



## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday, December 6, 2021 2:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

### **PRESENT:**

Chair, John Grills, RMOW  
Lucinda Philips, Lil'wat Nation  
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation  
Rick Jaccard, Squamish Nation  
Arthur DeJong, RMOW

Administrator, Heather Beresford  
Forestry Manager, Simon Murray

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by K. Mehaffey  
Seconded by A. DeJong

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of December 6, 2021.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by A. DeJong  
Seconded by K. Mehaffey

**That** Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting minutes of September 23, 2021.

CARRIED

### **1. TIMBER HARVEST ANALYSIS**

- Robert Seaton, Brinkman & Associates, modeled 13,500 m<sup>3</sup>/year for the CCF. Results show the licence can sustain that volume without harvesting any stands 250+ years old.
- Modelling Notes:

- Priority given to some of the older stands, to allow the thrifty young valley bottom stands more time to put on growth
- In a pure NPV optimization model to select a cut-off for harvestability, decades 3 through 5 fall below the 13,500m<sup>3</sup> target. If a uniform 400m<sup>3</sup>/ha minimum target is used for harvest, the model sustains 13,500m<sup>3</sup>+ in every decade. This means that for a few decades harvest of a few stands below the economically optimal time is required to bridge the timber supply.
- The model allows for increased in-block retention to achieve the visual quality targets.
- Discussion on impacts to reducing the AAC from 21,000 to 13,500 m<sup>3</sup>. The “surplus” volume would not be harvested in the future.
- Shifting harvest from old growth to second growth presents an opportunity to prioritize certain areas for harvesting based on wildfire risk. Will need outside funding to offset costs of removing non-merchantable timber and debris.

## **2. MODERNIZING FOREST POLICY**

- Community Forests including the CCF, prefer to stay on less expensive tabular rates instead of stumpage as the new policy is recommending. Note that if the CCF doesn't include old growth in the harvesting mix, which has a lower stumpage rate due to low value, the average stumpage rate will increase more if the appraisal/stumpage system is implemented.
- CCF will provide input to FLRNO during the comment period recommending CFs stay on tabular rate to recognize increased costs incurred through additional management efforts and more closely working with communities.

## **3. FORESTRY MANAGER REPORT**

### **i. Harvesting Plans**

- Brew 04: heli-logging; pro forma drafted; 16,000m<sup>3</sup>
- Wedge 09: high retention; 50% of volume b/c spotted owl management area; 2500 m<sup>3</sup>
- S02/S05 (16 Mile FSR area): series of small second growth blocks; engineered, low-medium retention; will need upgrades to 16 Mile FSR; 10,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Cheakamus 17: Spotted owl management area; approximately 50 years old; adjacent to BC Hydro ROW; 5,000m<sup>3</sup>
- Fee 01: not old growth as previously thought; road being upgraded by other so brings development costs down; 2,500m<sup>3</sup>
- Totals 36,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Cut control period is 2019 – 2023; CCF has cut 18,000 m<sup>3</sup> to date so is undercut

R. Jaccard joined at 3:32 p.m.

### **ii. Wildfire Projects**

- Cheakamus 02: Lil'wat Forestry Ventures still trying to complete final debris clean up in order to release final FESBC payment. Weather is very challenging. CCF will help cover clean-up costs by providing \$5,000 - \$7,000.

- N02 (south of Stonebridge), N03/04, N05: wildfire projects identified by Blackwell & Associates; will need outside funding. Some potential for merchantable timber.
- 16 Mile FSR: wildfire project identified by Blackwell & Associates; will need outside funding. Some potential for merchantable timber.

**iii. Forest Stewardship Plan Update**

- FSP submitted on November 19. Approval in Q1 2022.
- Referrals resubmitted to Squamish Nation & Lil'wat Nation due to the length of time and changes since original referral.

**iv. Forest Practices Board Audit**

- No further communications; waiting for final results.

**v. CCF Old Growth Deferral**

- CCF deferred harvesting old growth in 2021 at its June 10, 2021 meeting
- Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation are reviewing with the Province its recent old growth deferral announcement

Moved by A. DeJong  
Seconded by K. Mehaffey

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest will continue its voluntary old growth deferral until further notice.

CARRIED

**vi. Provincial Initiative: Modernizing Forest Policy**

- CFs may be moved to appraisal system. CCF will make a submission requesting to stay with tabular rates
- Old growth deferrals are part of the process
- Forest Landscape Plans will eventually replace FSPs

**vii. UBC Biofuel Research Project**

- CCF approached by researcher, Kevin Kung, UBC, to participate in a pilot project working on turning remote, hard-to-access forest residues into higher-value bio-products using portable equipment.
- No cost obligation to CCF

Moved by A. DeJong  
Seconded by J. Grills

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest supports participation in the UBC bio-products pilot project in 2022.

CARRIED

**viii. Harvesting Plans (Revisited)**

- Discussion re: harvesting second growth, potentially changing the AAC, combining harvesting with wildfire treatment priorities. Concluded that it is premature to make any decisions about AAC levels at this time.

Moved by L. Phillips  
Seconded by K. Mehaffey

**That** the Cheakamus Community Forest supports the 2022 harvesting plan as presented while respecting the continuing voluntary CCF old growth deferral.

CARRIED

#### **4. STRATEGIC PLANNING**

- On hold until Squamish Nation officially appoints two directors in order to have full representation.

#### **5. OPEN HOUSE**

- Focus on 2022 harvesting plans.
- Hold in February or March
- Lil'wat Nation will share the information through its referral committee and combine with other topics at an upcoming community open house
- Share plans on [CCF website](#)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **UBC Student Intern Program 2022**
  - Board declined due to oversight and resourcing challenges

#### **ADJOURN**

Moved by L. Phillips

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the December 6, 2021 Board of Directors' meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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CHAIR: John Grills

  
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RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford