



CHEAKAMUS
COMMUNITY
FOREST

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY
FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Location: Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

Chair, Jeff Fisher, Squamish Nation
Kerry Mehaffey, Lil'wat Nation
Arthur DeJong, RMOW
John Grills, RMOW

Forest Manager, Simon Murray, RPF
Administrator, Heather Beresford

Regrets:
Lucinda Phillips, Lil'wat Nation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Grills
Seconded by J. Fisher

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting agenda of September 17, 2020.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by J. Fisher

That Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors adopt the Cheakamus Community Forest Board of Directors regular meeting minutes of June 4, 2020.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS

1. June Meeting
Actions Review
 - Transfer \$70,000 to FESBC account for temporary loan – Completed
 - Lil'wat Forestry Ventures provided C03 log report.
 - S. Murray provided road construction budget for alternative Basalt Valley Spur connection to D. Jackson. Quarry route is possible but not best route for long term public access. Consider alternate route from further along Jane Lakes Road. 1.5km new road needed, rough estimate of \$200,000 with timber opportunities along road alignment. S. Murray to investigate further.
 - GIC investment options researched, decision TBD
 - 2019-2020 silviculture payments reviewed, leave as is
 - Accountant – confirmed that K. Mehaffey will arrange new accounting firm

2. Forest Manager
Report

Forest Manager report discussion led by Simon Murray, CCF Forest Manager.

 - 1) Fuel Reduction Program:
 - a) Cheakamus Lake Road C03 and C04 complete.
 - b) FESBC approved budget for C02 at \$12,000 per hectare. Remaining 25% to be provided by RMOW. Public engagement to start ASAP. Lil'wat Forestry Ventures will do the work.

 - 2) 2020 Harvesting Plans:
 - a) C09, C12 and C10 in Cheakamus valley and Brandywine, Powder 07 not proceeding. C01 deferred.
 - b) Brew B04 is promising for 2021 harvesting.
 - c) 16 Mile – LFV investigating. RMOW applying for Wildfire Risk Reduction funding to complete prescription.

 - 3) Other Projects
 - a. Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 - Parcel A rezoning approved. Sqomish Forestry meeting with developer and may do clearing work. Some merchantable timber.
 - b. Cal-Cheak Recreation Site – RSTBC is building 20 new sites. Sqomish Forestry doing the work. Approximately 500m³ (10 loads) that go toward CCF AAC.
 - c. CCF required by FLNRO to repair guardrails on Wedge Crossing bridge. CCF is primary and holds responsibility, but other commercial interests use the bridge and road. Board approved spending CCF funds to repair the railings.

ACTION: S. Murray to seek cost-sharing contributions and/or road sharing agreements from other commercial road users.

- 4) Forest Stewardship Plan Update:
 - a) FSP extension confirmed until October 2020. Final draft under review by J. Fisher.
- 5) Basalt Valley Access:
 - a) Discussed earlier. RMOW applied for funds to create a [Geopark](#) in the area around Whistler with one location being the basalt columns along Jane Lakes Road.
- 6) Carbon Sequestration:
 - a) Carbon program removes significant portion of second growth forests from harvesting opportunities and creates more pressure to harvest old growth. Province is indicating it wants to move away from harvesting old growth – see [Old Growth Harvest Review](#). Would need Brinkman to investigate options to free up 10-20 hectares of second growth per year without compromising carbon program commitments. Also consider how the wildfire program can be integrated into carbon program and retention logging program.

ACTION: Forest Manager to engage Brinkman to investigate options for adapting carbon program to provide additional second growth harvesting options that integrate wildfire program and reduce pressure on harvesting old growth. Budget maximum set at \$10,000.

3. Monitoring Program

The RMOW Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee is recommending that the RMOW and CCF expand wildfire and harvesting monitoring programs to consider additional values important to community such as ecological and recreational values. CCF Administrator reached out to UBC research program which will study efficacy of wildfire fuel thinning projects in select BC community forests.

CCF is satisfied with its existing monitoring program.

4. Carbon Allocation Policy

K. Mehaffey will investigate options for short term investing of carbon funds. Discussion regarding options for distributing some funds to community projects.

ACTION: H. Beresford to draft carbon funds allocation policy and provide project ideas.

ADJOURN

Moved by A. DeJong

That the Cheakamus Community Forest Board adjourn the September 17, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED



PRESIDENT: Jeff Fisher



RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford