

# WHISTLER

### MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, January 26, 2015, STARTING AT 2:30 P.M. In the Flute Room 4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC VON 1B4

### PRESENT:

Jeff Fisher, Chair, Squamish Nation Duane Jackson, RMOW Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW Chief Lucinda Phillips, Lil'wat Nation Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation

Heather Beresford, Administrator, RMOW Tina Symko, Recording Secretary, RMOW

### **REGRETS:**

Chief Bill Williams, Squamish Nation

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Nancy Wilhelm-Morden Seconded by Jeff Fisher

**That** the Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors Regular Meeting agenda of January 26, 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 August 21, 2014.

**CARRIED** 

### PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2014 Harvesting Summary

A presentation by Tom Cole of Richmond Plywood was given regarding the Cheakamus Community Forest 2014 Harvesting Summary and discussions were held about the following:

- CCF performance against provincial benchmarks for residue
- Consistent standards among contractors and providing feedback regarding performance

- Recent FWAC site visit
- Richmond Plywood's four recommendations to the Cheakamus Community Forest as presented in the 2014 Harvesting Summary report

ACTION – Tom Cole will send updated digital files re: 2014 Harvesting Summary to Heather Beresford, who will forward to the Board of Directors.

ACTION – Richmond Plywood and Lil'wat to discuss expanding opportunities for working together.

ACTION – Tom Cole to follow up with FWAC regarding comments after their recent site visit to Brew and explore the opportunity for another site visit this spring.

ACTION – Recommendations #1 (initiate voluntary road use agreement policy) and #4 (Initiate a re-run of the landscape level wildfire model to refine priority areas for treatment) from Richmond Plywood's 2014 Harvesting Summary report will be added to future Board of Directors meeting agenda.

### 2015 Proposed Harvesting Plan

A presentation by Tom Cole of Richmond Plywood was given regarding the Cheakamus Community Forest 2015 Proposed Harvesting Plan and discussions were held about the following:

- General details regarding the series of proposed cut blocks as per Richmond Plywood's Draft 2015 Operations Plan
- Development plan summary included:
  - 2015 Logging & Road Development Areas: Rainbow 04;
    Cheakamus 16; Brew01; CMA-A01; Wedge 02; Wedge 08
  - 2015 Road Construction Plan for 2016 Logging Areas: Powder 07
  - Landscape Level Firesmart Planning Areas: Rainbow 05; Rainbow 04
- R04 Approved last year. Blocks A & B need BC Hydro to participate. Block C would only be undertaken if RMOW requires fuel management.
- CK16 logging activity in this area has been deferred for past 2 years due to considerations regarding the adjacent Cheakamus Crossing residential neighbourhood. Discussions around proposed road building, access to recreational areas and the need for a multi-year comprehensive harvesting plan prior to entry into this area. Not approved for 2015.
- W02 in management area for Spotted Owl (retained forest for linkage between coast and interior breeding/nesting areas); found Northern Goshawk nest; harvesting activity may happen only in fall due to Northern Goshawk presence.
- Brew01 no comments related to harvesting proposal.
- CMA 01 A01-R is rather large at 4.5 hectares, Board suggests moderate retention to mitigate views from Nordic ski jumps area. No

- more harvesting is planned in the CMA until after a longer term plan is completed. Correct error on map tables for cut blocks CMA A01.
- Wedge Creek Cii...vii significant patch of pine beetle kill forest in this area; potential risks and opportunities to work with adjacent private landowner to manage potential fuel issues.
- R04 and R05 fuel management
- P07 road program proposed for late summer. No harvesting until 2016. Add Whistler Olympic Park, Powder Mountain and Canadian Wilderness Adventures to visual management column in the 2015 Proposed Harvesting Plan.

### Old Growth Management Areas / EBM Reserves

 Process for obtaining approval of the proposed 2015 harvesting plans: FWAC will review for RMOW, Squamish and Lil'wat will receive provincial referral

A draft OGMA map was reviewed and discussions were held about the following:

- The need for a multi-year plan for entire Cheakamus Community Forest
- Development of a plan/map series identifying OGMAs, EBM Reserves, Cultural Management Areas, fuel management objectives and potentially harvestable areas
- Multi-year plan provides strong rationale for proposed harvesting areas
- Recommendation #4 in Richmond Plywood's 2014 Harvesting Summary report re: re-run Blackwell's fuel management model

ACTION – Heather Beresford to coordinate sub-committees and key players to develop a multi-year plan by end of summer 2015.

ACTION – Heather Beresford to speak with Bruce Blackwell regarding the wildfire/fuel management model.

DECISION – The Board of Directors approved the 2015 Proposed Harvesting Plan, with the exception of CK16.

Carbon Plan

Moved by Nancy Wilhelm-Morden Seconded by Kerry Mehaffey

**CARRIED** 

Jeff Fisher updated the Board of Directors about Cheakamus Community Forest Carbon Plan and discussions were held about the following:

- Finalization of the contract with Brinkman (percentage or fee for service). Board prefers percentage option based on information at this time.
- Forest Management Plan needs to be signed off before carbon project verification can be finalized
- Monitoring tasks (spreadsheet provided by Heather Beresford)

ACTION – Heather Beresford and Jeff Fisher to discuss monitoring tasks with Richmond Plywood to formalize monitoring tasks and ensure compliance with carbon plan requirements.

## Wedge Creek Run of River Project

ACTION – Jeff Fisher to continue conversations with Joseph and Brinkman regarding contract finalization.

The Board of Directors held discussion on the following in relation to the Wedge Creek Run of River Project:

Role of the Cheakamus Community Forest in providing input

### Accountants

ACTION – Kerry Mehaffey will bring updates to the Board of Directors.

Heather Beresford provided an update on the process of recruiting new accounting services for the Cheakamus Community Service and discussions were held about the following:

 Review of potential candidates (spreadsheet provided by Heather Beresford)

DECISION – The Board of Directors supports the recruitment of W.A. Janyk, provided there is no conflict of interest due to his relationship with RMOW Councillor A. Janyk.

ACTION – Heather Beresford will confirm potential conflict regarding W.A. Janyk. If no conflict, Heather will proceed to discuss terms of service with him. If conflict exists, Heather will return to the Board of Directors to discuss the next choice candidate.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by XX Seconded by XX

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adjourn the January 26, 2015 Regular Meeting at 4:52 p.m.

**CARRIED**