



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 26, 2025 2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Location: Zoom

PRESENT:

Jordon Gabriel, Lil'wat Nation

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

Martin Pardoe, RMOW

Arthur DeJong, RMOW

Heather Beresford, Executive Director

REGRETS

Kathleen Edwards, Squamish Nation, President/Chair

Helena Edmonds, Lil'wat Nation, Vice Chair

Martin Pardoe selected to act as Chair

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A DeJong

Seconded by M. Hudson

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of June 26, 2025.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. DeJong

Seconded by M. Hudson

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board meeting minutes of March 13, 2025.

CARRIED

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Update was provided to Board on shared Google drive folder
- Highlights/key points shared:
 - Planning underway for 2025: BW series in Brandywine; approximately 75 hectares in R10 blocks along Callaghan Creek FSR in past wildfire risk reduction projects
 - CCF & CRGL staff working with Canadian Wilderness management to understand where areas of concern are and minimize impacts
 - Discussion - market impacts of Softwood Lumber dispute with US will likely result in [increased duties in August](#). Uncertain impacts to the BC markets. Note that CCF wood is not competing in hard, competitive markets and we may experience steady prices with solid demand.
 - Climate Resiliency Planning - Frontera completed the risk assessment. Chartwell beginning work on the operational plan later this summer. Aim is to get 2026 harvesting referrals submitted before year end in order to be ready for 2026 harvesting.
 - Western Spruce Budworm - Engagement with all Coast Nations including Lil'wat Nation and Squamish Nation underway. Public engagement will follow. Provincial WSB team coming to Spel'kumtn CF on July 2.
 - Jordon noted that he is touring the Lil'wat Nation rights and title team in CCF soon and requested copy of risk assessment.
 - MacLaurin Memorial Scholarship - first scholarship was awarded to Nate Lawrence of Whistler Secondary School. CCF Board discussed that scholarship information didn't seem to get passed to Lil'wat and Squamish Nations before Whistler Community Foundation (WCF) application deadline passed. Board wishes to award 3 scholarships each year, one for each partner community. The Whistler Secondary award will still go through Whistler Community Foundation while CCF ED will distribute annual application paperwork directly to Squamish and Lil'wat Nations' educational reps and CCF Board will choose the successful applicants. CCF annual budget will cover the costs of the Lil'wat and Squamish Nation scholarships while the WCF fund will cover the Whistler scholarship. If there are no suitable applicants from a partner community, the funds will be retained in the CCF account.

Moved by M. Pardoe
Seconded by A. DeJong

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors amend the scholarship award program to allow for one annual scholarship to be awarded to suitable applicants from each of the CCF partner communities.

CARRIED

ACTION: H. Beresford distribute scholarship application information to Molly and Kathleen, and Jordon and Helena.

- RMOW Trails Strategy passed by Council recently. It is a high level decision-making policy rather than a location based trail alignment plan.

2. CARBON SALES

- Woodfibre LNG made a request to CCF Board to consider a one time top up for construction phase offsets, plus an operational phase five year procurement with options to renew.
- Board discussed the proposal. Noted that WLNG is local, making significant efforts to carbon reduced operations, contributes to the local economy and the Squamish Nation is a beneficiary and a regulator of the project. Board directed negotiations to seek best prices and terms for both the construction and operations phases and leave option for sales prices to increase in future. Board wishes to hold some credits back for other buyers.
- Other potential compliance purchasers are approaching CCF. Board requests that ED and Robert Seaton hold meetings then report back to Board for discussion as per CCF carbon purchasing policy.

3. 2024 FINANCIALS

- Board reviewed the 2024 financials provided by BDO. No further discussion.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Molly Hudson thanked the Board for supporting her nomination to the BC Community Forest Association Board.

ADJOURN

Moved by A. DeJong

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the June 26, 2025 Board of Directors' regular meeting at 3:42 p.m.

CARRIED

Martin Pardoe

CHAIR: M. Pardoe

H. Beresford

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford