



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, October 6, 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
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation

Administrator, Heather Beresford
Luisa Burhenne, RMOW
Forestry Manager, Simon Murray

REGRETS

Lucinda Philips, Lil'wat Nation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by K. Mehaffey
Seconded by R. Jaccard

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of October 6, 2022 as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by K. Mehaffey
Seconded by R. Jaccard

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

CARRIED

1. FOREST MANAGER'S REPORT

- S. Murray provided a Forest Manager's report to the Board
- Forest Stewardship Plan is approved; cutting permit applications are being submitted
- **Harvesting Proposals – Update for Retention Logging 2022-2023:**
 - S02 – engineering, First Nation referral, and arch study complete, waiting for arch report; 5 openings of 1.5 – 8.5 hectares; second growth; ~8132 m³; use existing road networks; low to medium retention; roads upgraded in summer for autumn harvesting. Good economic opportunity even with markets softening.
 - Note that TAG has changed owners (Gibbons Hospitality). Forestry Manager to contact new owner.
 - Simon to get updated revenue estimate from Ashlaur.
 - 16 Mile FSR fuel treatment prescribed area is lower down on the road
 - Wedge09 – 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
 - Discussions with WORCA and engineer identified challenges with retention harvesting approach; Simon suggested it become a fuel treatment block where 50% of timber and debris is removed. Would need outside funding to pay for the clean-up of the extensive debris created through retention harvesting or wildfire treatment. Either way the debris needs to be abated. Wildfire treatment would meet spotted owl criteria and leaves many of the young trees to mature for a future harvest.
 - Board decision: defer Wedge09 until spring 2023 and determine funding needs/sources over winter.
 - Fee 01 (Brandywine)– 2500m³; mining tenure holder improved the road which decreased CCF development costs; component of old trees; proposed for harvest in 2023; log broker to provide updated revenue estimate
- **Harvesting Proposals – Retention Logging 2023 - 2024**
 - Brew 04 – 16 small openings, heli logging site. Economics not favourable now but would like to keep on the list
 - 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
 - P03, P05, R07 (Callaghan) – Decent second growth Douglas fir stands; FWAC viewed sites in the spring
 - Discussion
 - Can P03 be harvested in 2022 and substituted for the deferment of Wedge09?
 - Need to complete First Nations' referrals

Arthur DeJong arrived at 2:47 p.m.

- **CCF Fuel Reduction Projects 2022 – 2023**
 - ACTION: if First Nations' referrals clear the work, harvest P03 in 2022 if possible.

- I05 (Riverside/Cheakamus Crossing) – RMOW is planning wildfire treatment of a few blocks on municipal land, I05 is a very small block within the CCF tenure. Simon applying for Cutting Permit and RMOW will do the work.
- N01 (Alpine Meadows) – 12 hectares. Prescription in place; could be feasible as commercial thinning/high retention harvesting
- **Ashlaur Draft Management Agreement**
 - The Board reviewed the draft management agreement
 - Key points: Ashlaur will provide certain planning services, harvesting and road building services, and marketing services related to the timber tenure for a management fee based on gross sales. CCF takes on all risk/reward associated with harvesting.
 - Discussion:
 - Board to consider the implications of changing the management structure; CCF would take on all risk/reward
 - Agreement may need legal review; determine who signs for CCF
 - Agreement needs to be in place to do the autumn 2022 logging or stay with the current arrangement.
 - Length of term discussed; amount of insurance; log sort location
 - ACTION: Resolve the insurance amount needed; remove reference to specific log sort to be used; and apply to S02 only. Continue to review over the winter.

K. Edwards joined at 3:28 p.m.

2. CCF CHECK IN

- Lil'wat Nation shared that CCF is important but Nation is not experiencing much benefit. It is a challenging management approach with multiple values and views. Squamish Nation supports CCF in general. Concern that alignment between partners is not strong enough to manage the CCF successfully. Tenure is for harvesting timber, and CCF needs to be aligned and focus on carrying out responsible forestry.
- Challenges acknowledged with timber profile available. Opportunities with carbon program noted, and potential for creating other employment in partnership with SLCC and through wildfire program. Commercial harvesting is challenging within RMOW and when done, it must be for best financial return and benefits.
- Alternative employment opportunities need to match commercial logging income. Partners open to exploring other revenue and job sources.
- Board agreed to continue working on alignment between partners, and improving financial viability and opportunities in the CCF.

3. CARBON SALES POLICY

- Board reviewed draft policy.
- Approach identifies three tiers: preferred, acceptable and conditional clients.
- Woodfibre LNG approached Brinkman requesting to purchase 12,000 offsets for its construction phase. Board discussed pros and cons. It is a tier 3 potential client.

Moved by K. Edwards
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Carbon Sales Policy.

CARRIED

- ACTION: Send the carbon sales policy to Brinkman. Confirm that if there are no Tier 1 or Tier 2 options available, that Board supports sale to Woodfibre LNG.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- CCF Open House – Share 2022 and 2023 plans; carbon sales policy
 - Find date through doodle poll before end of October

5. CLOSED

ADJOURN

Moved by A. DeJong

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the October 6, 2022 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 4:25 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR:

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford