



# MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY  
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020 2:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

**PRESENT:**

Chair, Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation  
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation  
Lucinda Phillips, Lil'wat Nation  
Arthur DeJong, RMOW  
John Grills, RMOW

Forest Manager, Simon Murray, RPF  
Administrator, Heather Beresford

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by J. Fisher  
Seconded by A. DeJong

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of June 4, 2020.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by K. Mehaffey  
Seconded by A. DeJong

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting minutes of March 5, 2020.

CARRIED

## DISCUSSIONS

1. Forest Manager Report      Forest Manager report discussion led by Simon Murray, CCF Forest Manager.
- A. 2020 Plans:
- a. No changes to plans since March 5 meeting. Projects are still in the planning stages. Retention logging program is slow and need further discussion with operators.

*L. Phillips joined at 2:40 p.m.*

- b. Fee 02 and Cheakamus 09 may have some opportunity but not the other areas.
- B. Fuel Reduction Projects:
- a. Cheakamus 04 project – Crews working sporadically. Project is approximately two thirds complete and grinding is underway. Will grade and open the road when Garibaldi Park reopens. Estimate this will happen in the next 2 weeks.
  - b. Discussion regarding what to do with larger landings that were opened up for this project. Agreed to block access for vehicles to avoid creating unauthorized camping areas, but maintain road parking sites.
  - c. Discussion regarding FESBC funding. Remaining funds will only be released when project completely finished but this could be in the fall when final clean up completed. Forest Manager requests Board consider a temporary loan to the wildfire project budget from the recent carbon payment in order to pay current bills of approximately \$69,000.

Moved by J. Fisher  
Seconded by J. Grills

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors approves a temporary loan from carbon funds to cover current wildfire program invoices of approximately \$69,000. Funds will be repaid when final FESBC payment is received.

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- d. Lil'wat Forestry Ventures still owes CCF for log sales revenue. RMOW has already paid 25% as agreed and been invoiced for chips disposal. Log and chip revenue will be used to keep overall project costs down. Need log report from LFV.
- C. Forest Stewardship Plan Update:
- a. FSP extension confirmed until October 2020.

- b. S. Murray hired Abe Litz (Hedberg) to assist. Determining if T. Cole's draft can move forward and not need to be referred out again.

2. Basalt Valley Road

Basalt Valley Road & Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2

- a. D. Jackson joined the meeting by Zoom at 3:14 to share Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 plans. This area is a remainder parcel from the Olympics and currently one parcel is going for rezoning.
- b. Parcel A is 100 rental units (WDC and WHA). Sites B, C, D and E are future opportunities. Loggers Lake FSR needs to be moved to accommodate Parcel A development.
- c. There is budget to clear one hectare on Parcel A in 2020. Discussed if CCF is interested in doing the work.
  - a. Priority 1: clear Parcel A
  - b. Priority 2: clear road alignment
  - c. Priority 3 – clear Parcel D (market project)
- d. Road alignment – goal is to put in all 600m of new road and rehab the old road alignment. New road including roundabout will be designed to accommodate larger trucks, logging trucks, buses. No formal approval from M. Schulz, FLNRO Engineer, but he has review drawings and doesn't see problems.
- e. Basalt Valley Road – preference is to have industrial traffic go through quarry FSR access and leave access through Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 for recreational and local traffic. New road construction will incur costs for CCF. WDC is willing to work with CCF and assist with costs. CCF will continue to pursue alternate road access. S. Murray meeting with M. Schulz on June 6 to assess route. Approximately 500m of new road needs to be constructed at ~\$100-125,000. Road will need to be gated at both ends to avoid public access through quarry due to safety issues.

**ACTION:** S. Murray to provide road construction budget to D. Jackson.

3. Wildfire Program Update

Stefana Dranga, B.A. Blackwell & Associates provided a summary of work completed in 2019/2020 within the CCF and updated priorities.

**Prescription:**

- 1. **Rainbow Subdivision FMP (2019-2020)** – approximately 58 ha prescribed in Compartments N03 and N04.
- 2. **High Priority FMP 2020** – approximately 5.1 ha prescribed as part of the High Priority FMP 2020 (Riverside area – west and east of the Cheakamus River adjacent to Cheak Crossing Phase 2).

**Implementation:**

- 1. **Cheakamus Fuel break compartment C03 - 2019** - Approximately 36.5 ha thinned/cleaned and piled. Manually treated areas still require

pile removal/chipping (as open burning is no longer an option due to COVID-19 health and air quality restrictions).

**2. Cheakamus Fuel break compartment C04 – 2019/2020 –**

Approximately 42 ha have been thinned, mostly pruned and piled and are currently in various stages of debris management. Current options being considered for debris management are mastication and/or chipping.

**Deviations from Section 4.0 (Additional Ongoing Priority Work to Consider of the RMOW Wildfire Program 2018-2027)**

1. Implementation in Rainbow Subdivision has not yet occurred due to FESBC funds being allocated to C03/C04
2. Prescription development and implementation for 16 Mile fuel break has not occurred due to funding limitations.

**Updates on Funding:**

1. FESBC is no longer accepting applications. At this time, there are no funding options that will allow RMOW and CCF to continue with fuel break program.
2. The new Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction program through the Natural Resource Districts has already allocated funds from the 2019 intake. No treatment prescription/implementation was awarded to the RMOW.

**Priorities:**

1. Complete implementation and cleanup in C03/C04
2. Implementation in C02
3. Implementation in Rainbow Subdivision (N03/N04)
4. Prescription development and implementation for 16 Mile fuel break

**ACTION:** CCF and RMOW send joint letter to Minister requesting expanded funding options for wildfire fuel reduction.

**ACTION:** H. Beresford to contact F. DeGagne that Rainbow project prescription is completed in case WRR program needs additional shovel ready projects later in 2020.

**4. Carbon Revenue**

**Carbon Revenue Allocation**

- a. CCF does not have a policy specific to allocating carbon revenue.
- b. The LP agreement dictates the order of priority of expenditures but doesn't differentiate between profits from different sources (i.e. logging vs. carbon).

**ACTION:** Discuss carbon revenue allocation policy at next Board meeting.

**ACTION:** H. Beresford contact TD regarding investment opportunities for carbon revenue.

5. 2020 Admin  
Budget

CCF Board reviewed draft 2020 Admin Budget

- S. Murray to contact Robert Seaton re: carbon project monitoring requirements
- Silviculture accounts addressed. Note that some payments have been made out of the silviculture account that should not have been.

**ACTION:** H. Beresford to prepare list of 2019 and 2020 silviculture account payments to be paid back into the account.

Moved by J. Fisher  
Seconded by L. Phillips

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors approves the 2020 admin budget and the \$25,586 silviculture expenditure.

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Accounting firm – discussion on current accounting firm performance.  
Secure completion of 2018 financials.

Moved by J. Fisher  
Seconded by L. Phillips

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors approves K. Mehaffey to retain another accounting firm with a \$6000 annual budget.

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**ADJOURN**

Moved by L. Phillips

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the June 4, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting at 4:22 p.m.

CARRIED

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PRESIDENT: Jeff Fisher

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RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford

