



CHEAKAMUS
COMMUNITY
FOREST

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 2019, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**RMOW Municipal Hall – Piccolo Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5**

PRESENT:

Chair, Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation (phone)
John Grills, RMOW
Arthur DeJong, RMOW

Forest Manager, Simon Murray, RPF
Interim Forest Manager, Stirling Angus
Administrator, Heather Beresford

REGRETS:

Lucinda Phillips, Lil'wat Nation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by J. Grills

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of December 5, 2019.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Grills
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting minutes of July 24, 2019.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

1. Forest Manager Report Forest Manager report discussion led by Simon Murray, CCF Forest Manager.

A. Annual Work Plan Review: No harvesting in 2019 except for Cheakamus Lake Road wildfire fuel treatment funded through Forest Enhancement Society BC (FESBC) and RMOW.

- Summary log scale shows 2904 m³ recovered
- C03 not entirely complete, final burn piles waiting for appropriate venting. Also, 2.9 hectares not treated due to lack of funds, B.A. Blackwell & Associates affirm the hectares can be left untreated but to treat if future funding provides the opportunity.

S. Angus arrived 2:17 p.m.

- Blackwell to do post-treatment plots, sign off, then CCF can request final funds from FESBC.

B. C04 – Lil'wat Forestry Ventures (LFV) suggesting to remove 3 hectares of manual thinning out of prescription due to costs. Will not affect efficacy of the fuel break. C04 now 41.8 ha rather than 45.7 ha.

- Composter not taking debris, Ledcor option too expensive, best option is to chip and burn on site. LFV proposes to do a 5 ha trial project with a tracked chipper to determine costs. LFV may buy tracked chipper.
- Funding:
 - FESBC awarded \$628,000 over 2020 – 2021 including 7% delivery allowance (\$54,000)
 - C04 budget now estimated at \$841,467 - \$71,060 log revenue = \$770,407.
 - FESBC prefers LFV complete each stage or complete smaller units then report. If on budget, project continues. C04 will be entered into FES system and expect answer quickly.

Moved by J. Fisher
Seconded by J. Grills

That the CCF Board approves the C04 budget submission to FESBC.

Carried

C. Forest Stewardship Plan: FSP extension request and cutting permits for N03 and N04 submitted to District Manager (DM).

- DM ready to extend FSP to August 2020 but need to amend it first with a letter stating that CCF will develop a plan for managing invasive species.

- CCF will need new FSP once the August 2020 expiration passes unless government changes requirements.
- Get cutting permits in place while current FSP is in effect.

ACTION: RMOW write letter to Minister requesting information on the future of Forest Stewardship Plans.

D. 2020 Harvesting Plans

- 2020 proposed plans are largely a repeat of 2019 except Tusk 01 is not viable. P07, CK09, F02 are all marginal.
- May have other areas in Brew and Cal-Cheak with older second growth stands. Sqomish Forestry is identifying area in Brew04 and will make a decision early in new year.
- Markets continue to be depressed.

ACTION: Sqomish Forestry to make decision on Brew04 by January 15, 2020 then hold the CCF open house.

E. Cheakamus Valley/Basalt Valley Road

- Simon Murray has been discussing road options with BC Hydro and quarry manager. BC Hydro happy with current road and won't contribute to a new road.
- New road estimated to cost \$100,000; will be too steep for low beds, other safety concerns.
- Reason to build new road and avoid using Loggers Lake road for timber hauling was to avoid truck traffic through Cheakamus Crossing Phase II neighbourhood.

ACTION: S. Murray to prepare 5-10 year harvesting schedule identifying volume of truck traffic and timing.

ACTION: RMOW CCF directors meet with D. Jackson to understand Cheakamus Crossing Phase II design and timing.

ACTION: CCF Board to decide preferred road option by January 15, 2020.

K. Mehaffey lost phone connection at 3:50 p.m.

2. CCF 2020 Budget CCF Board reviewed draft 2020 administration budget.
 - The 2020 retention harvesting volumes need to be added once determined in January 2020.
3. Carbon Project CCF Board reviewed email information provided by Robert Seaton, Brinkman.
 - Verification by Aster Global is complete, and the Regulator has completed their initial review. It is expected to take up to 40 days to

approve. Offset Purchase Agreement delivery date extended to March 1, 2020

- CCF has applied for 99,430 Offset Units. The distribution and payments for these units will be as follows:

99,430	total units
9,943	Buffer units
89,487	Available units
17,897	Units allocated to the Crown under the ABSA
71,590	Units available for sale
38,559	Units sold to the Crown under the Offset Purchase Agreement
\$ 539,826	Total value of sale to the Crown
\$ 53,982.60	Payment to Brinkman
33,031	Units available for sale over the next 5 years

- The units available for sale will cover the requirements of the RMOW and sales to the public over the next 5 years.
- The RMOW will purchase 2177 tCO₂e for 2018 offsets.

4. New Business

Old Growth Strategic Review

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/old-growth-strategic-review/>

- Province initiated the review in October 2019. CCF will meet with review panel on December 16.

ADJOURN

Moved by J. Grills

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the December 5, 2019 Board of Directors' meeting at 3:58 p.m.

CARRIED

PRESIDENT: Jeff Fisher

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford