc Lefebvre – City of Parksville, Mayor
10. Mark Stephens – Snaw-Naw-As First Nation, Band Administrator
11. Robert Everson – K’ómoks First Nation, Chief
12. Teunis Westbroek – Town of Qualicum Beach, Mayor
13. Tom Reid – Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program
14. Tony Litke – Ministry of Environment
15. Tyler Brown – Regional District of Nanaimo

Welcome
• Acknowledgment of Qualicum First Nation Traditional Territory
• Words of welcome spoken by Chief Michael Recalma
• Circle check-in by all participants

Agenda & Culture of Engagement
• Meeting chaired by Monica Shore, MABR Coordinator
• Agenda reviewed and approved with no changes (please see Appendix I)
• Culture of Engagement reviewed together
MABR Update & Discussion

Nomination process for Community Appointments to MABR Roundtable:

- Roundtable reviewed draft Application Form and Terms of Reference for Community Appointments to MABR Roundtable based on templates from the RDN’s DWWP committee applications and Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve’s board applications.
- Call for applications to be advertised in MABR August newsletter and soon thereafter in PQB News. Applications due October 1st.
- Roundtable reviewed and provided feedback on Application Form and Terms of Reference.
- It was agreed that the Roundtable will provide input on Community Appointment applications and staff will make the final decision.
- Application form will soon be available via a PDF fillable form on MABR.CA

Amazing Places Project update:

- Amazing Places is a sustainable tourism project that was created by and for Canada’s UNESCO biosphere reserves to encourage the community and visitors to nominate and celebrate Amazing Places in the region. 10 site will be selected and promoted via interpretive signage and high quality video and photography.
- MABR received funding from Destination BC and Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism to pursue this national UNESCO biosphere reserve project.
- Original BC logo already created and project promotion well underway. Nomination period is from September 10-30: visit interactive map at mabr.ca/amazingplaces to nominate sites
  - Nomination process—not voting
  - Final decisions to be made by MABR Staff in consultation with landowners/managers
- Shaw TV interview aired on August 5, to be available online around August 11
- Places must be publicly accessible, also working to ensure that selections do not include sensitive areas that should not be overly promoted, must have ecological significance
- By March 2017, all 10 sites will have signage and promotional materials

Meeting with Federal MP Gord Johns

- Monica and Chris Burger met with Gord Johns on July 28 2016
- Gord Johns was formerly on the Board of Directors of Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve
- There are two BRs in his riding—the only two BRs in BC!
- Meeting went very well. Johns supports MABR projects and is excited about Amazing Places.
- MABR and Gord Johns’ office have discussed planning two events together in 2017: Town Hall Meetings on climate action in January and an event around reconciliation around Aboriginal Day

Snaw-Naw-As Traditional Teaching Garden (Graham)

- Collaborative project between Snaw-Naw-As FN and MABR to build a teaching garden by the Snaw-Naw-As Health Centre. Will host plants that are used for traditional purposes and use these to teach youth about the medicinal and cultural uses
- Funding received from TD Friends of the Environment. Work to be completed by May 2017.
- MABRRI looking to match TD funds with VIU research grants
- MABRRI to talk to Milner Gardens and NALT to see if we can partner to supply native plants for the garden
- Roundtable brainstormed on how to help support this project. Main garden sign to mention all of the contributors
MABRRI Update: Student Research, Summer 2016

Graham Sakaki provided an overview of the summer:

- Research Director Dr. Pam Shaw thanked for generously donating her time to MABRRI
- Recognition of support from other faculty and staff at VIU and from the Roundtable
- Sarah & Graham coordinate research at MABRRI: creating projects, applying for funding, reporting back, paperwork, working with community experts, building connections
- 2 Research seasons at MABRRI: summer (full time) & academic year (part time)
- Graham shared some statistics about MABRRI on progress from 2014-2016
- 5 MABRRI Student Researchers provided poster presentations to the Roundtable on projects they were a part of this summer: Amanda Jefferies, Ashley Van Acken, Nelson Lovestrom, Kayla Harris, and Michael Anderson.

Discussion about Research to date in 2016:

- To address the Priority Action Areas voted on by the Roundtable in early 2016, MABRRI would like to spend time this fall focusing on projects that address increasing awareness of Indigenous protocol, youth engagement, and food security.
- The Amazing Places project and the Snaw-Naw-As Traditional Garden will address these areas
- The BioBlitz was a good project for addressing these.
- Roundtable participants agreed that MABRRI has accomplished much this year. Group very happy with progress to date.

Wrap-up & Final Reflections

- Chief Recalma: Nice to hear what the students are doing, good to see the team getting bigger
- Uncle David Bob: If you want the biosphere to continue, we have to get youth involved, enjoyed the presentations
- Pam: great positive energy, good things happening, proud of the work happening this summer, student work to be published in international journal of BRs, kudos to Monica for the Amazing Places project
- Steve: Thanks Monica for the great meeting; happy to be a part of the group, safe place with the rules of engagement, like the progress on involving community members
- Julie: thanks to MABRRI, working on bridging the gap between research and community engagement, very local, will keep working on new ideas for research projects
- Monica: tell all people nationally about this roundtable model, seems idealistic but it is so very real, MABRRI growing and improving

Next Meeting

- Date: Friday, November the 4th
- Time: 1:00 to 3:30pm (2.5 hours)
- Location: TBC
- Agenda: Community Appointment selection, progress with Amazing Places, 2017 event planning (UN biosphere day?)

Closing Remarks from Qualicum First Nation Chief Michael Recalma

MABR Roundtable Gathering Volume 4 concluded at 3:30pm.
MABR Roundtable Gathering Vol. 4
Friday, August 5, 2016, 1:00-3:30pm
Town of Qualicum Beach: Committee Room (beside Council Chambers)
660 Primrose St., Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1S7

Roundtable contact: Monica Shore - (250) 802-7193

Objectives
The main objectives of this Roundtable gathering are for participants to:
1. Continue the respectful dialogue that began at previous gatherings
2. Hear from one another on regional/organizational/community updates
3. Discuss MABR related items: nomination process for Roundtable, Amazing Places Project, update on meeting with federal MP Gord Johns, new grants received
4. Engage with MABRRI student researchers: poster presentations on summer research findings

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