

BRFM 2019/20 Annual General Meeting

Date & Time	November 10, 2020 at 7pm
Location	Virtual meeting held via Microsoft Teams
Attendance/Quorum	Quorum is 10 attendees Total of 31 members in attendance (on phone, online, and Board members in person)

Agenda

Welcome and Meeting Logistics (Jean Woeller, President)

Society reports

President

Treasurer

Communications

Government Relations

Technical

Formal Meeting Adjourned

Call to Action

Question and Answer Period

Meeting Minutes - Opening

The slide deck for the meeting is included at the end of the meeting minutes.

Jean Woeller appointed Sharon Fahey, BRFM member in good standing, to act as secretary of the meeting.

Jean Woeller appointed Jason New, BRFM Vice President to act as scrutineer.

Notice of the meeting of the Society was emailed to all members of record as of October 16, 2020.

Jason New advised that quorum is present in person and online.

Jean Woeller thanked volunteers and donors for their generous contributions. Volunteers David Burton, Sam Trociuk and Paul Breeze received special

acknowledgement for going above and beyond with contributions to the Society in terms of volunteer efforts.

Jean Woeller introduced Board Members who will continue in their roles:

Jason New	Vice President and Lead Information & Research
Brenda Parai	Treasurer
Patti Peck	Director - Communications
Hank Vrielink	Director - Technical
Fred Hemmerling	Director - Environment
David Chalack	Director - Government Relations
Margo Pagonis	Director at Large
Tobin Walker	Director at Large

Jean Woeller declared the meeting to be regularly called and properly constituted for the transaction of business.

Meeting Minutes - Treasurer's Report

Brenda Parai, BRFM Treasurer presented the financial statements.

The statements were produced by Breanda, as Treasurer and reviewed by two members in good standing, Margo Pagonis and Tobin Walker.

David Chalack, BRFM Director, moved to approve the Society's Financial statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.

Hank Vrielink, BRFM Director, seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by a show of hands online and in person, with 28 in favour.

Meeting Minutes - all other Society reports

Details are found in the slide deck found at the end of the meeting minutes.

Meeting Minutes - Meeting adjourned

Jean Woeller, moved to conclude the formal part of the meeting.

Jason New, seconded the motion.

The motion was carrier by a show of hands online and in person with 24 in favour.

Call to Action - David Chalack

David Chalack proposed a number of ways to take action:

- Make a donation by sending e-transfers to donate@bownessrfm.ca
- Attend the City's on line events expected in December 2020 and February 2021
- Write letters to your Ward Councillor and the Bowness Barrier Project Manager stating your position on the barrier
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SLOW THE BOW

BOWNESS RESPONSIBLE FLOOD MITIGATION SOCIETY

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Agenda

This meeting is being recorded for accurate minute taking

- Welcome & Meeting Logistics (Jean Woeller)
- Society Reports
 - President's (Jean Woeller)
 - Treasurer (Brenda Parai)
 - Communications (Patti Peck & David Burton)
 - Government Relations (David Chalack)
 - Technical (Hank Vrielink)
- Meeting Adjourned (Jean)
- Question & Answers (Jason New)
- Call to Action (David Chalack)

President's Report

Jean Woeller

- BRFM has 300 members and represents 100 riverfront properties affected by the project
- Active participation with Calgary River Communities Action Group (CRCAG) as a member of the Bow Committee advocating for upstream flood mitigation
- Continued participation in the Bowness Community Flood Mitigation Working Group with City of Calgary and the BCA
- Collaborating with John Larsen from Edelman for PR and strategy support & to a lesser extent Michael Marion, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP for legal support
- COVID restrictions have impacted our fundraising ability and use of traditional methods for outreach; however we've been successful with...
 - the #SLOWTHEBOW lawn sign campaign and resulting media attention
 - a river residents meeting in July 2020 - outside, with physical distancing and informative
 - pushing the City to study the feasibility and delay preliminary & detailed design phases of the project

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President's Report

- City of Calgary senior leadership has made promises and later reneged
- BRFM responded recently with letter to City Manager from our legal counsel, escalating our concerns and re-iterated our request for groundwater field data

The reality is that the proposed Project will have a direct and immediate impact on the members of BRFM, and on their lands. This level of impact mandates a high degree of openness, transparency, and fairness in the process. BRFM seeks meaningful engagement, meaningful information, and meaningful consideration of its concerns. To date, this has simply not happened.

