



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021 2:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

Location: Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

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

Forest Manager, Simon Murray, RPF
Administrator, Heather Beresford

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Grills
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of December 10, 2020.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by K. Mehaffey
Seconded by J. Grills

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2020.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS

Forest Manager Report

- Forest Manager report discussion led by Simon Murray, CCF Forest Manager.
- 1) 2021 Harvesting Plan
 - Harvesting potential unchanged since December BOD meeting
 - P07 and C09 – need decision from contractors
 - 2) Wildfire
 - C02 – raking, mulching will happen in April/May. Complete in June. Road will be reopened before May long weekend
 - Other potential projects:
 - i) N03, N04 (Rainbow, Alpine Meadows) – prescription done but no funding
 - ii) N05 (Cheakamus Crossing Phase II) – most is on RMOW land. Needs funding. Potential partner project with RMOW.
 - iii) 16 Mile FSR – Prescription will be prepared in 2021 funded by RMOW. Operational feasibility to be determined when snow allows.
 - 3) Forest Stewardship Plan
 - Working with Hedberg to finalize draft and will share with BOD by email.
 - Aiming for late spring approval to allow CCF to apply for more permits.
 - 4) Basalt Valley Road
 - Presented 2021 plans including BVR option to Council on February 16.
 - Decision to close West Side Main FSR past Loggers Lake is RSTBC/FLRNO decision, not CCF.
 - FLNRO will pay for road through quarry but not the new road to connect to existing old road system.
 - Need to harvest C09 – C12 to help pay for road. Further discussion is required with Whistler Development Corporation and RMOW regarding cost sharing for additional road expenses placed on CCF due to Cheakamus Crossing Phase II development.
 - 5) Discussion Topics
 - Lil'wat Forestry Ventures memo
 - i) LFV is seeking more opportunity and greater certainty to harvest closer to AAC in the CCF each year and recover engineering costs; use of LiDAR to better identify profitable harvesting areas and reduce planning costs.
 - ii) Discussion on development and engineering costs being paid by CCF, not the contracting partner, then reimburse. Concern

that public engagement that takes place after engineering and results in a change or deferment leaves the operating contractor with unrecoverable engineering costs.

- iii) Board agreed to consider adjusting planning, engagement and engineering sequence as follows:
 - Fly LiDAR for CCF, combine with RMOW LiDAR for full coverage
 - Develop 5 year map
 - Undertake public engagement
 - Board reviews public input and approves the harvesting plan
 - Engineering done on approved locations
- Proposed RMOW GeoPark
 - i) Need clarity on how it may affect harvesting plans
- Harvesting Shift towards second growth
 - i) CCF is considering harvesting more second growth and less old growth in response to lack of suitable harvesting locations due to various constraints including carbon project obligations, and increasing pressure to harvest less old growth as result of provincial strategic review
 - ii) CCF in discussion with Brinkman to understand implications on carbon project obligations as it means harvesting more second growth younger than 100 years old.
 - iii) Trade off is that second growth is closer to Whistler developed areas. Positives are that second growth harvesting adjacent to roads could serve wildfire program and may be a better economic opportunity.

Commented [HB1]: Did the Board agree to do this or just to consider it? Hedberg staff was connecting with RMOW GIS staff. Should the CCF add a 2021 budget amount for LiDAR?

ACTION: Develop scenarios with Brinkman and prepare a timeline for moving away from harvesting old growth. Assign \$20-30,000 in 2021 budget for the analysis.

Carbon Allocation
Policy

- Board reviewed draft carbon community benefit policy
- Added eligible projects; decided against weighting criteria
 - Distribute cleaned up version with minutes

2021 Admin Budget

- Board discussed draft admin budget showing anticipated expenditures not including FESBC funded projects in 2021.
- Accounting line item increased. CCF engaging BDO Canada as accounting firm.

L. Phillips and A. DeJong left at 3:57 p.m.

- FESBC funding received for C04 final payment; waiting on C02 milestones.

ADJOURN

Moved by J.Fisher

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the March 4, 2021
Board of Directors' meeting at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED

PRESIDENT: Jeff Fisher

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford