

**Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors Meeting
September 13 – 14, 2010
Sea to Sky Retreat Centre, Daisy Lake**

Attendance:

Lucinda Phillips, Lil'wat Nation
Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation
Peter Ackhurst, RMOW
Ken Melamed, RMOW
Tom Cole, Richmond Plywood

Peter Ackhurst chaired the meeting
Heather Beresford, RMOW, Secretary

Regrets:

Chief Bill Williams, Squamish Nation
Frank Dixon, Lil'wat Nation

MOTIONS & ACTIONS from this meeting:

- **ACTION:** develop a procedure/system to ensure consistency and accuracy of mapping database.

AGENDA ITEMS:

September 13 - 14, 2010 Agenda approved.

Monday Night Strategic Planning Session

1. Present Situation

Forest Stewardship Plan not approved by MOF yet; need it before cutting permits can be issued. Joanne Leo at MOF handling. Should have comments back on Wednesday. LRMP government orders and policy incorporated.

Ecotrust and EBM – working on Forest Stewardship Council pre-assessment in preparation for certification attempt in June 2011. Needs old growth plan plus others. Concern that CCF needs more input to Ecotrust as plans are being developed. Draft available by December. Received funding from Community Foundation of Whistler, Ecotrust and RichPly contributed, plus \$500 contribution from CCF budget.

ACTION: Circulate pre-assessment check list to BOD.

2. Establish measurable goals for 2011 through 2013

Year	Project
2010	Communications piece around VANOC parking lots and red legged frog habitat
2010	Western Forest Products Timber License transfer complete. Win: a majority of low elevation old growth will come from these areas.

2010	Whistler Off Road Cycling Association (WORCA) letter of understanding
2011	Get FSC Certified (Further funds required for FSC: \$10,000 for audit by Smartwood; \$7500 annual audit, Richmond Plywood will pay out of logging revenues).
2011	Composter – wood waste to regional composter at Callaghan
2011	Canadian Snowmobile – develop plan together and sign off.
2011	Whistler Olympic Park – Letter of understanding developed
2011	Recreation Site Improvements Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do work complementary to S2S Trail? • Build a trail • Powerline Hill pullout – interp sign re: First Nations Black Tusk myth (Johnny Jones/Tom Cole idea) • Field Guide to Special Ecosystems in CCF – Bob Green (identify red/blue listed sites, create a handbook for public) • Family toboggan hill along Callaghan Road (glade a plantation)
2011	Develop integrated program with Firesmart (RMOW Fire Services & CCF)
2011 – 2013	Land Based Investment Program – complete the 2010 spacing project, receive more funding
2013	FWAC trail subcommittee identifies/rebuilds trail with CCF involvement
2013	CCF is financially secure with \$50,000 in the bank

First Nations involvement in CCF.

What could help Lil'wat? Community is more focused north, rather than Whistler area. Lucinda uses CCF to learn, e.g. EBM, GIS. Goal: Lil'wat and CCF learn more about EBM and small scale forestry program. Integrate where possible. Lucinda discussing CCF at regular community information session on October 21.

How could Squamish Nation be more involved? When work opportunities come around, people can get more involved.

Goal: First Nations' contractors to do CCF work as much as possible. Need to keep fair distribution between the Nations.

3. Rainy Day Fund Policy

First priority is a rainy day fund – but how much?
 Basic administration costs for CCF are about \$18,000 per year.
 CCF received \$2.00 per cubic metre from RichPly when logging.
 CCF won't spend on other projects until rainy day fund is \$50,000.
 Can get outside funding to do some of the desired projects.

MOTION: “Rainy day” fund must be \$50,000 before spending on non-administrative items.

4. Cultural Management Areas

Plans need to be developed for the two sites. Not necessarily a “no go” zone. Written in CCF agreement that First Nations will do the CMA plans within 5 years.

What resources are required to complete the plans? Could we do on piece meal referrals if logging is processed within a CMA? A deeper consultation process as done elsewhere while

waiting for the overall plans to be done. Could do zoning or sensitivity ranking as part of the planning to determine what can happen where.

ACTION: Hold workshop to overlay different criteria/constraints in the CMAs to determine activity/sensitivity zones.

