



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 12, 2024 2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Location: Google Meet

PRESENT:

Kathleen Edwards, Squamish Nation, President/Chair

Helena Edmonds, Lil'wat Nation

Molly Hudson, Nch'kay Development Corporation (for Squamish Nation)

Martin Pardoe, RMOW

Arthur DeJong, RMOW

Chair, Heather Beresford, Executive Director

REGRETS

Jordan Gabriel, Lil'wat Nation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A DeJong

Seconded by M. Pardoe

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of December 12, 2024.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. DeJong

Seconded by M. Pardoe

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board meeting minutes of September 26, 2024.

CARRIED

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Update was provided to Board on shared Google drive folder
- Highlights/key points shared:
 - Harvesting completed at P03, P04 and P05. CCF re has received \$312,500 from Ashlaur for log sales with some funds still being held back for final invoices.
 - Planning underway for 2025: BW series in Brandywine; approximately 75 hectares along Callaghan Creek FSR adjacent to past wildfire risk reduction projects
 - Community Outreach - Information session held on December 3 at SLCC was well attended and received. Featured Nick Soverel describing climate resiliency plan, Dr. Lori Daniels discussing results of wildfire project monitoring, Andy Kwan discussing how climate risk assessment will be operationalized.
 - Carbon audit verification complete and offsets being uploaded to provincial carbon registry. Invoices sent to companies wishing to purchase offsets in 2024.
 - Climate Resiliency Planning - Frontera is developing the risk assessment. Expected to be complete in spring 2025.
 - Western Spruce Budworm - CCF collaborating with Province on doing public engagement for the provincial Pest Management Plan. Engage with Lil'wat Nation and Squamish Nation first. CCF will undertake egg mass and species surveys. Coordinate with other 2 Sea to Sky community forests. Look for opportunities to include First Nation youth.
 - ACTION: H. Beresford connect with H. Edmonds and K. Edwards re: student opportunities
 - Executive Director Performance and compensation review - H. Beresford requested the Board complete a performance review and requested a raise in compensation based on what has been accomplished in the last two years.
 - ACTION: K. Edwards will call a special meeting in January with Board members to develop and undertake a process for the review.
 - Q3 Variance Report - high level review. Board wants to know about any anomalies. Suggested CCF begin a longer budget plan forecast. Point shared that expenditures are relatively easy to forecast but revenue is harder due to fluctuating log markets. Carbon smoothes out the revenue. Goal will be to establish a two year operational plan that is permitted and ready to go in response to market conditions.
 - ACTION: H. Beresford meet with M. Hudson in January to discuss.

2. WORCA POLICY

- CCF Board approved the draft WORCA policy in December 2023 pending additional Lil'wat Nation review to add more details around cultural values. That was completed in spring 2024 but the policy inadvertently didn't come back to the Board for adoption.
- Current review:
 - i. Board requests that a paragraph about cultural values and reconciliation be added at the start of the policy to reinforce CCF mission and goals.
 - ii. Draft policy 2 re: no net loss of trails or rider experience. Clarify that CCF will fix authorized trails affected by harvesting operations. Remove phrase about no impacts to rider experience as the experience will change over time regardless. Include wording that Nations reserve the right to review trails for

cultural impacts and have trails removed that are impacting cultural areas/values.

- ACTION: revise and approve by email

3. FINANCIAL AUDIT

- H. Beresford discussed options for financial reviews with BDO. A financial audit is not a legal requirement for the CCF. A CCF partner may request an audit if it requires that information for its own financial reporting. There are a number of options for reviewing specific aspects of the CCF's financial reporting.
 - ACTION: H. Beresford will adjust the draft Financial Audit policy based on BDO information. Bring to next BOD meeting.

4. DRAFT 2025 BUDGET

- Additional engineering budget will be required to achieve Board request to have two years of harvesting operations prepared. Note that revenue will not be booked until harvesting of the blocks takes place in future.
- Provincial carbon revenue was identified for 2024 budget but won't be received until 2025. Show it in the budget in the year it's received.
- Community Benefit Program - Board supports but feels CCF needs flexibility for low revenue years. Potential projects should focus on delivering the CCF mission statement, i.e environmental projects and reconciliation are the priorities.
 - MacLaurin Scholarship - Whistler Community Foundation manages the scholarship fund and information sharing. Squamish and Lil'wat Nations requested that WCF contact their education departments rather than going to the high schools directly. Students may be missed.
 - Potential projects: signs that explain Nations' role in the CCF tenure area. Directors will suggest other ideas.
 - ACTION: Connect Claire Mozes, WCF, with H. Edmonds and K. Edwards.

5. New Business

- N/A

ADJOURN

Moved by A. DeJong

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the December 12, 2024 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 4:08 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: K. Edwards

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford

