



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, June 27, 2024 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

Location: Google Meet

PRESENT:

Helena Edmonds, Lil'wat Nation, Chair
Gary Muuren, Nch'kay Development Corporation (for Squamish Nation)
Martin Pardoe, RMOW
Arthur DeJong, RMOW
Jordan Gabriel, Lil'wat Nation

Chair, Heather Beresford, Executive Director

REGRETS

Kathleen Edwards, Squamish Nation, President/Chair

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Pardoe
Seconded by A DeJong

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of June 27, 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 March 14, 2024.

CARRIED

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Update was provided to Board on shared Google drive folder
- Highlights/key points shared:
 - BCCFA conference in Mackenzie largely focused on wildfire, climate change and First Nations' involvement
 - Harvesting well underway at P03, P04 and P05. CCF to receive \$175,000 advance from Ashlaur for log sales
 - Community Outreach - coming up: presentation to AWARE Board, Mature Action Community, info walk in interpretive forest
 - Cheakamus Lake Road grading took place this week. MOF paid for grader, CCF paid for 8 loads of fill to improve road surface
 - Carbon audit verification underway. Some minor changes requested to model.
 - Heather spoke with Lisa Pedrini and Brian George regarding the referral processes. Both will have monthly update meetings with Andy Kwan from Chartwell to ensure all information is clear and answer questions.

2. FOREST MANAGEMENT APPROACH

The CCF was an early adopter of EBM in 2009 but it is showing limitations in the current realities of climate change and wildfire. Many community forests are now developing climate and wildfire resiliency plans that manage for multiple values. Harrop-Proctor Community Forest is a leader and already implementing its [climate & wildfire plan](#).

J. Gabriel arrived 3:27 p.m.

Harrop-Proctor Framework Planning Steps:

1. Risk Assessment - Using LiDAR, terrestrial ecosystem mapping and fuel type/hazard information, prioritize areas for adaptation actions
2. Operations Strategy - based on the results of the climate change risk assessment, an operational climate change strategy is developed for the community forest landbase. The operations strategy includes specific climate-based resistance, resilience, and realignment techniques, including identification of priority reserve areas, location of strategic landscape-level fuel breaks, descriptions of partial cutting techniques, and the development of fire and climate-adapted stocking standards
3. Management Plan & AAC Scenarios - Determines how fast to adapt. A custom-built timber supply model is used to assess potential impacts of a suite of climate adaptation-based harvest scenarios

Board reviewed the approach and agreed that the CCF should begin planning in a similar way. The first step is to complete the risk assessment. Determine what can be done in 2024 with existing planning budget then budget for next steps in 2025. Heather will report back at September meeting.

Discussion on Lil'wat Forestry Ventures new [carbonizer](#) (burns wood waste and produces biochar). It will increase the number of days and volume of wood waste that can be burned with much improved air quality. Biochar has many uses such as fertilizer, ground stabilization and filtering contaminated water. Useful biochar website:

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://climate.mit.edu/explainers/biochar&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1720745669940312&usq=AOvVaw14WEIZE2lqEUa8Km8QICnw>

3. 2023 FINANCIAL YEAR END REPORT

BDO provided a draft 2023 financial year end report. Board requested definition of Partners' Capital before approving the report.

Board discussed GST applicability to CCF operations, stumpage rates and CCF structure. Is the CCF set up in the best way to capture all tax benefits?

ACTION: G. Muuren will discuss with his contacts and report back to CCF on potential next steps.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- n/a

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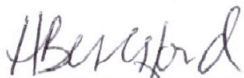
Moved by A. DeJong

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the 27th day of June, 2024 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 4:25 p.m.

CARRIED



CHAIR: H. Edmonds



RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford