



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, June 16, 2022 2:00 – 4:30 P.M.**

Location: Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

Chair, John Grills, RMOW
Rick Jaccard, Squamish Nation
Kathleen Edwards, Squamish Nation
Arthur DeJong, RMOW

Administrator, Heather Beresford
Forestry Manager, Simon Murray

REGRETS

Lucinda Philips, Lil'wat Nation
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by R. Jaccard

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of June 16, 2022.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. R. Jaccard
Seconded by K. Edwards

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting minutes of April 7, 2022.

CARRIED

The CCF directors present expressed their condolences to the Lil'wat Nation in the loss of their Lil'wat Forestry Ventures staff member.

1. FOREST MANAGER'S REPORT

- Simon provided a Forest Manager's report to the Board
- Forest Stewardship Plan is with MOF District Manager for final review
- Harvesting Plans:
 - S02 – engineering is complete; arch study next; 5 openings of 1.5 – 8.5 hectares; second growth; ~8123 m³; use existing road networks; low to medium retention; roads upgraded in summer for autumn harvesting. Good economic opportunity even with markets softening.
 - 16 Mile FSR fuel treatment prescribed area is lower down on the road and has no funding at this time.
 - Discussion re: opportunity to leave exposed mineral soil and setting debris piles back from the road to reduce fire risk. Spur roads will be blocked off after harvesting. Wildfire hazards will be abated within the 2 year time limit, preferably sooner.
 - Wedge – timber is similar to S02; needs more retention due to spotted owl criteria; site visit with WORCA resulted in adjustments to minimize impacts to trails as much as possible; ~5500 m³, ~50 year old 2nd growth Douglas fir; no new roads needed
 - Fee 01 – 2500m³; mining tenure holder improved the road which decreased CCF development costs; component of old trees but not sure if old growth; likely a mature forest with veteran old growth component; arch assessment scheduled
 - Fee 01 was identified by province on its old growth deferral maps but it's not entirely old growth. Field truthing will take place. CF's have ability to provide inputs and area specific old growth plans to the province.
 - P03, Callaghan – 4500m³; easy to access, reasonably good timber; adjacent to Callaghan road; P03, Blocks C-G were harvested a few years ago; no layout done yet
 - P04, Callaghan – opposite side of Callaghan Creek on southern boundary of the private land
 - P05, Callaghan – further up the Callaghan paved road; nothing done yet; second growth Douglas fir plantation; south facing hillside
 - Discussion requesting more information on the identified specialized management zone
 - Discussion re: obligation to do active silviculture management post-harvesting to increase productivity and decrease wildfire risk. Forest licensees are not required to manage sites beyond free to grow stage but ideally would set up stands for next rotation. Spacing helps with better growing and wildfire risk reduction. These activities would be voluntary if the CCF decided to do more than required and CCF would have to absorb the cost. Discuss further at the strategic planning session.
 - Total of 16,123 m³ planned for 2022.
- CCF Fuel Reduction Projects
 - Cheakamus C02 – 15.3 hectare project is now complete; final FESBC funds being claimed; need to review profits with LFV; need accountant to sign off the final figures for FESBC reporting
 - N01, Alpine Meadows – proposed 12 hectares; expansion of area treated in 2018

- N02 - ~20 hectares off Alta Lake Road above Stonebridge, no current funding
- N03/N04, Rainbow – CP is not approved but blocks have been through First Nations referrals.
- Supervision/Operations
 - Projects will no longer be split between LFV and Squamish Forestry
 - Will use Ashlaur log broker to market logs, Oceanview Forest Products will supervise day to day logging operations and coordinate logging contractors for efficiency. CCF will sign agreement with Oceanview and Ashlaur soon.
 - Job creation will be about the same, and will use First Nations personnel as much as possible
 - Discussion re: keeping options open for First Nations' contractors. Preference is to keep terms short and not get locked in for too long. Conditions can be added to hire First Nations' contractors under Skytech as prime contractor
 - Existing profit sharing agreement will continue between operations and CCF, and profits shared equally between both Nations.

2. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

- Strategic planning workshop date set for July 20, Brady Smith will be facilitator
- CCF Board requests the following to be considered:
 - Consider our values, beliefs, core and ancillary business options and how to leverage them, plus a SWOT analysis.
 - The Ecosystem-based Management Plan
 - Harvesting old growth
 - The carbon project
 - Managing for wildfire
 - The Annual Allowable Cut – should it be lower or stay the same?
 - Public sentiment toward the CCF and the CCF's role in influencing public sentiment
 - Indigenous jobs, training, hiring local
 - Additional, voluntary silviculture investment (e.g. pruning and spacing beyond the “free to grow” stage which currently marks the end of a licensee's obligations to manage a second growth forest) beyond what is required by provincial regs that would result in additional costs to the CCF
 - Business planning with tasks and timelines
 - Balancing First Nations' vision and goals, climate risk, nature-based tourism economy of Whistler

K. Edwards left at 3:47 p.m.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- 2023 harvest planning; what other information is needed?
 - Stands identified; Black Tusk is a new area but access is very difficult; hard to find enough timber to make long range plans; suggestion to use LiDAR more to identify a spatialized plan, hire Chartwell to do more LiDAR analysis through LandPlanner software and identify harvesting opportunities.
 - Discuss re: ability of LiDAR to provide information on carbon sequestration. Carbon storage modelling is based on VRI site index info (identifies how quickly

a tree can grow) which is based on Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping, not LiDAR which gives accuracy on tree height and density leading to volume estimates. Indirectly, volume shows carbon storage.

ADJOURN

Moved by R. Jaccard

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the June 16, 2022 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 4:10 p.m.

CARRIED

John Grills

CHAIR: John Grills

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford