



## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024 2:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

### **Location: Zoom Meeting**

#### **PRESENT:**

Martin Pardoe, RMOW, Chair  
Kathleen Edwards, Squamish Nation  
Gary Muuren, Nch'kay Development Corporation (for Squamish Nation)  
Arthur DeJong, RMOW  
Helena Edmonds, Lil'wat Nation  
Jordan Gabriel, Lil'wat Nation

Chair, Heather Beresford, Executive Director

#### **REGRETS:**

**ELECT CHAIR: Martin Pardoe**

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by A DeJong  
Seconded by G. Muuren

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of January 10, 2024.

CARRIED

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by H. Edmonds  
Seconded by A DeJong

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board meeting minutes of June 15, 2023.

CARRIED

## 1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Update was provided to Board on shared Google drive folder
- Highlights/key points shared:
  - Communications plan completed
  - Services Agreement signed with Lil'wat Forestry Ventures
  - Service Agreement signed with Ashlaur Trading
  - Information session held at SLCC on November 24, 2023, positive feedback
  - Harvesting ready for spring 2024 in P03, P04 and P05
  - Wedgewoods wildfire project progressing
  - Board requested more information on 2024 carbon project audit process
    - ED to contact Robert Seaton for details

## 2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND POLICY

- The Cheakamus Community Forest Community Benefit Fund was established by the CCF to provide funding for community projects that have the potential to offer lasting benefits in the partner communities of the Lil'wat Nation, Squamish Nation and Resort Municipality of Whistler.

J. Gabriel arrived 3:07 p.m.

K. Edwards arrived at 3:12 p.m.

- CCF Board supports ED continuing discussions regarding support to Whistler Rotary Club re: Don MacLaurin Memorial Scholarship for Lil'wat Nation, Squamish Nation and Whistler graduates pursuing forestry or natural resource programs; partnering with WORCA to support Indigenous Life Sports Academy for activities taking place within CCF. New opportunities to be announced pending budget approval.

Moved by M. Pardoe  
Seconded by H. Edmonds

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Community Benefit Fund Policy.

CARRIED

## 3. HARVESTING DECISION-MAKING POLICY

- The Purpose of the policy is to ensure that forestry planning includes the multiple values identified through the EBM Plan, the Forest Stewardship Plan, and the Carbon and Timber Outcomes report. The outcomes of the policy are to create a decision-making framework with metrics that will assist the Board in making harvesting decisions and as a communications tool to assist the public in understanding harvesting decisions.

Moved by M. Pardoe  
Seconded by K. Edwards

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Harvesting Decision-Making Policy.

CARRIED

#### 4. WORCA/CCF PLANNING POLICY

- The Purpose of the policy is to ensure that information is shared regularly between the CCF and WORCA in an effort to improve understanding and collaboration, and to reduce conflicts between forest harvesting and recreation trails and their users.
- Discussion:
  - i. General support for policy
  - ii. Consider what other groups it may be appropriate to develop similar policies with to avoid unintended consequences or alienation
  - iii. Develop an engagement policy with the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation
- H. Edmonds will review language to ensure Indigenous cultural values are adequately included.

ACTION: ED to provide copy to H. Edmonds for review. Board will defer motion to adopt the policy until this step is completed.

ACTION: ED follow up with K. Edwards re: First Nations' engagement policy development

#### 5. ASHLAUR TRADING CONTRACT

- Discussion on two topics:
  - i. Ashlaur Trading to act as logging broker
  - ii. Executive Director's authority to sign contracts
- Decision made to develop policy for identifying limits to ED authority, spending limits, and signing authority

Moved by M. Pardoe  
Seconded by K. Edwards

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors approve the Ashlaur Trading 3 year contract.

CARRIED

#### 6. BUDGET UPDATE

- ED shared 2023 budget to Q4
- Board prefers to see variance report, how budget is tracking against actuals, cash flow in/out
- Share draft 2023 YE when available late February 2024

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

- None

#### ADJOURN

Moved by K. Edwards

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the January 10, 2024 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 3:56 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR: Martin Pardoe

H. Beresford (signature on file)

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RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford