



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 15, 2023 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Location: Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Lucinda Philips, Lil'wat Nation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A DeJong
Seconded by M. Pardoe

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of June 15, 2023.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Pardoe
Seconded by A DeJong

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

CARRIED

1. CCF BOARD POSITIONS

- K. Mehaffey and L. Phillips stepping down after Lil'wat Nation elections in July 2023.
- Gary Muuren will replace Rick Jaccard as a Squamish Nation director once Squamish Nation procedures completed.
- To fulfill Society obligations, the CCF Board will elect President, Vice-President and Treasurer/Secretary positions at September board meeting

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Update was provided to Board on shared Google drive folder
- Work plan is on schedule. Next steps are to develop a communications plan, finalize 5 year plan, update contracts with LFV and Squamish Forestry.
- 2023 Harvesting Plans update:
 - All harvesting moved back to fall 2023
 - Wedgewoods wildfire thinning still waiting on Spotted Owl coarse woody debris objective exemption. FESBC funding secured already, expires March 31, 2024.
 - S02 blocks will be reviewed in July to reassess access options in order to reduce costs. Currently uneconomic.
 - P03 in Callaghan needs arch review to be completed then submit for cutting permit.
- H. Beresford will be discussing opportunities for increasing the efficiency of Archaeological Overview Assessment process with Squamish and Lil'wat Nations' staff. Objective is to obtain the needed information in a prioritized, timely, cost-effective manner that expedites the cutting permit process. Aim to implement for 2024 harvesting season.
- 5 Year Proposed Harvesting Plan released to public in May. Received hundreds of responses to the survey mainly from WORCA members concerned about Blocks C02 and C03 above Cheakamus Lake Road proposed for harvesting in 2026, and Block R04 above Function proposed for 2024 harvesting due to overlap with mountain bike trails. H. Beresford and A. Litz met with WORCA to discuss and will walk site with WORCA Trails Committee in July. Suggested that H. Beresford attend Lil'wat business arm workshop in autumn and share CCF plans. K. Edwards looking for opportunity to share plans with Squamish Nation.
- Carbon Scenario workshop with Robert Seaton. Board available in first two weeks of July. Doodle poll will be distributed to find date.

3. FINANCIALS UPDATE

- Logging Tax audit conclusion was that CCF did not owe any logging tax.
- Two recent large carbon sales have improved the CCF financial situation
- Contract Structure Memo – prepared by K. Mehaffey in January 2023
 - Decision #1: Risk Tolerance
Moved by M. Pardoe
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors maintain the existing contractual relationship with fees and profit sharing in place.

CARRIED

- Decision #2: Decision Making
 - Board supports decision making process described in the Contract Structure Memo with the addition of First Nation referrals and archaeological reviews
- Decision #3: Contract Structures

- Board supports the contract structure described in the memo except the CCF will not renew its contract with Ashlaur Trading because Lilwat Forestry Ventures will do that.
- H. Beresford to contact K. Tindall and R. Jaccard to discuss
- Decision #4: Who Pays for What
 - Update Forestry Manager to CCF Executive Director
- 2022 Year End Financial Statement
 - Intangible asset is the LiDAR data
 - Deferred development costs are planning and engineering for blocks to be harvested in the future; once harvesting completed on a site, costs will be expensed.

Moved by K. Mehaffey
Seconded by M. Pardoe

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the 2022 Year End financial statement as provided by BDO.

CARRIED

- 2023 Administrative Budget

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by K. Edwards

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the 2023 Administrative Budget.

CARRIED

4. RMOW RECREATION TRAIL STRATEGY

- Martin Pardoe made a presentation regarding the RMOW [Recreation Trail Strategy](#).
- RTS is a framework for how to make decisions about trails and supporting infrastructure; will be part of broader Parks & Trails Strategic Plan
- Expect RTS to be completed in autumn 2023
- Future steps: develop operational policies, update trail standards, best management practices, etc.
- Intent is that CCF, Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation will be included early in the Trail Master Plan review process
- CCF Board suggested the Whistler OCP and Framework Agreement have wording and principles that could be included in the RTS and other trail planning documents.
- Lil'wat Nation participated in a Trails Master Plan with the SLRD and Pemberton Valley Trails Association. It includes a section regarding trail approval processes and the Lil'wat Nation that could provide guidance/wording for RMOW planning process.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- N/A

ADJOURN

Moved by K. Mehaffey

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the June 15, 2023 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 4:39 p.m.

CARRIED

H Beresford

CHAIR: Heather Beresford

ACTING

H Beresford

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford