

# MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, December 09, 2015, STARTING AT 2:30 P.M.  
In the Flute Room  
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

**PRESENT:**

Jeff Fisher, Chair, Squamish Nation  
Sue Maxwell, RMOW  
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation  
Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW

Heather Beresford, Administrator, RMOW  
Shannon Perry, Recording Secretary, RMOW

**REGRETS:**

Chief Dean Nelson, Lil'wat Nation  
Chief Bill Williams, Squamish Nation

Meeting called to order 2:39 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Nancy Wilhelm-Morden  
Seconded by Sue Maxwell

**That** the Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors Regular Meeting agenda of December 09, 2015.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Nancy Wilhelm-Morden  
Seconded by Kerry Mehaffey

**That** the Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of July 14, 2015.

CARRIED

**2016 Harvesting Plans**

Board reviewed the 2016 road and logging development plan summary that was presented at the Cheakamus Community Forest open house. Main points:

- Current plan similar to 2015
- 5,000 m<sup>3</sup> harvested in 2015 from P02 and R04
- 28,000 m<sup>3</sup> planned for in 2016
- Wedge 02 & 08 areas have been assigned to Lil'wat Nation for harvesting
- A01 assigned to Squamish Nation
- R13 accessed through Whistler Olympic Park
- Cheakamus 16 is high retention, accessed through Jane Lakes road system. Cheakamus valley plans show projects that are 3-5,000 m<sup>3</sup> in scope, about 1 month of work.

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- Proposed CCF fuel thinning reduction areas being reviewed by Blackwell to confirm locations that will best reduce fire risk
- Reviewed 1 – 3 year plan and the 4 – 10 year plan.

N. Wilhelm-Morden prefers that any logging within Cheakamus Valley be done for fire management purposes.

**ACTION:** Tom Cole to present 2016 plans at January 13 FWAC meeting.

**ACTION:** Organize an open house in January 2016 targeting Cheakamus Crossing residents to discuss 1-3 and 4-10 year harvesting and fuel management options.

A discussion was held regarding the contracting arrangement for CCF harvesting. Currently Tom Cole is forest operations manager, and Squamish and Lil'wat Nation are completing harvesting operations. At the April 15, 2015 Board meeting, the CCF Board passed a motion that an RFP be released in 2015 seeking a new operations contractor.

An RFP was not released, but a General Services contract was drafted. RMOW concerned over lack of discussion or notification at Board level about direction change from previous Board decision. Squamish and Lil'wat Nation hoping to continue work into future as it brings benefits to the Nations. Noted that draft General Services agreement is very similar to Richmond Plywood arrangement including assumption of financial risk.

RMOW expressed concern over transparency, process and accountability.

**ACTION:** The RMOW will review the contract and consider the following: (i) can it be signed for 2015 work? And (ii) is the arrangement appropriate for long term? RMOW to respond to CCF by mid-January.

**Integrated Resource Mapping Project**

Presentation from November 25 open house to be shared at Cheakamus Crossing open house in January 2016.

Next steps:

- Respond to AWARE's letter. Circulate draft before release.
- Draft a short report describing process, comments and actions for public release.
- FWAC will provide comments by early January
- Review FLNRO's email comments
- Circulate EBM policy from Tom Cole for comment

Project is close to completion pending comments from FWAC. Feedback has been largely positive. Commit to EBM Reserve review in 5 years.

Forest Stewardship Plan extended for one year. Add wording re: EBM Reserve project. Hold FSP open house in summer 2016.

**ACTION:** Heather Beresford to create a report on EBM Reserve development process and create a table tracking input and responses. Post on CCF website.

CCF to review draft EBM Reserve adjustment policy drafted by Tom Cole – circulate and review via email, final review at CCF Board meeting February 2016.

**ACTION:** Circulate draft policy & schedule February Board meeting.

#### **Access Management Planning 2016**

Discussion regarding access management planning, scope and project management.

**ACTION:** Subcommittee meeting (Jeff, Sue, Kerry) in January to create terms of reference and project scope.

#### **5 Year Financial Plan**

Board reviewed and revised draft 5-year financial plan.  
Add \$10,000 per year for fuel reduction (models, planning)  
Forest Stewardship Council – Budget \$2000 for 2016 to support Ecotrust if necessary in developing group FSC project. Distribute FSC group information provided by Ecotrust.

FSR Road Investments – discussed in-kind contributions from partners such as access to RMOW road graders. Solutions/options may come out of the Access Management Planning process.

**ACTION:** Review CCF Annual report indicators to ensure financial plan considers all indicators (e.g. education, signs).

**ACTION:** Distribute to Board for further review, and approve at February meeting.

#### **Carbon Project**

Discussion was held regarding status of carbon project.

Legal counsel has reviewed the draft Brinkman sales contract.

**ACTION:** CCF Board to review and have Chair sign off by December 18, 2015.

#### **Callaghan Fuel Thinning Project**

Work has begun but placed on hold due to weather restrictions. CCF & RMOW to sign General Services contract.

#### **FWAC Annual Report**

Board to review and respond.

**ACTION:** Jeff Fisher will attend January 13, 2016 FWAC meeting.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Decided that Janyk & Co. accountants need to be replaced due to lack of response and completion of 2015 tasks. Board reviewed 2014 applicants. Weir and Co. will be contacted to take over.

Logo was reviewed and the image on CCF website with people and trees was selected as a good starting point. Heather Beresford to contact logo designer.

Upcoming changes to BC Societies Act discussed. RMOW Legislative Services may be able to assist with transition information.

**New Business**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adjourned the December 09, 2015 Regular Meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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CHAIR: Jeff Fisher