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**REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016, STARTING AT 2:30 P.M
In the Piccolo Room, 4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Chair, Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation
Sue Maxwell, RMOW
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation
Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW
Chief Dean Nelson, Lil'wat Nation

Administrator, Heather Beresford
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry
RPF, Tom Cole

REGRETS:

Chief Bill Williams, Squamish Nation

Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Sue Maxwell
Seconded by Kerry Mehaffey

That the Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors' Regular Meeting agenda of November 23, 2016.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Sue Maxwell
Seconded by Kerry Mehaffey

That the Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors' Regular Meeting minutes of July 11, 2016.

CARRIED

AGENDA ITEMS

2016 Harvest Report

A discussion was held with the Cheakamus Community Forest board, led by Tom Cole:

- Finishing P02(a), 400m³ to be completed by end of 2016
- Road construction scheduled at Wedge 02. Will carry over into January/February 2017.
- Cheakamus 16 complete in spring. 5200 m³

- Fuel management (Callaghan FSR) 1000 m3
- 2016 plan was to harvest 24,000 m3. Markets low, autumn too wet, and logger unavailable.

2017 proposed
Harvesting

A presentation from Tom Cole, RPF.
The CCF board reviewed and discussed the logging plan summary sheet for 2016/2017.

- Logging summary indicates 37,070 m3 as potential volume.
- P02 currently under completion process
- R04 small site, BC Hydro grinding trees instead of leaving for removal by CCF, road costs expensive.
- W02 & W08 harvesting during January / February, contractor will clear snow if necessary
- A01 planned for 2017 when weather conditions improve currently slowed work as there is too much mud and rain. The market for pulp will need to increase.
- Powder 07, talking with Lil'wat Forestry Ventures. Will need road built one year ahead. Powder 07 will require \$20,000 to improve old road.
- Fee 01 trying to add more wood to Powder 07 project, market dependent.
- Rainbow 13 has been discussed with Tim Hope of WOP, no formal referral at this time but the wood is good. Tom Cole has discussed with Canadian, coordinating roads and trails. Views not affected for either WOP or CWA.
- Cheakamus 15 proposed for Squamish Nation. There is a road permit in place. Need to do further scoping on the road system to see best route for removing wood. Investigating ability to reconnect through gravel pit area to connect to Cheakamus 10 and avoid using Loggers' Lake road behind Cheakamus Crossing. Roads don't need to connect between CK15 & CK10.
- Hold Cheakamus Crossing open house for spring 2017
- CK02 west side of Whistler Mountain. Use road past water tower / Tunnel Vision. Need Whistler Blackcomb's agreement to open road in their CRA.
- CK10 – is ready to harvest but would need a stronger pulp market to utilize site. Examples of low / medium / high retention.
- R06-07 cutting permits received.
- W08 thinning to 200 stems per hectare (sph). Part of RMOW Forest Enhancement Society application. Lil'wat will do this blended with W02 anyways.
- S2S Resource District has \$75,000 for fuel thinning prescriptions. Tom Cole has put Cheakamus Road forward as a priority.
- Alpine Meadows (West Interface) – RMOW received UBCM funding for prescriptions. Comprehensive Wildfire Strategy will recommend MOU between RMOW & CCF. These areas are referred to First Nations to get cutting permits, etc. in place.
- Development Plan map underway with ERG (Hedberg & Associates).

- Discussed changing scale to 1:20,000 but would have to split mapping in half. Harder for public to review if maps split, show public what's new for harvesting and continue to show future plans.
- Show proposed (new areas with year) and where we are on the 10 year plan, and areas that are already contracted out. Continue to show future plans and reference the 10 year plan.
- No board objections to new openings – CK10 & Fee01
- CCF will wait for public open house and FWAC comments before final approval.
- Agree to show landscape fuel management possibilities on maps. Include "subject to" funding etc.
 - Allow CCF to continue referral process with First Nations.
 - Coordinate with Blackwell's comprehensive wildfire management strategy currently in development

Access Management Plan

A presentation by Tom Cole.

The draft access management plan is written and maps prepared. FWAC reviewed at November meeting and will review again at December meeting.

Trying to develop a coordinated approach to access management:

- Identify road status
- Identify constraints (i.e. areas where access will not be promoted)
- Identify recreation opportunities (established and "secret" spots)

Create decision matrix that allows CCF to know what to do with a road.

Purpose of project is two-fold:

1. Coordination role – CCF working with stakeholders to identify priority roads that CCF or others would manage.
2. Coordinate CCF harvesting roads while supporting other values, interests and uses.

Referral process: draft plan needs to go to BC Hydro, commercial recreation operators, FLNRO, BC Parks, RLAC & FWAC.

Road use / sharing policy: Board to review after December open house.

ACTION: Provide draft AMP & maps to Board. Revise plan after open house and referrals, then send to Board for approval.

Financials Review & 2017 Draft Budget

Presentation from Heather Beresford.

A discussion was held regarding the 2015 financial year end report. It is for Cheakamus Community Forest Limited Partnership, not Society. Update with accountant. Include partnership allocation.

ACTION: H. Beresford to continue finalizing 2016 bookkeeping and 2015 year end with the accountant with support from K. Mehaffey.

Board agrees that carbon revenue will only pay for projects (AMP, governance/policy report, etc.), not operations.

2016 Actuals vs Budget:

- Forecast 15,000m³ for 2017
- Do not include carbon revenue in operations include carbon as revenue, Overhead pays for harvesting operations
- Identify fixed costs.
- Create a reserve.
- Projected carbon sales: RMOW \$45,000 x 2 years (2017 & 2018) with potential \$30,750 in sales remaining before next tranche available for sale.
- Kerry Mehaffey will take on the role of treasurer.

Governance Policies
Draft Report – review

CCF board reviewed documents from Susan Mulkey, BCCFA. Suggested to apply a portion of the budget for S. Mulkey to write the policies in 2017. The board agrees as long as it is in the budget. CCF will review draft report and quote at next meeting, and determine next steps.

ACTION: Request quote from S. Mulkey to write recommended policies.

December 7 Open
House – confirm
topics/themes

CCF to present development plan, access management plan, fuel management poster display, and 10 year plan at the upcoming open house December 07, 2016. Jeff and Tom to give presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

FSC plan

Eco-trust waiting for Forest Stewardship Council to update criteria before completing assessment. No funds have been spent yet.

New director

Councillor John Grills replacing N. Wilhelm-Morden on CCF board as of December 6, 2016.


FWAC annual report

Received annual report. Tom Cole will review and prepare a formal written response.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jeff Fisher

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adjourn the November 23, 2016 Regular Meeting at 5:26 p.m.



CHAIR: Jeff Fisher



RECORDING SECRETARY: Shannon Perry