



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017, STARTING AT 9:00AM –
11:00AM**

**Public Safety Building – Fissile Room
4315 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Chair, Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation
Sue Maxwell, RMOW
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation
John Grills, RMOW

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

REGRETS:

Chief Dean Nelson, Lil'wat Nation
Chief Bill Williams, Squamish Nation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Sue Maxwell
Seconded by Kerry Mehaffey

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the
Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors agenda of February 28,
2017

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Sue Maxwell
Seconded by Kerry Mehaffey

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the
Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors minutes of November 23,
2016

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PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2017 Harvesting Plan Update

Presentation by Tom Cole, CCF Forest Manager

Wedge 08C:

Completed in January with 2,000 m³ harvested
Retained 200 sph. Target was 250 sph.
Still some clean up after snow melts.

Wedge 02:

Road complete. Ready for start-up.
Letter to RMOW Council from A. Whitney requesting RMOW stop logging plans in Wedge.

RO6 & RO7:

Permits approved.

A01:

Permit expires October 2017, need to extend.
Dority/Edna – discussed with Lil'wat. Needs road amortization.

Cheak 02:

Formal referral submitted to Whistler Blackcomb.
Need to fix road in CRA and do more groundwork.

Cheak 01:

FLNRO has FES funding to prepare wildfire management prescription

Indications pulp market improving in 2017. Prepare program for both fuel thinning and conventional harvesting. Should be able to harvest 20,000 m³ in 2017. Depends on fuel thinning projects.

CCF needs to be able to track carbon monitoring program. T. Cole and ERG in discussion regarding program approach. Will tie into government RESULTS reporting. Services agreement being prepared for ERG.

Access management plan update and next steps

Access management plan - T. Cole provided information to Recreation Sites & Trails BC and awaiting response. Scheduling meeting with BC Hydro. Engage commercial recreation operators in spring.

MOF Road Responsibility Request

Reviewed 2017 Forest Service Road – Transfer Request Summary of Issues, and Briefing Note (dated February 17, 2017) prepared by T. Cole.

FLNRO requesting CCF take over 4 roads (Cheakamus Sections 02, 06 and 09; Callaghan Section 01; Sixteen Mile Section 04; Brew Section 01). T. Cole recommends CCF take over these under Road Permits.

FLNRO will keep the following as FSR: 16 Mile; Cheakamus Lake Road; Callaghan Lake road; Daisy Lake Road to Bungee Jump; and Brandywine. FSRs continue to receive provincial funding for maintenance. Road permit roads do not.

Asphalt plant/quarry has an FSR through it. CCF needs that road in the future and recommends FSR status remains. T. Cole negotiating with BC Hydro & FLNRO to re-open that road system to avoid using Loggers Lake road for industrial. CCF should negotiate with RMOW to take over access management / road maintenance to Logger's Lake.

Actions:

- take road map and briefing note to FWAC for discussion
- engage commercial recreation operators
- finalize road use policy

Access plan identifies users and CCF can obligate them to maintain. Allows CCF to set standards in the future. Need to consider long term CCF road needs and ongoing recreation needs. Pursue cost sharing. Board agrees that CCF needs to take over some roads but needs more information before final decision is made.

Board approves T. Cole moving ahead with briefing note recommendations and report back on decision points. T. Cole to prepare project outline, timeline. Board notes that preparing a road use policy will provide clarity on CCF goals / objectives but is not enforceable.

ACTION: T. Cole will move ahead with recommendations in briefing note and report back to access committee in interim.

**Governance & Policy
Phase 2: Review
Proposal**

Board reviewed Governance and Policy Review, Phase II project outline/budget/timeline prepared by S. Mulkey.

Moved by K. Mehaffey
Seconded by S. Maxwell

That CCF hires S. Mulkey, BC Community Forest Association, to complete Governance and Policy Review, Phase II as described in the project proposal and to assign \$6000 maximum budget.

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**Financial Review &
2017 Draft Budget**

CCF reviewed 2016 actuals prepared by Weir & Co.
Comments:

- Bookkeeping structure should mirror the CCF partnership financial statements.

- Silviculture shouldn't be in overhead revenue, and should include Richmond Plywood transfer.
- Add logging actuals
- Break out T. Cole's hours for access management and carbon and expense against appropriate project, not against Forest manager budget

CCF reviewed draft 2017 budget prepared by Weir & Co.

- Add 2017 expected silviculture expenses to budget.
- Forecast – leave at 21,000 m3.
- Review budget quarterly. Workplan is approved and T. Cole accountable.
- Lil'wat referral fee of \$500 per compartment
- Residue needs to show as an expense

ACTION: T. Cole will review with Weir & Co. and recirculate to BOD.

WORCA Trail Proposal:
CCF Role

CCF Board reviewed WORCA proposal regarding approving trails in Whistler Interpretive Forest (WIF).

If recreation trail is part of CCF operational plan & First Nations agree, CCF can authorize. Will speed up trail authorization.

WORCA proposal is to work with CCF in areas it's already planning. Speed up approvals and stream line planning. In WIF, recreation components exist and also included in FSP. CCF should only do in areas where interests overlap.

Discussion: trails need to have objectives in order to control users and meet community values. CCF doesn't have authority to set objectives. Grey area around authorizing. CCF is assisting by including it in harvesting planning. CCF permit expires in four years, WORCA would then have to apply for Section 57. Suggest WORCA get Section 57 ready for 2 years. Name CCF on insurance.

ACTION: T. Cole continue discussion with WORCA and RSTBC.

CCF & RMOW Wildfire
Management
Memorandum of
Understanding

RMOW and CCF developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for delivering RMOW-driven fuel thinning projects within the CCF tenure.

RMOW received funding from Forest Enhancement Society to complete Callaghan Road fuel thinning treatment. Next FES intake is March 17 and RMOW will apply for next project.

Province announced new funding for reducing burning. Could assist with costs of getting wood debris to Callaghan composter.

New Business

i) Al Whitney's letter to RMOW Council and Pique Newsmagazine regarding logging at Wedge.

Comments:

- Wedge02 is a series of 5 openings from 1.2 – 4.5 hectares.
- CCF not logging on both sides of Comfortably Numb trail. In three places harvesting will be within 15m of trail. There will be a temporary road across Jeff's Trail that will be decommissioned.
- Low partial retention, not a clear cut.
- Ridge blocks most views. Visible from Hwy 99 just north of Emerald but not from Rainbow or Alpine.
- WORCA & FWAC have seen plans and they have been included in CCF open houses since 2013.
- CCF set the annual allowable cut lower than FRPA requirements due to ecosystem based management approach
- Old growth was selectively logged previously (Parkhurst era). Focused on cedar.
- Comfortably Numb was placed in either OGMA or EBM Reserve to protect old growth.
- The CCF creates more control and opportunities for First Nations on traditional territory
- Discussion regarding other campaigns to reduce or stop harvesting old growth. Should CCF move in that direction?

ACTION: T. Cole to provide response to letter and distribute to Board.

ii) BCCFA Annual report –

- Includes carbon income. 9-10 times the economic activity generated by logging compared to carbon, and puts more people to work.
- Logging generates \$100/m³. Carbon equivalent sale is \$10/m³

iii) Whistler Forest School letter requesting location to erect a shelter/structure in WIF for children's programs

- Board generally supports

ACTION: T. Cole will discuss further with WFS director.

(iv) 2015 BCCFA Indicators Report

- Some questions on numbers
- Send questions/comments to T. Cole

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by K. Mehaffey

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adjourn the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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CHAIR: Jeff Fisher



RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford