

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS Friday, December 16, 2022 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**Location: Zoom Meeting** 

## PRESENT:

Chair, Heather Beresford, Executive Director Rick Jaccard, Squamish Nation Arthur DeJong, RMOW Jessie Gresley-Jones, RMOW Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation

Forestry Manager, Simon Murray

## **REGRETS**

Lucinda Philips, Lil'wat Nation Kathleen Edwards, Squamish Nation

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A DeJong Seconded by J. Gresley-Jones

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of December 16, 2022 as amended.

CARRIED

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by R. Jaccard Seconded by A DeJong

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting minutes of October 6, 2022.

CARRIED

# 1. CCF STRATEGIC PLAN

Drafts reviewed previously online

Moved by J. Gresley-Jones Seconded by R. Jaccard

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Strategic Plan 2023 – 2025.

CARRIED

### 2. FOREST MANAGER'S REPORT

# Harvesting Proposals – Update for Retention Logging Plans 2023

- S02 CP will be submitted early January; Logging pro forma revised down to \$11.50/m3 on 7600m3; timber markets have dropped and costs increased in last year
- **P03 Callaghan** Second growth Douglas fir; Archaeological assessment completed by Squamish Nation team and nothing significant found
- P04 Callaghan still need arch assessment done in spring 2023; aiming for late summer/September logging
- **P05 Callaghan** 3 openings; engineering completed; retention levels to be determined and will be higher due to visibility from road
- P06 Brandywine One kilometre along road above snowmobile parking lot; Mature second growth cedar and plan is to harvest 40-60% of the stand; Site is in preliminary planning stages; needs arch assessment; Squamish Nation provided Cultural Cedar Use Policy and interested in accessing some cedar for cultural purposes; retention will be higher due to Squamish Nation interest and to minimize impacts to snowmobile access road
- Brew 04 deferred for 2023

#### General Comments

- Sites are still viable although log prices have been declining over the last year and continue to do so. Forest Manager will request updated pro forma from Ashlaur. Low stumpage rate of \$15/m3 for CCF helps with costs. CCF remains undercut at 32% of cumulative AAC in year 3 of 5 year cut control period.
- Brief discussion regarding volume available in Tusk area and if costs required to build access bridge could be recovered. Possibility that a mining company with interests in the area may want to share bridge construction costs.

# **CCF Wildfire Fuel Reduction Projects 2023**

- Wedgewoods WW8/10 CCF received Forest Enhancement Society BC (FESBC) funding and Lil'wat Forestry Ventures will do the work. Project needs to be completed by March 2024. Not much merchantable wood. Could consider for firewood use in Mount Currie.
- 16 Mile FSR RMOW received federal Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Funding (DMAF) and will partner with CCF to begin in 2024 on the 43 hectare site. Lil'wat Forestry Ventures will do the work.

- Wedge 09 converted to a wildfire project. May undertake in 2024. Need prescription.
- I05 (Riverside/Cheakamus Crossing) RMOW is planning wildfire treatment of a few blocks on municipal land, I05 is a very small block within the CCF tenure. Simon applied for Cutting Permit and RMOW will do the work.
- Alpine Meadows/Rainbow 1 12 hectares. Prescription in place and part of RMOW's workplan approved for DMAF. Site is within CCF boundary but LFV may not want to do it. Alpine Axeceleration (RMOW's contractor) also reviewing. Decision needs to be made in January on which contractor will do the work.

# **Ashlaur Management Agreement**

- Ashlaur agreement signed by Simon Murray for one year term expiring October 2023
- Agreement includes providing engineering and planning plus marketing and sales services. Chartwell will continue to do the engineering and planning, provide the information to Ashlaur and invoice CCF directly as it has been doing.

# 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - JOB DESCRIPTION & SERVICES AGREEMENT

- Board reviewed both the Executive Director job description and services agreement.
- Board supported both.
- Heather Beresford will serve as part-time Executive Director.

Moved by K. Mehaffey Seconded by J. Gresley-Jones

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors approve the Executive Director job description and services agreement.

CARRIED

## 4. 2023 ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

## · General comments:

- Budgeting within CCF budget to cover Chartwell Resource Group planning and engineering costs
- Discussion regarding the status of the historic 60/40% profit sharing arrangement. Is it still in effect?
- Board agreed that CCF can use carbon income to offset harvesting costs
- Board supports Community Benefit Program using carbon income but will not make any commitments in 2023 until logging income occurs
  - ED to circulate draft Community Benefit Program policy to Board for review
- "Rainy day" reserve fund identified in Partnership Agreement should be 2 years
  of operating expenses (i.e. ~\$300,000) to allow CCF resources to get through
  lean harvesting years. Currently need to rebuild reserve after 2 years with very

little harvesting. Rainy day reserve fund will be kept in Business Investor account along with carbon income.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

• The Board extends its thanks and appreciation to Simon Murray for his good work as the CCF's Forestry Manager.

## **ADJOURN**

Moved by R. Jaccard

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the December 16, 2022 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 3:01 p.m.

**CARRIED** 

CHAIR: Heather Beresford

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford