



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF
CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 05, 2014, STARTING AT 09:30 A.M.
In the Piccolo Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation
Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation, Chair
Peter Ackhurst, RMOW
Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW
Duane Jackson, RMOW

Heather Beresford, RMOW
Tom Cole, Richmond Plywood

Monica Urbani, RMOW, Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

Chief Bill Williams, Squamish Nation
Chief Lucinda Phillips, Lil'wat Nation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by all

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest agenda of Wednesday, March 05, 2014

CARRIED

WELCOME

Tom requested that the agenda be adjusted to accommodate his request to depart early.

DISCUSSIONS

2014 HARVESTING
PLAN

A discussion was held regarding the 2014 Harvesting Plan. Plan approved as presented in K3V 2014 Road and Logging Development Plan Summary.

Discussion re: Edna Creek bridge and Connector Trail. Direction provided to Richmond Plywood to do no further work on the connector trail. Idea that the Edna Creek bridge could be temporary. No resolution. Suggestion was made to hold public meeting and gather input before making a final decision.

MOTION: CCF Board approves building road to Edna Creek, but not to

build bridge until further notice.

ACTION: An information session will be held to gather input on the Edna Creek bridge from stakeholders.

INTEGRATED
RESOURCE MAPPING
PROJECT WITH
CASCADE

Cascade has collected all available data and prepared draft Old Growth Management Areas. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2014. After OGMAs are determined, submit them to MOF. Next step of project is Phase II where EBM reserves are identified and harvesting opportunities and constraints are developed.

CCF FOREST
MANAGAEMENT
STRUCTURE

A discussion was held pertaining to Peter resigning. It was suggested that in the interim take what Peter is doing and move some of it to the Board and more technical things go to Tom & Stirling. Heather to take over administration and communication. Not to hire a manager quite yet, as when the budget is reviewed, it appears that there is no money. Municipality could possibly manage the accounting and bookkeeping but would have to clear with Finance. It was noted that other parties may have some issues with RMOW maintaining the finance.

SUGGESTION: Tom will direct ongoing operational questions to Heather and Jeff, who will include Board as necessary.

Administration will include managing book keeping and accountant, meetings, insurance, communicating with provincial agencies, receiving invoices, etc. Clear role and expectations needs to be developed and agreed to.

FOREST
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Board agreed at December meeting to sign July 2013 draft "as is" with an addendum letter from RMOW that the FMP will be revised by mid-2014. Draft letter was circulated in January for review. Heather is revising the FMP with comments from team; once completed, will be sent to Board. Jeff will sign FMP.

Addendum letter is approved by Board. The revised FMP will be distributed to Board for comment, within the next few weeks.

LANDSCAPE SCALE
FIRE BEHAVIOUR
MODELING

B.A. Blackwell & Associates completed the Landscape Scale Fire Behavior Modeling report in December 2013. Plan being presented to Committee of Whole on March 18. Report identifies risk and proposes landscape level fuel breaks.

RMOW wants to move ahead on managing landscape level risk, so also hired B.A. Blackwell & Associates to prepare a fuel management prescription for the old Callaghan FSR. Thinning may happen in fall 2014.

Fire Rescue Services taking on community based program, Bruce Blackwell is also completing the Squamish Forest District fuel management plan. Due spring 2014.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT A discussion was held regarding the 2013 Annual Report which was drafted and distributed. It was noted that on page 20, plan for 2014 was a concern. Suggestion to modify it indicating that it is a strategic direction.

ACTION: next year annual report should be shorter, different format. Heather has been assigned to revise Annual report.

MOTION: Accept, review in a couple of weeks. Release April 15th deadline. Heather will collect revisions and complete.

CARBON PROJECT A discussion was held regarding the carbon project. Stantec validation report and draft agreement with province distributed to the Board. Noted that the carbon project requires agreement with province to be signed before validation is complete. Discussion was held pertaining to the percentage of carbon credits that province and CCF would receive. Sample of calculation from Ecotrust was projected for Board to review. It was noted that there was a request for UBC students to work with the Board as they would like to study community forest.

ACTION:

Jeff will participate in negotiations with Province, and inform the Board. RMOW will have internal meeting to discuss carbon project.

Partners need more information before confirming a process for carbon sales.

Student Proposals: Board doesn't accept Harry Nelson's "Dragon Den" proposal. Other 2 student proposals can go ahead but access all data from website.

ACTION:

Tom has to provide completed 2013 logging to Ecotrust to finalize carbon calculation.

Peter will send draft provincial legal agreement to Board.

ROAD USE POLICY A discussion was held regarding the Road Use Policy. Cascade Environmental is gathering all data related to CCF including road atlas. CCF policy needs to wait till the Province has completed their process.

MOTION:

Wait until the Resource Road Act is complete. Review and update the draft CCF policy at that time.

OTHER BUSINESS

DEBRIS BURNING The Fire Chief can give exemption for safety under current burning bylaw, but Fire Services will amend bylaw to allow burning related to fuel management. Tom did burn in 2013 outside of the municipal boundaries.

**ANNUAL REPORT –
THREE CONTRACTS** A discussion was regarding costs and benefits of using the local subcontractors to do the logging.

ADJOURNMENT

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adjourn the Wednesday, March 05, 2014 meeting at 12:07 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: Jeff Fisher