



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY  
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, April 13, 2023 2:30 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

**PRESENT:**

Chair, Heather Beresford, Executive Director  
Rick Jaccard, Squamish Nation  
Kathleen Edwards, Squamish Nation  
Arthur DeJong, RMOW  
Martin Pardoe, RMOW  
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation  
Lucinda Philips, Lil'wat Nation

Abe Litz, Chartwell Resource Group Ltd.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by A DeJong  
Seconded by L. Philips

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of April 13, 2023.

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 December 16, 2022.

CARRIED

Welcome to Martin Pardoe, RMOW Manager of Resort Parks and Open Space Planning to replace Jessie Gresley-Jones as the second RMOW director.

**1. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

- Update was attached to meeting invitation email

- Work plan is on schedule
- H. Beresford to organize 3 “pop-up” information booths in various Whistler locations mid-May to share CCF information rather than a single, in-person open house. Looking for opportunities to provide same for Lil’wat Nation and Squamish Nation communities.

Moved by K.Mehaffey  
 Seconded by A. DeJong

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the 2021 Year End Financial Report provided by BDO.

CARRIED

## 2. HARVESTING PLANS

Presented by Abe Litz, Chartwell Resource Group Ltd.

### Harvesting Proposals – 2023 and draft 5 Year Plan

- Shared landscape overview map, 5 year development plan overview map, and layout maps for 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027
- The typical timeline to receive a cutting permit which allows the harvesting to take place is 12-18 months. The main steps are site identification, site planning, archaeological assessment, First Nations’ referrals, road/access engineering, cutting permit submission and approval.
- The potential operable area of the CCF is approximately 16,000 hectares out of 33,000 hectares total.
- Old Growth – 9,700 hectares protected already with an additional 6,000 hectares potentially available for harvesting. Squamish Nation and Lil’wat Nation both in negotiations with Province regarding Old Growth deferral areas. The Landscape Overview map showed all operable areas in pink, including areas of old growth (gray diagonal hatching) and the old growth identified by province for possible deferral (darker red diagonal hatching).

*R. Jaccard joined at 3:00 p.m.*

- 5 Year Development Plan Map – identifies retention harvesting locations and wildfire treatment areas including sites from RMOW’s Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Funding sites that are located in the CCF tenure
- 2023 Plans – 17,000m<sup>3</sup>
  - Spring: harvest sites along 16 Mile FSR (S02 series); Wedgewoods WW8/10 wildfire project funded through Forest Enhancement Society BC
  - Autumn: Callaghan valley sites (P03, P04, P05)
- Estimated volume for 2024 – 2027 is 15,000 – 16,000 m<sup>3</sup> per year
- 2023 Layout Planning – developing plans to harvest R04 above Function Junction and Brew 04 in 2024
- 2024 Layout Planning – P06 along Brandywine snowmobile access; P08, P09 and P10 on lower part of gravel Callaghan road (north side of Callaghan Creek). Noted that some sites on Canadian Adventures tenure so will connect with them early in



process. Layout maps show the gross areas which will be refined as more detailed site analysis takes place to identify constraints

- Discussion re: inclusion of recruitment forest for at risk sites. CRGL waiting for outcome of Old Growth deferral process including identification of recruitment forested areas. The EBM Plan process identified rare and unique ecosystems in Bob Green's report. These pieces will be added to overall CCF planning process.
- Board not prepared to approve the 5 year development plan at this time. Focus turned to seeking support for 2023 harvesting and 2024 layout/planning budget.

Next Steps: CRGL and H. Beresford provide budget needed in 2023 for CRGL to complete planning/engineering for 2023 harvesting and 2024 layout work. Provide that information to Board and determine if budget is available. Maps added to shared folder for the April 13 Board meeting.

*Abe Litz left meeting at 3:49 p.m.*

### 3. FINANCIALS UPDATE

- K. Mehaffey and H. Beresford working with BDO to finalize 2022 YE. Income statements reviewed and adjustments made. Draft YE expected for review soon.
- Contracts and Structures – K. Mehaffey and R. Jaccard prepared a briefing note in Q1 2023 with four decision points for the Board to review and formalize. Key points:
  - Decision #1: Risk Tolerance in relation to harvesting
  - Decision #2: Decision Making in relation to harvesting planning
  - Decision #3: Contract Structures with forestry operations companies, Executive Director, forestry consultant and log marketer
  - Decision #4: Who Pays for What and When

**Action:** HB distribute briefing note to Board by email for its review. Include the specific decision points and request response by May 15. Option to hold extra meeting to discuss it more thoroughly if Board wishes.

### 4. WOODFIBRE LNG – Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

Tim Fenton and Julia Diamond of WLNG gave a presentation describing WLNG's Net Zero Roadmap to be the world's first net zero LNG plant by 2027.

K. Edwards noted that she recused herself at the last CCF Board meeting when WLNG's carbon offset purchase was being discussed. Squamish Nation is the environmental regulator for the project. Board approved K. Edwards to stay for presentation but recuse herself if a decision was to be made.

Key points of presentation:

- Construction starts autumn 2023, opens in 2027. It will be a net zero facility when open. LNG to displace coal fired facilities in Asia. Carbon credits purchased from CCF was for construction carbon emissions.

- Scope 1 & 2 emissions addressed. WLNG is below the provincial carbon intensity benchmarks. There are longer term opportunities to continue reducing emissions.
- WLNG purchased offsets from another provider for the early years of plant operations.
- The proposed MOU with the CCF is voluntary, 5 year period.
- MOU is focused on opportunities for collaboration such as developing a visitor centre or meeting place; train guides in collaboration with Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation; biodiversity and cultural themed trails to facilitate self-guided education; collaborative research with a university; summer student employment

**Action:** H. Beresford and WLNG reps discuss MOU further. Board will review and respond to WLNG as soon as possible.

Discussion: concerns raised with investing in LNG as a transitional fuel late in the climate crisis. Does the CCF benefit from associating with the WLNG brand? Squamish Nation's role as environmental regulator for the project is a significant benefit to the Nation. There is value in exploring the MOU to assist with achieving some projects the CCF would like to do and it could help provide financial stability for the next five years. What amount and kind of funding is WLNG proposing (one time capital or operational funding for life of assets?) Rather than creating something new, would WLNG assist with existing initiatives or responsibilities such as road maintenance?

## 5. 2022 CCF ANNUAL INDICATORS REPORT

- Board reviewed draft 2022 annual report.
- H. Beresford provided data to BC Community Forest Association annual report
- Request that Board approve the CCF 2022 Annual Indicators Report and for posting to the website.

Moved by L. Philips  
Seconded by A. DeJong

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt and post the 2022 CCF Annual Indicators Report.

CARRIED

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- Rick Jaccard is being replaced by Gary Murren before the next Board meeting. The Board and Executive Director thank Rick for his critical thinking, recommendations and analysis of the CCF's operations which have improved it over the last year.

## ADJOURN

Moved by R. Jaccard

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the April 13, 2023 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 4:57 p.m.

CARRIED



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CHAIR: Heather Beresford

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RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford