

**Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors Meeting
December 10, 2013 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Whistler Public Library, Common Room**

Attendance:

Chief Lucinda Phillips, Lil'wat Nation
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation
Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation
Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW
Duane Jackson, RMOW

Heather Beresford, RMOW, Secretary
Peter Ackhurst CCF Forest Manager
Tom Cole Richmond Plywood

1. WELCOME

A discussion was held noting that Chief Bill Williams, Squamish Nation, was not re-elected, and that a new representative will be chosen for the CCF Board in the new year.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Fisher
Seconded by D. Jackson

That the Board adopt the agenda of December 10, 2013.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

March 13, 2013 Minutes
Moved by N. Wilhelm-Morden
Seconded by K. Mehaffey

September 27, 2013 Minutes
Moved by D. Jackson
Seconded by K. Mehaffey

That the Board adopt the minutes of March 13 and September 27, 2013.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION re: Minutes

A discussion was held regarding posting CCF Board minutes to the website.

ACTION: H. Beresford to discuss with Legislative Services.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding the need to finalize a road policy outlining responsibilities. MOF will close roads that are not being inspected and maintained, but many non-industrial roads are used for recreation. CCF could consider partnerships with commercial recreation operators.

ACTION: Add Road Policy to next agenda. Tom and Peter to bring a recommendation to the BOD.

5. 2013 ADMIN BUDGET REVIEW

A discussion held regarding the 2013 CCF Administration budget noting that it was on budget, but needs to use a formal, rigorous system of recording.

MOTION: Formalize administrative account accounting.

A discussion was held regarding the Richmond Plywood silviculture account which is a separate account managed by RichPly to accrue funds to pay for silviculture liabilities. Currently accruing \$4.75/m³, which is creating a surplus of funds, yet replanting is up to date. Request made to draw down funds.

MOTION: CCF Board supports request to draw down Richmond Plywood silviculture account by \$50,000 subject to Jeff Fisher's review and approval.

Moved by N. Wilhelm-Morden
Seconded by D. Jackson

CARRIED

6. 2013 LOGGING REPORT

A discussion was held regarding the 2013 logging activities where it was noted that 22,500 m³ were harvested by Sqomish, Lil'wat and Skytech crews. Employing the one Lil'wat crew of 5 people for 7 months meets the Lil'wat's expectations at this time. The recreation bridge associated with the RV Park became an issue with non-motorized public recreationists and Blackcomb Snowmobiles. Year was not profitable, but Richmond Plywood covering the losses as it needs the wood supply for its mill. RichPly was carrying \$95,000 for planning/engineering going into 2013 but has completely paid it off.

7. ROADS AND BRIDGES

A discussion was held regarding roads and bridge work in 2013. The RV bridge at Brandywine raised concerns but permit process was followed. Lesson learned is the need to see written agreements between stakeholders beforehand. CCF Board needs to be informed of these types of issues before permissions given or agreements made.

RMOW has received funding to replace the Cheakamus River bridge in 2014 as part of the Sea to Sky Trail. As part of Cheakamus Valley plan, CCF needs to decide if industrial access will be needed through that southern route.

8. RECREATION PROJECTS

A discussion was held regarding the Ancient Cedars project where \$38,000 - \$40,000 spent over last 2 years to make improvements to trail, parking lot, signs and benches. A co-operative project between WB, Rotary, TAG, ACC, and CCF.

Future recreation projects should be developed through the municipal Trail Planning Working Group under the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan. CCF is a member of the Trail Planning Working Group.

9. CARBON CREDIT PROJECT

A discussion was held regarding the carbon credit project where it was noted that Stantech has completed the verification process, and validators will come in January. Expect to sell credits by March 2014. Still need to finalize agreement with Province. RMOW to review internal documents.

10. FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

A discussion was held regarding the Forest Management Plan. A signed FMP is required early in 2014 for the carbon project. Squamish and Lil'wat need to further review, and RMOW agreed to sign "as is" providing an addendum can be added that the FMP will be revised in the near term at RMOW expense to expand on EBM plan content, wildfire management, climate change and recreation.

MOTION: RMOW will draft an addendum for CCF Board approval to be attached to the FMP identifying proposed revisions that will be presented to MOFLNRO. Due January 15, 2014.

11. WEDGE CREEK IPP

A discussion was held regarding the two IPPs in the Wedge area: Wedge (Lil'wat project), and Wedgemount (Wedgemount developer). CCF has road and clearing agreements with both. Lil'wat anticipate two more years until all approvals received.

12. FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

A discussion was held regarding Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification that Ecotrust continues to work on. CCF Board agreed to remove the item from its agenda until further notice.

13. CHEAKAMUS VALLEY LOGGING PLANS

A discussion was held regarding RMOW issues with logging in the Cheakamus Valley: access past Cheakamus Crossing neighbourhood; and prefer to complete wildfire management planning before determining where logging may take place in Cheakamus Valley. Blackwell fire analysis due December 20, 2013. Decision needs to be made on road access. RMOW willing to fund completion of an integrated plan with a wildfire and recreation management focus to present to the community. RMOW asks for another one year deferral in Cheakamus Valley until integrated plan complete.

Discussion about RichPly expenses in Cheak 10 area. Requested reimbursement or in-kind benefit to offset the \$20,000 planning/engineering expense. To be determined at a later date.

MOTION: CCF Board supports the 2014 logging plan except logging in the Cheakamus Valley will be deferred for one more year contingent on the RMOW completing and approving a long term, integrated plan for the Cheakamus Management Unit.

RMOW will discuss internally how to move the plan forward and will report back to the Board.

Note: Agenda items skipped and rearranged due to time constraints.

16. LOG EXPORTS

A discussion was held regarding ability to recover some costs through the export of logs which command a much higher price.

MOTION: CCF Board approves the export of logs to overseas markets.

20. RICHMOND PLYWOOD AGREEMENT

A discussion was held regarding the renewal of the Richmond Plywood agreement due to expire October 2014. Some items were identified for renegotiation with Richmond Plywood.

MOTION: CCF Board agrees to extend Richmond Plywood agreement to October 2015 and will discuss with Richmond Plywood.

18. OLD FOREST PROJECT

A discussion was held regarding Old Forest Plan which was presented at a public open house on December 5, 2013. B.A. Blackwell & Associates prepared a draft Old Growth Management Area (OGMA) plan to meet MOF's 19% target for Whistler Landscape Unit, as well as a map showing EBM reserves and OGMA within the CCF only to meet 30% target of EBM plan. Funds provided by CFOW are spent, but plan needs more work as concerns were raised from forestry and AWARE. The RMOW will develop a plan to move the initiative forward and report back to the BOD.

23. NEXT MEETING

Schedule for first week of March 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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