We look forward to a positive response from you at your earliest opportunity, as BRFM's requests for information and engagement with Advisian have been outstanding for months. Without this information, BRFM and the landowners it represents, are being denied critical information necessary to allow their own experts to assess and provide input into the Project process. This cannot possibly be what The City has intended to be meaningful engagement on such an impactful Project.

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President's Report

- BRFM continues to assert that we must keep the water OUT of the City through effective upstream mitigation
- The barrier project schedule continues to slip (a blessing and a curse)
- As this project drags on we need your continued financial support so that we can continue to be your advocate with the City and the Province

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Treasurer Report - Yr ending Apr 30, 2020

Brenda Parai

- Income statement shows that cash donations are down and spending is up
- Consulting expenses include:
 - 49% Strategy/PR/Communications (John Larsen, Edelman)
 - 24% Environment (Westhoff Engineering Resources)
 - 19% Legal (McMillan & BLG)
 - 8% Hydrogeology (Dr. Dabrowski)

Bowness Responsible Flood Mitigation Society Income Statement For the Year ending April 30, 2020

	2020	2019
Revenue:		
Donations	32463	67150
Donations in Kind	5993	2739
Tshirt Sales	760	0
McMillan Retainer Returned	1503	0
Interest	18	19
Bank Credit		38
	40737	69908
Expenses:		
Marketing	2738	791
Financial/Insurance	2705	1703
Meetings/Events	175	325
Consulting	57445	7392
	63064	10211
Net Income	-22327	59697

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Treasurer Report

- Balance Sheet as of Apr 30, 2020
 - \$15K in reserve as per BRFM financial policy
 - \$5K legal retainer
 - \$22.4K available cash
- Cash position of Oct 31, 2020
 - \$33.4K bank balance
 - \$18.4K available cash (\$33.4-15K)

Bowness Responsible Flood Mitigation Society		
Financial Position		
For the Year Ending April 30, 2020		
	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash - ATB Bank Account	37,407	59,375
Pre-paid Deposit (retainer) BLG	5,000	0
Total Assets	42,407	59,375
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	0

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Communications

Patti Peck

- BRFM website redesign and content rewrite (www.bownessrfm.ca)
- Social media awareness campaign on Facebook (@bownessrfm), Instagram (brfm society) & Twitter (@BrfmSociety)
- Produced and published Groundwater video; available on YouTube & www.bownessrfm.ca
- Submissions to the Bowest'ner community newsletter
- July 2019 Bowness Stampede Parade and Breakfast
- August 2019 Tour de Bowness Booth signed up 80 new members & educated the community
- July 2020 riverside resident's physically distanced update
- Regular email updates to inform the membership
- Advocating for the City to send more direct communications; contact The City if your contact info is out of date
- Upcoming from The City: community booklets mail dropped; virtual event and riverside one-on-one meetings beginning in early December

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Bowness Community Flood Mitigation Working Group

David Burton

- BRFM has been directed to engage with The City through the working group that was formed in 2019 by The City of Calgary with support from the Bowness Community Association (BCA)
 - Members include flooded and non-flooded residents and business, the BCA, BRFM and the Ward 1 councillor's office, along with an outside facilitator
- Acts as an engagement liaison between The City's Barrier Project team and Bowness residents, providing resident-specific feedback on the project's impact, technical studies, feasibility, and engagement
- Meetings every 2 weeks, with several key studies, including Stormwater Management, Hydrotechnical, Groundwater Flow Modelling & Simulation reports, presented and reviewed
- Extensive analysis and technical feedback has been provided by BRFM as to how Bowness residents might be affected by both overland and/or groundwater flooding despite the barrier
- The Working Group also provides feedback on engagement plans for the community and equitable treatment for all Bowness residents compared to other river communities where flood mitigation measures are already underway

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Government Relations - Engagement

David Chalack

- To advocate for upstream flood mitigation, one or more Board Members have had in-person meetings with the following:
 - Jason Kenny, Premier of Alberta
 - Demetrios Nicolaides, Calgary-Bow MLA & Minister of Advanced Education
 - Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment & Parks
 - Ric McIver, Minister of Transportation
 - Jason Copping, Minister of Labour & Immigration
 - Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry
 - John Conrad, Assistant Deputy Minister (Agriculture), Past Executive Director, Alberta Emergency Management Agency