5. Board of Directors & Decision Making

Is everyone OK with the level of involvement? General consensus is yes. Lil'wat welcomes chance to share in public communications.

ACTION: Joint letter to editor with all 3 signatures re: support for CCF.

ACTION: Write update letter to Minister Bell re: CCF.

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

6. Finance Report

- Revenue: add \$1890 from RichPly for 2009 logging (VANOC parking lots).
- RichPly will run a separate set of books for CCF
- Received \$80,000 from VANOC for parking lot rehab. Trying to do the work for \$60,000. Work to be done in October, will know costs in December.
- RMOW admin costs identified at \$28,800 to date for 2010. Ken and Jeff recalled that it was agreed at the RichPly meeting in January to pay back RMOW. When? Also, discussed First Nations' quota contributed that they paid for. Squamish Nation would like the quota cost accounted for somehow – through repayment over time or through extra economic activity generated by CCF. Haven't resolved but don't want to stop the CCF from moving forward. No one wants to put in more money though. Suggestion to ask other CFs how they've handled repayments. All parties want to resolve earlier than later to avoid problems in partnership.

ACTION: needs to be resolved how to repay quote costs and admin costs. RMOW will talk to finance department for ideas.

AGREED: the \$10,000 start up costs are gifts, not to be repaid.

ACTION: Remove RMOW admin costs from revenue and put in liability column.

RMOW will speak to Minister regarding roads. Request that assistance be provided to keep roads maintained. Economic driver for province. Responsibility now transferred from MOF to CFs. Should be supported to keep infrastructure going.

- Timber License Rent – paid half of 2010 rent to WFP.
- Forest Stewardship Council certification – \$500 extra expense not anticipated at beginning of year. Contribution to receive \$10,000 in funding from CFOW. Ecotrust and RichPly also contributed.

- Annual Rent – paid 2009/10, received invoice for 2010/11 of \$7400. Didn't have in budget, funds very tight. If we go 90 days in arrears on it, won't be able to get cutting permits.
- 2010 reserve line is same as cash available in bank account.

ACTION: Need a plan with MOF how to pay 2011 rent.

- Silviculture Fund – received \$12,000 from VANOC, administered in separate account by RichPly. Need to add \$12,000 to silviculture liability on spreadsheet.
- Need to prioritize expenditures.
- Not Sufficiently Reforested (NSR) – updating almost done. N&R Silviculture doing the work. WFP staff assisting. Budgeted for \$5000. NSR before 1988 could be funded through FIA but not giving out money currently.
- RichPly will supply account records once a year before May.

7. Five Year Business Plan

Do we want to do a five year business plan? Suggestion to do high level plan based on what is known. Include amenities/projects discussed last night. Chair to make presentation to Councils. Keep simple, include scenarios and assumptions.

ACTION: Create a simple five year plan (PA)

8. Timber License

CCF now owns WFP TL. Approximately 1300 hectares of uneconomic old growth. MOF figuring out how to transfer into CCF tenure. Effectively, CCF now owns 2 tenures (CF & TL).

- Add reference to TL 830 in FSP.
- There is a fibre agreement with WFP. Right of first refusal on TL wood. If TL is converted to CCF and AAC doesn't go up, annual rent for CCF will stay the same and no longer pay rent on TL. CCF should argue that land is constrained, shouldn't do a big TSR or change AAC.

9. Olympic Parking Lots

- Happy Site planted this fall. Brandywine rehabbed this fall. Road will be separated from parking lot to ensure it works for the long term, including ditching.
- Tom did a select tender, didn't include First Nations. Lil'wat not concerned this time but do so in future.

10. Forest Stewardship Council Certification Update

Ecotrust committed and making good progress. Will revise/complete the EBM plan. Won't include social aspects.

ACTION: resend original EBM to partners.

How can we manage the forest based on RONV given the high amount of human activity? Needs to be considered. Long term vision for forests around Whistler is not wilderness. That's provided

by Garibaldi Provincial Park, conservancies, etc. Would like to see this context included in EBM plan. FSC project on schedule, provides a niche market for CCF wood, and provides independent endorsement of CCF activities. FSC applies to area-based tenures, consider collaborating with other, e.g. First Nation wood lots.

