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## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY  
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017, STARTING AT 2:00 –  
4:30 P.M.**

**RMOW Municipal Hall – Piccolo Room  
4325 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

### **REGRETS:**

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

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by J. Grills

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the  
Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of  
November 9, 2017.

**CARRIED**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by J. Grills  
Seconded by S. Maxwell

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the  
Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting minutes of  
February 28, 2017.

**CARRIED**

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1. 2017 Harvesting  
Debrief & 2018  
Operational Plan  
Review

Presentation by Tom Cole, CCF Forest Manager

### 2017 Debrief

- Late snow and hot, dry weather delayed some projects.
- P07: Lil'wat providing updated costs; adding more volume site to compensate for increased development costs
- Anticipating approximately 18,000m<sup>3</sup> harvested by year end.

### 2018 Proposed Harvesting Plans

- F01 – Road upgraded. Planning 3 openings now.
- P07 – Lil'wat Forestry revising plans for Edna Creek blocks to be more efficient with additional volume. New road will not increase access to currently inaccessible areas.
- CK01 – All projection, no engineering completed yet. Harvesting plans would need to meet VQO. Community opposition to harvesting this area due to recreation impact and visual concerns. Remove from 2018 harvesting plan and use as a planning year with public input.

### ACTIONS:

- (i) Analyze CKO1 to determine trail locations, authorizations needed, etc.
  - (ii) Resolve road status through CRA
  - (iii) CCF Forest Manager meet with WORCA to discuss
  - (iv) Lil'wat Forestry will defer planning until decision made
- Basalt Valley Road – met with Malcolm Schulz and RMOW staff to discuss need for keeping FSR status through Cheakamus quarry site to maintain connection for harvesting in Cheakamus Valley. It avoids the need to use Loggers Lake road.

ACTION: CCF Forest Manager discuss road access with quarry owner.

- Cheakamus Lake Road wildfire fuel thinning planned for 2018. Start at far end of road first. Will take 2 years to complete.

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by J. Grills

**That** the CCF Board approve the 2018 Development Plan Summary except that Cheakamus01 is deferred for further review and public input.

CARRIED

2. Financials

Board reviewed draft 2016 actuals provided by Weir & Co.

**ACTION:** K. Mehaffey will review 2016 actuals and provide recommendation to Board with approval through an electronic motion.

**Draft 2018 Budget**

- Determine annual harvesting volumes from the 2018 plan, adjust retention and fuel management volumes.
- Carbon – Board wants to sell remaining credits to province as per ABSA terms.
- Remote sensing – McIlhenney can do satellite imagery at less cost than RMOW LiDAR option. Lil'wat doesn't have information to make decision on supporting the funding request.

**ACTION:** Forest Manager provide rationale before seeking budget approval at January meeting.

- Forest Manager costs – Forest Enhancement Society needs to compensate for Tom's time spent on the project.
- Budget needs to be accrual based.

**ACTION:** K. Mehaffey and H. Beresford to revise budget to show accruals.

- Fuel hazard abatement (burning debris) should be drawn from silviculture budget, not administration budget.
- Next steps: revise draft budget for approval at January meeting.

**3. Governance and Policy Project**

Susan Mulkey, BC Community Forest Association, provided policy and governance drafts. Civic Legal LP updated the Society bylaws and LPA with goal of creating consistency between documents and preparing for new Societies Act.

**ACTION:** Board will review drafts over next two weeks and provide comments to Governance subcommittee (K. Mehaffey and S. Maxwell) which will provide final drafts at January Board meeting.

Complete governance/policy pieces then create 5 year strategic plan.

**4. Committee or Program Updates**

**Carbon Project**

- J. Pallant preparing timeline, budget to complete carbon verification. Determine what data CCF needs to provide to verifier and include in work plan.

**Access Plan**

- Working with FLNRO to finalize road status and road permit amendments. Road use policy needs to be finalized.

**ACTION:** Forest Manager provide pro forma regarding road costs and liabilities that will be assumed by CCF.

**ACTION:** S. Maxwell and T. Cole will review road use policy and bring to January meeting for discussion and approval.

**Forest Enhancement Society BC**

- Discussed potential projects: Cheakamus Lake Road, Wedge 08 and 16 Mile Road prescription
- Seeking Board approval to make next application in November intake. Discussed process and timing for conducting nesting bird surveys to reduce impacts on production.

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by J. Fisher

**That** the CCF Board approves applying to Forest Enhancement Society BC for operational thinning of 60 hectares along Cheakamus Lake Road, debris management at Wedge 08, and prescription for 16 Mile Road.

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**Financial Review &  
2017 Draft Budget**

**FWAC Annual Report**

- Discussed that FWAC comments on policy and operational issues.
- CCF response to FWAC annual report should be reviewed by Board before distribution

**Wedge Campground Proposal**

- 30 acre site along Wedgemont Road
- Issues: Increased road use obligations for CCF; concerns over giving up harvesting and carbon rights for the area; potential increased fire risk; CCF has set aside significant areas from harvesting already
- RMOW and First Nations will respond to proponent separately through the provincial referral process

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by K. Mehaffey

**That** the CCF Board does not support the current Wedge campground application and that the Chair will respond to the applicant with cc to FLNRO, RMOW, Lilwat and Squamish First Nations.

CARRIED

**Forest Stewardship Plan Update**

- Extended to April 2018. Will need public review and First Nations consultation
- Valid for 5 years
- Forest Manager to prepare new FSP and track changes for Board review

**ACTION:** Forest Manager to provide outline of FSP changes contemplated for discussion at January Board meeting.


Board to meet four times in 2018 with dates set in advance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by K. Mehaffey

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the November 9, 2017 meeting at 4:35 p.m.

CARRIED

  
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CHAIR/ Jeff Fisher

  
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RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford