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Government Relations - BRRO

David Chalack

- David Chalack, Hank Vrielink & Jean Woeller have participated in meetings with Alberta Environment & Parks during Bow River Reservoir Options Conceptual Study (phase 1), representing BRFM
 - Phase 1 Report was released August 2020
 - Province has committed \$15M over 3 years for phase 2
 - BRFM will continue to engage during next study phase expected to begin Nov 2020

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Technical Committee - City Study Summary

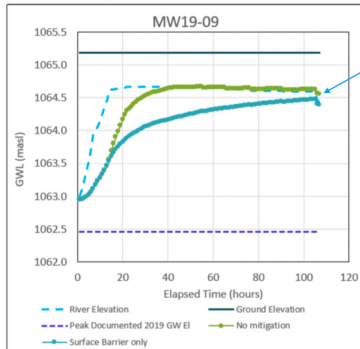
Hank Vrielink

- Technical studies have been presented to the Community Working Group:
 - Environmental Base Line Assessment (presentation & report)
 - Hydrology Report (presentation & report); finding that barrier overtops at 1425 m³/sec not 1550 m³/sec
 - Stormwater Study (presentation only; waiting on report)
 - Groundwater Study (presentation only; waiting on report)
 - Flood Damage Cost Model (presentation only; there may not be a report issued)

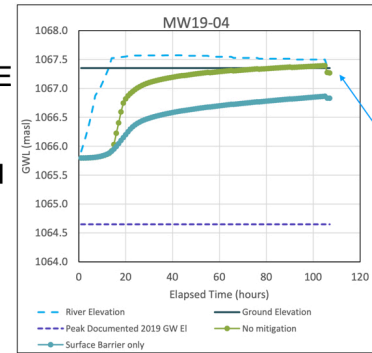
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Technical Committee - Groundwater Study

- Without gw mitigation there may be significant gw flooding
- A new model shows little gw rise to surface unlike the AE report; using low horizontal conductivity
- A presentation showed modeled gw at Burton and Greiner properties confirming berm results in no material reduction in basement flooding



Todd's home gw will rise to river level with or without barrier. Ground level is higher because of backfill



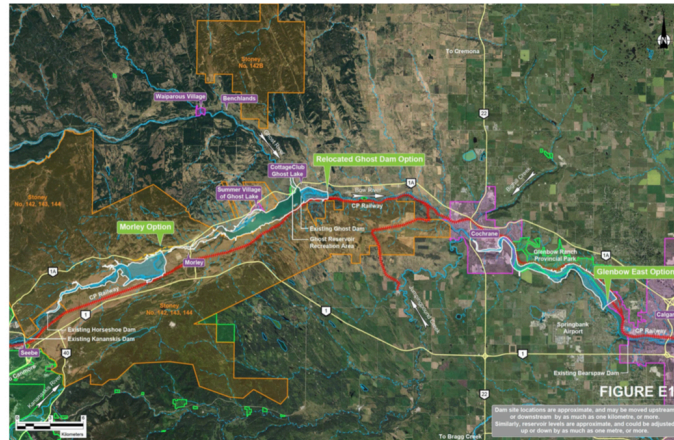
David's home gw reaches surface without barrier, 0.5m below ground level with barrier.

- 8 barrier options with gw protection were modeled & can be assumed to be expensive and intrusive
- City has not decided which options will be evaluated in Triple Bottom Line analysis
- BRFM needs an official report & study data for Dr Dabrowski to provide a professional review

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Technical Committee - AEP BRRO Phase 1 Evaluation

- Province evaluated 3 river reaches: Glenbow East, Ghost Dam expansion, upstream of Morley
- Morley has the largest volume
- Objective of the reservoir is to reduce peak flow rate in Calgary to < 1200 m³/s, without consideration of gw flooding in Calgary
- All options offer more reservoir storage than required to attenuate 2013 peak flow rate
- BRFM would like to influence operating protocols of reservoir
- BRFM looks forward to ongoing participation in phase 2



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Formal Meeting Adjourned - up next Q&A and Call to Action

Call to Action

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