



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, April 7, 2022 2:00 – 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
Kathleen Edwards, Squamish Nation
Arthur DeJong, RMOW

Administrator, Heather Beresford
Forestry Manager, Simon Murray

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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 agenda of April 7, 2022.

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 December 6, 2021.

CARRIED

Welcome to Kathleen Edwards and Rick Jaccard, recently appointed as Squamish Nation directors.

1. FOREST MANAGER'S REPORT

- S02 in 16 Mile Valley – Archaeological review to be done then apply for cutting permit. Pro forma completed. Harvesting planned for autumn 2022 but road upgrades would occur in summer.
- Wedge – Archaeological assessment planned. Engineering complete. WORCA engagement underway.

K. Mehaffey joined at 2:21 p.m.

- Fee 01 – planning is underway.
- Brew 04 – large volume (16,000m³) by helicopter. Arch review requested and will be done following mapping. Plans referred to RV Park Manager. Carbon footprint analysis requested by FWAC but too early to determine. This project not likely to occur in 2022. Margins are slim.

Board continues to support Wedge 09 and 16 Mile S02 plans. Board gives conditional support to Brew04 but Forest Manager will hold further planning/expenditures until market condition risk is reduced.

2022 Goals and Objectives

1. S. Murray shared draft 2022 goals and objectives for forestry manager. Document provides clear outcomes and metrics. Forestry Manager will report out at year end.

Forest Practices Board Audit

2. FPB provided the final report. CCF in non-compliance due to presence of 8 debris piles that have not been managed to abate fire risk. FPB provided a recommendation to RMOW to update its Fire & Life Safety Bylaw to be compliant with Wildfire Act. CCF needs alternative solution to dispose of debris if burning is not possible. CCF required to respond to FPB by mid-April.

2. CARBON PROGRAM

Robert Seaton, Brinkman Group led a discussion of the state of the CCF's carbon program, opportunities and future direction to consider.

- The CCF currently has 30,000 tCO₂e available with another 8,500 tonnes from original tranche that is being negotiated with Province for inclusion. Strategy to date has been opportunistic, responding to requests to purchase rather than a strategic marketing approach. CCF carbon was initially priced at a premium but the global market is catching up and interest from large buyers is growing.
- CCF has BC accredited offsets which are not parallel to global offsets. Have to take a small discount as a result. CCF will have more offsets in two years.
- New federal program still excludes projects implemented prior to 2017 but only applies to provinces that don't have an existing carbon program. It's still a highly motivated voluntary market and offsets don't replace having to pay taxes. If offset purchase became mandatory, sales would increase substantially. Price is likely to go up but hard to say how much. It depends on to what degree carbon offsets become a regulatory requirement and how well accepted are offsets created under the BC accreditation.

Discussion:

- Airline and other tourism related sales fit Whistler due to its visitor footprint

- Board interested in promoting local sales (Lower Mainland). Some discussion of how to do that – create a campaign?
- CCF could potentially change to the preferred global standard but it would be challenging. CCF project is accredited under BC's Forest Carbon Offset Protocol which is no longer used and the new BC standard hasn't been finalized. FCOP is a good program, just different than global or new BC system.
- Carbon program could potentially be expanded if CCF Annual Allowable Cut was reduced. Brinkman did the analysis. It's important to have discussion with the District office on any changes to AAC. Old growth deferral process is underway which may have an impact.
- Carbon profits can be spent as the CCF sees fit but the program must continue to meet FCOP's additionality requirement. Need to balance spending carbon funds on improved forest management and other programs.
- Board will discuss a preferred carbon marketing approach at its strategic planning workshop. Set objectives.
- The CCF is the only CF in BC with an Atmospheric Benefits Sharing Agreement (ABSA) to sell carbon offsets but many other licensees are interested. Province is considering carbon projects in First Nation woodland licenses and other CFs but there may be a limit to what will be approved. Projects have to be sensitive to local economics and First Nations' rights and title issues.
- R. Seaton will begin considering potential carbon purchasers.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

- Hire a facilitator, seek a date within 6 weeks or so.
- 4-6 hours, lunch, in person
- Arrange a pre-meeting with each partner and facilitator to review specific issues
- Resend current strategic plan – is this the kind of document Board wants for next version?

4. CCF 2022 ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

- Board reviewed draft budget
- Add engineering, field work for 2023 harvesting that will be done in 2022. Forest Manager to determine appropriate budget for line 60.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Minister Conroy Letter re: old growth deferrals**
 - CFs now have option to establish their own OG deferral strategy and get approval from the District Manager. CFs and First Nation woodland licenses given this more flexible process. Board will discuss further at strategic planning session.

ADJOURN

Moved by K. Edwards

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the April 7, 2022 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 4:17 p.m.

CARRIED

John Grills

CHAIR: John Grills

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford