

# *Barkley Community Forest Corporation*

## **B.C.F.C.**

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### **BCFC Board Meeting/Workshop Minutes**

Held in Toquaht Nation Office Forestry Boardroom  
1971 Peninsula Road, Ucluelet BC, V0R 3A0  
**Feb\_12\_2020**

Attendance: Directors: Dario, James, Gary, Ken, Noah, Donna, Chair: Terry

General Manager: Zolie Schafer

Absent: None

Guest: Sally Leigh Spencer, Biologist / Ecologist: Dave Clough, Fisheries Biologist

Notes: Ken

Call to order: Terry called meeting to order at 10:04 am

#### **1. Purpose of the Meeting/Workshop:**

The Board asked GM Zolie Schafer to arrange a special workshop meeting with professional experts who have been working in the Barkley Sound area to discuss the development of an old growth strategy for the BCFC and further to build in strategies for remediation work to develop representative old growth and repair or enhance streams and riparian zones for fish habitat and water quality.

#### **2. Key Introductory Points from the Board**

- a) The first 5 years of operation by the BCFC (2015-19) concentrated on getting the BCFC established with approval of essential plans, cutting permits issued, and timber sales sold and completed. This has been successful, and the Board now has a good structure in place, consistent procedures and a solid amount of working capital to move forward.
- b) The Board now wants to ensure that future management plans and harvesting occur with due consideration of all resources on the forest area, in particular protection or recruitment of areas of old growth timber for retention, protection of species at risk, and protection or remediation of streams and riparian areas and fish habitat. The Board understands that the area of the community forest has been heavily harvested in the past in a different era and under different economic circumstances. Remaining old growth is often a factor of what was not economic to harvest in 1980-90 and not retained on the scientific or ecological assessments that we might do today. A new approach to this is needed.
- c) The Board re-asserted that final strategies may well exceed the minimum levels of conservation required by the Province in legislation if they are based on good science. The Board also notes that this is not a process to stop logging existing old growth. The future of forest management on the community forest will have an economic component and economic return to the licence holders.

#### **3) Key Points from the Consultants and Directors**

- a) There is a great deal of data and past work on ecological assessment and mapping for this area (Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping TEM) completed in the early 1990s by MacMillan Bloedel which can be utilized and updated.
- b) There has been a tremendous amount of inventory, fisheries improvement projects, road and hillside stabilization and other projects in the area over the years from as early as 1955. This can be reviewed, and key data copied, scanned or digitized to be a reference for on going work.

- c) Some elements of this work need to be done on a larger landscape basis (Kennedy Lake to Barkley Sound) That data is mostly available. An example is Murrelet sampling and work ongoing to establish Murrelet protected areas. A strategy cannot only consider the exact area of the BCFC tenure.
- d) Many watersheds in the BCFC cover lands which are not part of the BCFC tenure. It will be important to map the entire watershed boundaries and look to work with adjacent landowners and managers on a common strategy or at minimum be aware of what adjacent managers are doing as we build a strategy for the BCFC.
- e) Zolie will look to see if additional professionals need to be brought in to do overviews. One consideration is for a local geo-technical engineer to review the existing Terrain Class 1-5 mapping to see that it is current and meets the standards of today.
- f) Zolie will also use his knowledge and seek additional assistance to map out areas of the BCFC that are physically inoperable and will never be roaded or harvested. The question then of economically inoperable area can be better addressed and included or not in the old growth retention strategy.
- g) At some point, members of the local public, some of whom have had considerable involvement in previous work need to be asked for input. The timing of this and process for seeking input needs to be determined as we move forward.

**4) Next Steps**

Zolie has noted an action plan and series of action points. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting and a further plan can then be made to check on work progress on the timing and input required for the next meeting on this topic.

**5) Date of Next Meeting**

To be determined at the next regular Board meeting.

6) **Lunch**, sandwiches brought in.

**7) Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 12:59pm

Approved: -

Original signed by T. Smith, Chair

T. D. Smith



Original signed by K Matthews, secretary

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