



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 2:00 – 4:30 P.M.**

Location: Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

Chair, John Grills, RMOW
Lucinda Philips, Lil'wat Nation
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation
Rick Jaccard, Squamish Nation
Arthur DeJong, RMOW

Administrator, Heather Beresford
Forestry Manager, Simon Murray, RPF

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Jaccard
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of September 23, 2021.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. FUTURE CCF DIRECTION

- Follow up to June 10 decision to defer harvesting old growth for one year
- Currently, the CCF has no plans to harvest old growth in 2022
- Provincial decisions regarding old growth will influence CCF
- Need to proactively manage the CCF for climate change; it would create jobs; and recognize Whistler's tourism-based economy
- Ecosystem-based Management Plan may need to be updated as result.

ACTION: Hold a strategic planning session to discuss CCF future direction more fully.

K. Mehaffey arrived 2:15 p.m.

Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Fund (DMAF)

- The RMOW is applying to the DMAF for multi-year funding to support the wildfire program out to approximately 2030. Application due November 15, 2021.
- An opportunity to create jobs in the wildfire program for Lil'wat and Squamish Nation members

General Discussion

- The CCF will be holding a December Board meeting, and scheduling an open house and the strategic workshop. Timing discussed.
- Strategic planning – discussed how to engage members of all three communities more fully acknowledging that it will take additional time
- Need clarity on Squamish Nation old growth harvesting deferral. Does it include the CCF tenure area?
- Hire a facilitator to suggest a process for coordinating the outreach, community engagement, timing of workshop and open house.

L. Philips left 2:40 p.m.

ACTION: Review draft schedule and process at December 2 Board meeting

2. FOREST MANAGER REPORT

i. Harvesting Plans

- All harvesting deferred in 2022 except for 3 sites: B04, W09 and P02
- Brandywine04 – heli-logging is proposed because road access not possible. Older second growth site, 16,000m³, 2 weeks of flying time, small openings with group selection. Discussion of public perception, costs.
- Wedge09 – Wedge North mainline, second growth, ground based logging system, commercial thinning to remove 50%, located in Spotted Owl Management Zone (leave 40 of 80 largest stems/hectare)
- Callaghan Road P02 – logged previously, the easiest best available timber, small openings, leave a buffer along the road, potential for 2022
- Need to consider Brinkman analysis regarding second growth harvesting before deciding where to log and link the CCF harvesting plans to the wildfire program locations

L. Philips returned 3:13 p.m.

ii. Cheakamus Lake Road

- Lil'wat Forestry Ventures will finish raking next week, want to burn remaining piles this year venting permitting.
- Also burning to do in Jane Lakes area, Callaghan and Wedge from previous harvesting as pointed out by Forest Practices Board during audit. Hard to meet terms of Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation. Very limited days meet its venting requirements.

iii. CCF Wildfire Projects

- N02 is an area south of Stonebridge and N06 by Function Junction suggested by Tom Cole originally. Need to synchronize with new Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan currently being drafted by Blackwell & Associates.

iv. Forest Stewardship Plan Update

- FSP draft has had 2 FLNRO reviews, final draft under review by consultant. One to two more weeks for final draft.

- October 31 is target submission date
- v. **Forest Practices Board Audit**
 - FPB selected CCF for “small license” category audit
 - Three days in field with FPB reps. Focus was on compliance to FRPA, Wildfire Act and Forest Act.
 - Primary concern was to deal with slash piles ASAP. Reviewed bridge load ratings. Reviewed CCF silviculture approach.
- vi. **Cut Control**
 - 5 year period from 2019-2023; 18,000m3 cut so far
 - Need more input from strategic planning session to identify impacts to AAC and carbon project if adjustments made to old growth harvesting levels.
- vii. **Basalt Valley Road**
 - No urgency to build this road because no harvesting planned in Cheakamus Valley in near term
- viii. **Harvesting Assignment**
 - Discussion re: how to share the harvesting opportunities between LFV and Squamish Forestry. Each is using the same supporting contractors.
 - Further discussion needed on how to distribute work and risk. Consider CCF running the harvesting program and dispense profits out to all partners.
 - Potential for more First Nations’ employment through the wildfire program. Create an Ambassador program?

A. DeJong left at 3:58 p.m.

3. ACCOUNTING UPDATE

- BDO investigating past filing mistakes made by previous accountants. Need to file an annual form that carries no tax/income implications but is a required filing.

Moved by J. Grills

Seconded by K. Mehaffey

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board approves pursuing the Voluntary Disclosure Program process to rectify the past filing error.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Grills

Seconded by K. Mehaffey

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board approves the 2020 Financial Statements prepared by BDO.


CARRIED

ADJOURN

Moved by K. Mehaffey

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the September 23, 2021 Board of Directors’ meeting at 4:16 p.m.

CARRIED


CHAIR: John Grills


RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford