

Gardom Lake Management Plan

Gardom Lake Planning Committee - meeting notes

December 15, 2014

Welcome

The meeting started at 10:05 AM. Tracy Thomas and Mike Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Secwepemc and Syilx traditional territory.

Attendance

The meeting was attended by the following:

- Jack Andrews – Splatsin
- Marge Sidney – Ministry of Environment/BC Lakes Stewardship Society
- Brian Turner – Rancho Deep Creek Community Association
- Susan Abbott – CSRD
- Jack Butula – BC Fly Fishing Association
- Joy deVos – Agriculture sector
- Dyann Johnson (alt) – Friends of Gardom Lake/Shuswap Naturalists
- Doug Hearn – Gardom Lake Community Park Society
- Tracy Thomas (facilitator) – Fraser Basin Council
- Mike Simpson (facilitator) – Fraser Basin Council

Purpose

Tracy and Mike reviewed the purpose of the meeting including the following objectives:

- Develop relationships, identify common interests
- Confirm GLPC membership and communications plan
- Review and finalize the GLPC Terms of Reference

Introductions & Committee Membership

Everyone introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their perspective. The representation on the Gardom Lake Planning Committee is listed in the table below.

Organization/Group	Lead	Alternate
Splatsin	Jack Andrews	Adam Neil
Rancho Deep Creek Community Association	Brian Turner	
Okanagan Indian Band	Colleen Marchand	
Columbia Shuswap Regional District	Susan Abbott	Ryan Nitchie
North Okanagan Holding Society/Legion	Glen Hill	Henry Butters
Gardom Lake Community Park Society	Doug Hearn	Fred McAllister
Friends of Gardom Lake(comm. With Shuswap Naturalists)	Elizabeth Winter	Dyann Johnson
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Eric Hegerat	
BC Fly Fishing Federation	Jack Butula	Bill Kirkland
Salmon Arm Fish and Game Club/BC Wildlife Federation	Hank Shelley	Garry Ellis
Agriculture Sector	Joy deVos	Lorne Hunter

Ministry of Environment/BC Lakes Stewardship Society	Marge Sidney	Dennis Einarson
Adams Lake Indian Band	Iva Jules	
Neskonlith	Richard Manual	Nesa7 White
Gardom Lake Bible Camp	Rikk Kieft	Morgan Taylor
Little Shuswap Indian Band	Stewart Adamson	

There was discussion around the involvement of other agencies/groups as follows:

- It was raised that the area in and around Gardom Lake are not Syilx traditional territory but Secwepemc traditional territory; the Fraser Basin Council is including both nations as both have identified their traditional territory as being in and around Gardom Lake
- It was raised that Interior Health should be a part of this planning process.
 - Interior Health is aware of this planning process and will provide guidance and information as required.
- It was raised that someone from the planning department should represent CSRD at this table.
 - Each of the members of the GLPC chose their representative. The CSRD representative (the same as all other members) is required to report back to the Regional District (specific staff person where required) with information from and to the GLPC
- It was raised that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure should be a part of this planning process.
 - MoTI is following the process and has agreed to provide information and guidance as required.
- Question around the involvement of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - DFO does not feel that they need to be on the Planning Committee at this time as the Gardom Lake recreational fishery does not connect to any other fisheries or spawning areas; However, DFO has agreed to provide guidance and information if required

In addition to the GLPC membership, several agencies/organizations/individuals are following the planning process and have agreed to provide information and guidance if required including the following:

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District – Planning
- Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society
- Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Ecosystems
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Water Stewardship

About Gardom Lake

Meeting attendees took turns adding information to a map of Gardom Lake. Information was added including the location of access points, private property, and the best spots for fishing. Committee members also adding information within the watershed. It was an opportunity for each of the representatives to identify common interests in and around the lake and to discuss them.

Finalizing the GLPC Terms of Reference

The GLPC reviewed the December 3rd draft Terms of Reference. The revised GLPC Terms of Reference will be available at www.gardomlakeplan.ca. Committee members provided the following feedback:

- *Objectives* - existing plans should be listed along with a link to the Deep Creek Ranchero Official Community Plan. Clarity should be added to ongoing process of Committee members and their job to bring information back and forth from their respective groups/organizations to the GLPC.
- *Composition and Structure* - the GLPC members determined that they would not have a committee chair or co-chairs
- There were several minor edits made on the list of Committee members
- *Support to the Gardom Lake Planning Committee* - writing the content Gardom Lake Management Plan will be added to the list of Fraser Basin Council tasks
- *Reporting & Transparency* – ongoing versions of the draft Gardom Lake Management Plan, presentations and all other supporting documents/information will be posted to www.gardomlakeplan.ca

Communication Plan

GLPC members reviewed and revised a draft communication plan; the revised edition will be posted at www.gardomlakeplan.ca

Work Plan

GLPC members reviewed a draft work plan originally based on input from the public meeting on November 24th, the online survey, and general phone calls and emails from members of the Gardom Lake area. Based on the issues that were collectively listed in the work plan, Committee members agreed that the focus of the January meeting will be water quality, including trophic levels, nutrient sources, and existing research and reports. The subsequent planning meetings will focus on riparian areas and lake/recreation management respectively.

Prior to the January meeting, the Fraser Basin Council will draft a “straw dog” Plan based on what has been heard to date. The GLPC members will work through the ongoing development of this plan throughout the planning meetings.

The next several planning meetings will be focused on learning about the topics noted above. Committee members will hear presentations from experts/land managers and will then refine the draft Plan based on what they have learned.

Action Items

1. Tracy Thomas to add a note on the Gardom Lake webpage regarding ongoing input to the planning process being welcome – complete
2. Tracy Thomas to add background resources (maps etc.) to webpage - ongoing
3. Marge Sidney to speak with Dennis Einarson regarding speaking at the next meeting - complete
4. Marge Sidney to send a bathometric map of Gardom Lake to Tracy - complete