ACTION: CCF Board wants to see draft EBM and FSC report before complete. Circulate the action items from the FSC pre-assessment meeting with Ecotrust.

11. Standard Operating Procedures

Needed for FSC, winter work. Some drafted, new ones needed for FSC, e.g. trespass and theft, NTFP, volunteers, etc. Suggestion to have Forest Keepers – extra set of eyes on the ground. Lil'wat trying to re-establish their watershed watchers could discuss CCF.

12. FIA Project

Received \$19,600 from MOF. Hired N&R to do plan for prescriptions and spacing. Difficult to find locations because funding conditions very restrictive. Goal is to be done in 2 months. Other CFs turning back the money because they can't find locations.

13. Old Forest Project

John Hammons, retired RPF, looking at old growth in the CCF. ILMB created new Whistler Landscape Unit – took in sections of Callaghan and Soo LU. Goal is to identify where OG is currently protected, add other areas we want to protect, then derive THLB. Fits into FSC (High Conservation Value Forests) and EBM plan (seral stages).

ACTION: Jeff to work with John and Ecotrust to mesh plans and derive THLB. Develop a master map of all constraints on the land.

14. Not Sufficiently Reforested (NSR)

N&R halfway through project – map exercise to bring data up to date. Need to control costs, no field work. Important to know, CCF has obligation to monitor.

ACTION: Request N&R to only do map exercise to maximum of \$2000.

15. GIS Mapping

Working with Lil'wat Land and Resources GIS department. All data generated through forestry & projects goes to Lil'wat GIS for inclusion in CCF GIS database.

16. 2010 Logging Plans

Four areas planned – Wedge, Brew, Rainbow 2 & 3 – with retention strategies and small openings, leaving 32% of trees behind on average. Lose \$7.55/m³ if we log everything on this list. Need to figure out how to trim that amount. Finding crews to do the work is a real challenge.

Concerns – needs MOF approval before talking with contractors. Could work to mid-November. Wedge needs some money spent. Other areas supported by Brew 2 which shows a profit. Rainbow 3 could break even, second growth. WORCA involved, if trail affected CCF needs to

rebuild. Visible from highway. Removing last trees left behind by BC Hydro project, some adjacent trees also taken down.

Brew 2 – fir block. Need approval from Lil'wat re: no effect on Heritage Trail. Appears to be distant.

Block size – is 5 hectares maximum? Or clear cut equivalent that is netted down to 5 hectare through percent of trees left.

Harvest in 2010 if possible. Need permits, hopefully by very early October.

MOTION: CCF BOD approves all sites, leaves timing to RichPly's discretion.

Archaeological Impact Assessments – suggest working by planning compartments rather than piece meal. See Tom's draft compartment planning principles (dated August 31/10).

17. Future Logging Areas & Plans

- Callaghan
- Along Cheakamus road in CMA
- Thinning young fir
- Not considering anything on Loggers Lake side until access through Cheakamus Crossing resolved. Need to negotiate with Whistler Development Corp. re: using the road for logging trucks. Doesn't appear to be an easy, affordable alternate route behind Loggers Lake.
- Need to combine with Firesmart work
- Work with RMOW on proposed bike bridge over Cheakamus near Cal-Cheak. Should also be able to carry logging trucks.
- Developing concept plan with Blackcomb Snowmobile for its tenure.
- Wedge Ridge
- Showh Lakes, outside recreation area
- Few areas in Brew
- Jane Lakes area

The two CMAs probably have 10,000 m³. Need to release those areas to spread logging throughout CCF.

Road Atlas – red roads are FSR, legally owned Crown designated access. RMOW is maintaining some FSRs to service infrastructure, but not under proper permits. What is RMOW and CCF responsible for?

Blackcomb Snowmobile – Tom spent day with Sean Wilson who wants to work together. Discussed potential of developing higher elevation road to access patch cuts and provide new route to Blackcomb Snowmobile. (along BS's "Pipeline" route). Also possibility of doing thinning projects to pen old roads and link together for beginner circle routes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.