



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014, STARTING AT 9:00 A.M.
In the Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 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
Shannon Perry, Recording Secretary, RMOW

REGRETS:

Chief Bill Williams, Squamish Nation

Meeting called to order 9:07am

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Duane Jackson
Seconded by Kerry Mehaffey

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors agenda of Thursday, August 21, 2014.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Nancy Wilhelm-Morden
Seconded by Duane Jackson

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of Thursday July 10, 2014.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1. Follow up on July 10 Actions:

- Duane Jackson and Jeff Fisher will review the 2013 financial statement and discuss any questions with accountant Maureen Muentner-Anderson.
 - Board agrees to accept 2013 financials as prepared by Maureen Muentner-Anderson.
- Jeff Fisher has made minor edits to Forest Management Plan and will submit to Dave Southam, District Manager MOFLNRO.
 - Still working on this, Frank DeGagne is away for next three weeks, expecting to sign off on the plan by mid-December
 - Carbon project has also been delayed so unsigned FMP will not hold it up.
- Partnership Agreements: Jeff Fisher will discuss other options with Recreation Sites and Trails BC.
 - Squomish has been doing maintenance throughout summer
 - Suggestion that Sqomish sign a separate agreement to maintain sites and leave CCF out.
 - Suggestion that The Adventure Group could take responsibility for Ancient Cedars as they are often on site.
 - As per July decision, CCF will not be taking responsibility for site maintenance, Jeff to discuss further with Teresa McMillan, RSTBC.
- Community Forest Board agrees that a new bookkeeper is to be hired.
 - Duane Jackson suggested discussing situation and expectations with book keeper before making decision.
 - Heather and Duane to meet with the current book keeper next Wednesday August 27, 2014 to review.

- Heather distribute CCF admin budget presented at March meeting.
 - No record of changes made to draft budget at March meeting. Decided that this will be sorted after the meeting with the bookkeeper and discussed at the next meeting.

2. Carbon Project – Finalize carbon project management & sales approach as per Joseph Pallant's (Brinkman) July presentation.

Brinkman's Requests to CCF BOD:

Decision #1. Does CCF Board agree to have offsets sold via one Market Registry account and disburse cash pro-rata to partners?

Decision #2. What price would CCF like to counter-offer, and with any modifications? Does CCF have additional or different terms than offered? What min/max tonnes will be offered to CAS?

Decision #3. Will CCF Board contract Brinkman to undertake delivery, management and sales of project?

Decision #4. If contract awarded, will it be for 10% of sales or direct payment of consulting fees?

Decision #5. Shall CCF execute contract with Brinkman for ongoing management of verification process?

Discussion:

- July 10 BOD meeting addressed decisions 1 & 2. Decision 1 agreed to and Decision 2 was given conditional approval from the Board.
- Obtain cost estimate and allocations from Brinkman. Set terms. What sales does the 10% fee apply to? Request a draft contract for review.

- DECISION 3 – Yes, subject to negotiation of the contract
- DECISION 4 – Will be resolved through the contract negotiation
- DECISION 5 – Yes, execute contract with Brinkman for ongoing management.

Next steps: Jeff Fisher to handle negotiations with Brinkman. Bring final decisions back to the Board.

3. Integrated Mapping Project (OGMA; EBM Reserves & Harvesting Opportunities & Constraints Map)

- Reviewed latest EBM Reserve map from Cascade
- Draft OGMA's submitted to Frank DeGagne, MOF

- CCF Open House scheduled for September 18 at library. Main focus on EBM Reserves, OGMAs
- OGMA achieves 19% protection, EBM Reserves add another 11%. Long term goal to reach 40% as per EBM plan.
- Discussion re: tourism zone designation. All proposed zones need consistent criteria.
- Hold a subcommittee meeting prior to FWAC and open house to draft EBM Reserves definitions, management policy and give final review to map.
- Jeff Fisher will present EBM Reserves to FWAC at its September 10 meeting and at September 18 open house.
- Completion of OGMA and EBM Reserves leads to next step of establishing longer term harvesting plan for CCF, and address the moratorium of harvesting in the Cheakamus valley. Discuss at next Board meeting.

ACTION: H. Beresford to organize OGMA/EBM Reserves subcommittee meeting before September 10.

4. FWAC Recommendations (refer to FWAC June minutes forwarded to Board)

- Discussed road and trail planning approach; how commercial operators are included; how RichPly and CCF communicate.
- Discussed how Canadian Wilderness Adventures manages snowmobile access to alpine. Could be expanded to have other commercial operators manage access on their tenures.
- Decision
 - Recommendation 1: implemented as appropriate
 - Recommendation 2: RichPly & CCF will continue to communicate on recreation planning issues
 - Recommendations 3 & 4: yes, in cooperation with MOFNRL0

ACTION: Advise FWAC of CCF Board decisions.

5. Don MacLaurin Commemoration Initiative – discuss proposal to rename Whistler Interpretive Forest to Don MacLaurin Interpretive Forest

- Rotary put forward the proposal to have the Whistler Interpretive Forest changed to Don MacLaurin Interpretive Forest. Requesting support from CCF as per MOF's guidelines.
- Both Squamish and Lil'wat Nations prefer to have more First Nations' names on landmarks. Neither supports proposal to change name.
- Working group (Rotary, WB, Museum, etc.) meeting on August 28 to discuss ideas.

ACTION: Heather Beresford will communicate CCF decision to working group.

6. RMOW Administration

- Discussed RMOW letter to the CCF regarding cost recovery for wages and overhead at \$70/hour. Currently averaging approximately 20 hours per month.
- Recognized Jeff Fisher also incurring costs, but compensation not required at this time.

MOTION: Cheakamus Community Forest Board agrees to compensate monthly the Resort Municipality of Whistler for Heather Beresford's actual time spent on administration of the Cheakamus Community Forest at \$70/hour averaging no more than 20 hours per month.

Moved: Jeff Fisher

Second: Lucinda Phillips

7. Harvesting Update

- Total production to date has been just under 11,000m³ (B02-W08-A01). Additional 7650m³ expected to be harvested in 2014.
- W08 - log delivery is down for heat and expect felled and bucked to be cleared out when fire danger weather improves.
- A01- A-B-C-E-F are now completed, just some post-harvest rehab and minor road works to complete.
- A01- L-M-N-O-P will be felled and removed in the early fall when weather improves.
- Callaghan West bridge and road upgrade has been accomplished, A-01G is now on hold until next year due to machine scheduling.
- B02-J has some remaining felled and bucked and is still down for heat
- B01-H-I are planned for late fall - stringers have been removed and Brandywine Recreation Bridge is being completed this week.
- B01-J-L are now laid out per FWAC recommendations and new map available. Potential First Nation small project.
- W02 is still available for this fall pending Wedge run of river project; and need to rationalize the found goshawk nest.
- R04 is on hold as a First Nation small project opportunity 2015.
- R05 is awaiting direction, logistics and contractor selection, has not been submitted for FLNRO approval.

- RichPly requested clearance to build road in autumn 2014 in Cheakamus 16. Board-approved moratorium on Cheakamus valley activity still in force, therefore no road building.

ACTION: Jeff Fisher will advise RichPly that no road building can take place in Cheakamus 16 in 2014.

8. New Business

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- Wildfire Management – Callaghan landscape level fuel break. Blackwell has prepared prescriptions. Scheduling a meeting with Allan Crawford. Investigating possibility of composter using debris from the clearing. Work scheduled for mid-October.s

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jeff Fisher

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adjourn the August 21, 2014 meeting at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: Jeff Fisher