

Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors Meeting July 13, 2012 Totem Hall, Squamish



Attendance:

Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation
Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation
Peter Ackhurst, RMOW
Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW
Tom Cole, Richmond Plywood

Peter Ackhurst chaired the meeting
Peter Ackhurst, RMOW, Secretary

Regrets:

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

Kerry Mchaffey was welcomed as a new member of the board of directors representing the Lil'wat Nation.

MEETING AGENDA:

Meeting Agenda: approved by all.

Feb 16/12 Meeting Minutes Approved by all (JF/NW-M)

Action from the February minutes.

- Tom to report back to the next meeting on a recommendation on protection of the silviculture account from bankruptcy
- Independent log audit – Graham will continue to be retained to do an annual due diligence report on a 100% of log sales prices for the CCF

2011 Notice to Reader Financial Statements

Motion to accept the financial statements – NWM/JF – passed.

2011 Income Tax Return

The income tax return was completed and submitted to CRA at the end of June.

2011 HST Return

The HST return was submitted in early June with a refund of \$50 536. The CRA has requested several invoices.

2012 Administration Budget Review

Accepted with the comment to do not spend the HST return until confirmed by the CRA

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2011 Log Summary Report

This report is prepared by Richply annually. It was accepted with the following recommendations

1. Circulate the draft road sharing agreement and get it signed by any road users, i.e. commercial recreation operators.
2. Tom to ask Richply to amortize the construction of new and existing road construction and bring a plan back to the BOD.
3. Tom, to reduce the PEL (planning, engineering and layout) to \$5.15/m³ from \$ 8/m³
4. The CCF will continue to promote the Firesmart program and to offer to take over the management of the program at whistler
5. Nancy to talk with the CAO and the Fire Chief about the Firesmart program
6. Jeff to send the "form" to Peter to sign to get the govt money for outhouse maintenance at Loggers lake and Alexander Falls.
7. CCF to support the road construction project of the Wedge IPP

Agreed by all.

2012 Recreation Projects - Loggers Lake & Ancient Cedars

Loggers Lake out house is completed (CFOW funding) and the Ancient Cedars Recreation project is well underway (multiple contributors). Nancy to report to Council.

Approval of the EBM Handbook

The report was accepted as draft. Any further comments to Peter by **August 1**. It will be revised and then be released to FWAC and the public for review and comment. It will be used in the calculations for the carbon credit project and the determination of the new harvest level. The Forest service wants everything included in a new Forest Management Plan that they will approve as a package.

Provincial Community Forest Meeting in Kaslo – BCCFA

Peter made a short report on the provincial community forest meeting in Kaslo. It was a good meeting

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Carbon Credit Project

The Forest Service has officially approved the carbon credit project in a letter dated June 15, 2012. (Circulated to the BOD). The next step is the CCF has to sign a legal contract with LCI to carry out the work. A draft agreement has been circulated. Revisions back to Peter by **August 1** and Peter will sign. This has been discussed several times since November, 2011

FSC Project

The CCF would like to proceed with the certification, but cannot afford the \$22 000 price tag. Ecotrust is doing some work (for free) on the principle dealing with HVCF.

Cultural Management Areas Progress Report

- **Callaghan CMA** – work has started with Blackcomb Snowmobile and the SFN to develop a road and trail plan into the area.
- **Cheakamus CMA** – work continues to develop a plan following the Lil'wat small scale forestry principles. Several areas have been identified for logging, in conjunction with W/B, RMOW alpine trail committee , Alpine Club of Canada(Kurt), and Cheakamus Crossing residents. . An area of large cedars trees has been surveyed by two BCIT students, and a report written. See below.

Monumental Cedar Project

It was agreed to change the name to the Cultural Cedar project. The goal is to display to the public, the cultural use of cedar trees by first nations people, including the use of bark, wood, and construction of a canoe. More planning work needs to be done. A trail will be developed into the area for public access.

Bioenergy Project

We have signed an agreement with DR Systems to complete a preliminary survey of the available wood waste in the corridor. . We are in the data collection stage of the project. Cooperators are the CCF, BCTS, Lil'wat, Squamish, W/B, RMOW, Bruce Blackwell. There is no cost to the CCF to do the work. There is a confidentiality agreement in place for 6 months. There is no obligation to continue after the study is complete but obviously if there is an opportunity, we could pursue it.

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Public Engagement Meeting

It is planned to hold a public engagement workshop with the community of Whistler in September. The Manager of Ecotrust has volunteered one day of her time to conduct the feedback session. The workshop needs to be linked to the AWARE workshop on old Growth Forests, planned for October 15.

Forest Growth Monitoring Plan

Eight growth plots were measured last fall that have 15 years growth on them.(funded by BCTS FIA funds). The information will be compiled by a UBC student (Amanda Gerard) for her BScF thesis this year and used to confirm our CCF growth projections.

It was agreed to spend \$2000 from the silviculture fund to start the forest growth monitoring project. A continuous forest inventory program (CFI) is planned following the federal CFS national forest inventory standard. Dr Peter Marshal is our technical advisor.

2012 Five Year business Plan

The plan was updated in June, to reflect 2011 actuals and forecasted future log prices. It shows a small profit for the next few years.

Next Meeting – end of November in Mt Currie. It will include a planning session and goal setting for 2013

