

CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST

CARBON SALES POLICY

Version	Date Adopted
V1	October 6, 2022
V2	March 12, 2026 (added criteria for Tier 3 purchasers and reference to Output Based Pricing System)

The Cheakamus Community Forest (CCF) has established a Carbon Offsetting Project under the BC Forest Carbon Offset Protocol (the Carbon Project). The CCF has entered into an Atmospheric Benefit Sharing Agreement (ABSA) with the Province of British Columbia (BC) that allows for the sale of Verified Emissions Reduction (VER) within the Carbon Project. Some highlights of the Carbon Project are:

- Through the ABSA, the CCF receives 80% of the Carbon Offsets generated, while the province receives 20%
- The CCF Carbon Project generates approximately 50,000-60,000 VER's every five years (the Verification Period).
- The government carbon model is updated periodically and the CCF then updates its project calculations..
- The Verification Periods for the Carbon Project are 2009-2013, 2014-2018, and 2019-2023, etc.
- The CCF has entered into a Marketing and Sales Agreement with Brinkman and Associates to provide marketing and sales for the Carbon Project.
- The CCF and Brinkman both anticipate increasing demand for VER's as organizations commit to Net Zero and require Carbon Credits to meet those obligations.

The implementation of the Output Based Pricing System in April 2024 targeting large industrial facilities created a new market for the CCF carbon offsets. To create alignment with the vision and values of the CCF, the CCF developed a sales policy that outlines its priorities for these sales.

The CCF Board will assess proposals on a case by case basis in the best interest of the CCF using the following criteria to guide decision making:

- In general, companies other than oil and gas seeking compliance offsets are preferred
- Oil and gas companies located in BC preferred
- Company has a robust sustainability plan to mitigate its carbon footprint before turning to carbon offsets
- Company provides a positive direct benefit to CCF partner(s) through project partnership, monitoring, or decision-making role, for example
- Evidence that local First Nations are supportive and receiving direct benefit
- Proceeds flow into the local economy

Policy VER Sales Structure

Tier 1: "Preferred": Proactive Marketing by CCF to the following types of organizations

1. Local individuals and visitors seeking to offset their carbon footprint.
2. Sea to Sky Companies
3. Local and BC Based Tourism Operators who are already carbon neutral
4. Governments who choose to be carbon neutral
5. Others such as Lower Mainland organizations

Tier 2: "Acceptable": Organizations to whom the CCF will sell VER's upon request

1. Organizations in alignment with CCF values such as BC and Canadian based businesses other than those listed in Tier 3

2. Non-Profits
3. Large tourism related entities (such as Airlines, Airports, etc.)

Tier 3: “Conditional”: Requires Board Consent and proof of the organization’s efforts to reduce its carbon footprint before approving VER sale

- Oil and Gas Companies
- Mining Companies
- Bitcoin Miners
- International Companies