



CHEAKAMUS
COMMUNITY
FOREST

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020 2:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

Location: Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

Chair, Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation
Arthur DeJong, RMOW
John Grills, RMOW

Forest Manager, Simon Murray, RPF
Administrator, Heather Beresford

Regrets:
Lucinda Phillips, Lil'wat Nation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Grills
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of December 10, 2020.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Grills
Seconded by K. Mehaffey

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2020.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS

Forest Manager
Report

Forest Manager report discussion led by Simon Murray, CCF Forest Manager.

- 1) 2021 Harvesting Plan
 - a) Very similar to previous years
 - b) Possibilities in Brandywine, Callaghan valleys, waiting for direction from First Nations' operating partners (Fee 01/02, Powder 07)
 - c) Cheakamus 16 – not engineered, second growth
 - d) Cheakamus 09, 10 and 12 all need Basalt Valley road connector built. Economics are challenging.
 - e) Brew 04 – potential, needs engineering
 - f) S02 and S04 (16 Mile FSR area) – higher elevation, greater than 50 years old. Some preliminary analysis. LFV interested.
 - g) Wedge 09 – a new unit. Second growth, Douglas fir plantation. In spotted owl habitat area requiring high retention. Not assigned to an operator yet.
 - h) 16 Mile FSR wildfire fuel reduction funding application rejected by CRI. Need more information to determine if log sales can offset costs. RMOW may have some funding to prepare prescription in 2021 and implement in 2022-23. Consider how prescriptions can be adjusted to allow for a range of options that deliver varying levels of risk reduction and therefore costs.

- 2) Second Growth Harvesting & Carbon Project
 - a) Robert Seaton, Brinkman Associates, provided insight regarding implications of harvesting more mature second growth on the carbon project obligations. Determined that it won't have significant carbon project impacts, but harvesting young stands diminishes their future value. Appears that CCF could harvest more older second growth. Relieves pressure on old growth and opens more harvesting opportunities.
 - b) LFV provided memo requesting more opportunity to harvest closer to the CCF AAC. Requested CCF obtain LiDAR to assist with planning. RMOW next flying LiDAR in 2023. Consider doing analysis on the CCF area in the RMOW to determine if LiDAR would find any new areas. Old Growth Strategic Review may change how forests are managed.

ACTION: S. Murray and K. Tindall to discuss options, and Simon to provide Board with recommendation.

- 3) Wildfire Fuel Thinning Project – C02
 - a. Work started December 7 but extreme rain event created very wet ground in places. May need to not treat sensitive areas. Project area is from 0.5 – 2 km mark. Received a couple of noise

complaints on first day. Contractor may leave site and return in January.

- FWAC Annual Report** CCF Board reviewed the 2019 CCF Annual Report submitted by the RMOW's Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee.
- ACTION:** S. Murray will review and respond to FWAC early in 2021. Board to review draft.
- Carbon Allocation Policy** CCF Board reviewed the draft Carbon Fund Allocation Policy and the list of carbon revenue funded projects.
- Board discussed creating a standardized application process; importance of including First Nations review and projects; prioritize projects that provide strong community benefit and are not under jurisdiction of other agencies.
- ACTION:** J. Grills, A. DeJong and H. Beresford to finalize policy and prepare list of potential projects by next Board meeting.
- Administration Budget** Board discussed draft admin budget showing anticipated expenditures not including FESBC funded projects in 2021.
- Discussed how to correctly assign carbon funds and need for proper budgeting template.
- Accountant** K. Mehaffey receiving quotes from accounting firms. Close out 2020 with current accountant and hand over to new firm in April 2021. Assign \$6000 annual budget for accounting services.
- ACTION:** Update 2020 actuals in January, approve 2021 admin budget at next meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by J.Fisher

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the December 10, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting at 4:29 p.m.

CARRIED



PRESIDENT: Jeff Fisher



RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford

