

Barkley Community Forest Corporation

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BCFC Board Meeting Minutes December 9, 2020

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Meeting held by telephone conference call

Attendance in Office: Nil

Attendance by Phone: Donna, Ken, Gary, Dario, James, and Terry

General Manager: Zolie Shafer

Guest Attendance by phone: Mayor Mayco Noel, District of Ucluelet

Notes: Ken

Call to order: Terry called meeting to order at 3:00pm

1. Agenda

Motion by Dario seconded by Ken to accept the agenda as presented. Carried

2) Minutes of Previous meetings

Motion by Donna seconded by Dario to approve the September 15 meeting minutes (revison1) dated Sept 21 20)

Carried

3) Reports from General Manager

i) Harvesting

Zolie presented a paper updating the key aspects.

- All forestry aspects of San Group timber sale CP9 Blocks MC4 & MC5 completed. Final waste billings to be issued and paid by San Group. Deposit will then be released.
- R/W volume on Block Oz 4 sold by timber sale to Storey Creek has been removed. Final payments to BCFC expected soon. All field operations complete.
- Blowdown salvage from Block SB5 has been completed. Final billing soon. All field operations complete.
- Salvage from Blocks SB10 and SB11 has been flown. Final billing in progress. Some roadside cleanup to be completed by BCFC in next few weeks.
- Road contract in Blocks SB15, SB16A and SB18 is 75% complete. Expect completion in two weeks.
- One wood box culvert has been replaced by BCFC on Barkley FSR. Ministry of Forests has budget and will replace two bridges at km19 and km20 next spring (2021).
- No planting has been planned for 2021.

Motion to accept harvesting report by Gary, seconded by Dario Carried.

ii) Financial:

Zolie presented updated financial summary as at Nov. 30 , 2020

- Expenditures and revenues are on track as per last report and annual plan.
- Financial summary shows that after 2020 revenues are received and in consideration of: 2020 operational expenditures; retention of funds for future expenditure liabilities for legal obligations for roads and silviculture; and retention a reserve accrual for 2021 operations; the General Manager projects \$416 000.00 in retained BCFC funds to be in excess of those needs.

Motion by Ken seconded by James to accept the financial report and further to disburse the \$416 000.00 identified as surplus to BCFC operational needs to the shareholder partners (\$208 000.00 each) by the end of calendar year 2020. Carried

- Terry will work with Zolie and Gary and other directors to make this happen.

3Aii) Financial BCFC Approved Signing Authority

- Proposal to add Director Noah Plonka to the approved signing authority list for the BCFC bank account with the Coastal Community Credit Union.

Motion by Gary seconded by Dario that Director Noah Plonka be approved for signing authority for the BCFC chequing account held with the CCCU, Ucluelet Branch. Carried

4) Initiatives:

a) Old growth strategy and stream classification and remediation

- General Manager presented a summary letter from Sally Leigh-Spencer of Ecologic Consulting on results and analysis of work completed to date. The Board asked Zolie to defer discussion until a meeting is scheduled with more time and with consultants present to go over the data and look at next steps. The Board would like to have this meeting happen in January 2021 by Zoom or whatever in person options are available.

b) Approval from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development for the establishment and use of a recreational Bike Trail Network within the area of the Community Forest.

Barkley Community Forest Corporation Directors continue to support the concept of co-operative agreements with local community group(s) for using selected areas within the land base of the community forest for establishment of mountain bike trails and subsequent use of the trails for recreational mountain bike riding.

- Donna summarized the work she has been doing on an application from BCFC to the Province to be submitted through Front Counter BC to formally allow bike trail construction, maintenance and use on areas within the community forest. The application is near ready to be submitted. Donna is still waiting on letters of support from local stakeholders to complete the package. Ken and Gary will discuss getting a letters of support form Toquaht Holdings Ltd. with the appropriate people.
- Donna re-iterated the application process confirming that only the BCFC can seek approval allowing use of Provincial Crown lands within the forest for use as an established recreational biking facility. After approval of land within the community forest is granted to the BCFC by Provincial agencies, BCFC can enter into sub agreements with a group (s) for establishing, maintaining, and using a trail network and facilities.
- The Board of Directors also confirmed that once the Board agrees to enter into the sub agreements with a local group(s) for bike trail establishment, maintenance, and use, any such group will need to seek funding from the shareholder partners and not the BCFC Board.

c) Christmas Trees.

- Board members and General Manager noted that there were few options for the public to find Christmas trees on the community forest at this time.
- The Board asked the General Manager to establish as small area designated as a Christmas tree growing area and get the necessary approvals and seedlings to establish such a facility for the enjoyment and use by local communities. This has been on the workplan for several years now.

d) Alternate Tree Planting methods Drone use in direct seeding.

- The Board and local community leaders have been approached by a company wanting to demonstrate a new reforestation method by disbursing tree seed from an aerial drone.

- Board members did not feel this would work in Coastal forest conditions and agreed not to pursue a trial demonstration with this company on BCF lands.

5) Correspondence:

a) Email from Susan Mulkey re: value added alternatives for western red cedar

- Board did not know of any examples to provide on the question

b) Email from Markus Rannala dated Dec8 2020 re: Update on application

- See item 4b in these minutes for the Board discussion on this issue

Motion by Dario seconded by Gary that the Board send a letter to Markus Rannala clarifying the process and status of the application from BCFC to the Province for bike trail, establishment, maintenance and use and further to clarify that any funding in support of a group(s) regarding the trail initiative would have to come from shareholder partners and not BCFC directly.

Terry with Donna's input will draft and send the letter on behalf of the BCFC Board.

c) Email from Dungate Community Forest

- This file could not be opened prior to the meeting on Dec 9, 2020. Board asked General Manager to determine that this was a legitimate email and organization and to see if he could get the file attachment open. Board members were not familiar with the Dungate Community Forest.

6) Ongoing or New Business

a) Tender Options for Blocks CP10 Block Oz 4 and CP 11 Blocks SB15, SB16A and SB18

This discussion looked at the timing, process, and profit expectations of marketing up to 39 000m³ of second growth timber on the community forest. This timber is approved for harvest and has had road constructed into the blocks to allow harvesting.

Cp10 Block Oz4 was advertised for sale in late summer. Bids for the timber received at that time were not in line with expectations by the Board and all bids were rejected. There has been demand expressed for this type of timber in recent weeks and market prices have improved.

Motion by Ken seconded by Dario that the General Manager in the near future, put out tenders which include the entire 39 000m³ of timber in these blocks to all interested established and known parties who may be interested on Vancouver Island and lower Mainland. Further, the General Manager review the expenditures by the BCFC to bring this timber to market including planning, engineering, cruising, road construction, administration, and post harvest silviculture. The tender offer will then specify a minimum upset rate which the BCFC Board will accept which includes the recovery of expenditures and a minimum profit specified by the Board. Carried.

b) Map and Fact Brochure

- Subcommittee to meet and get this back on track in January 21.

c) Walk in the Forest Project

- Work is ongoing. Update will be tabled at next meeting.

d) BCFC Policies

- Subcommittee to meet in January 21.

e) Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) for harvesting operations.2021

- The FSP is a legal requirement to conduct harvesting operations on the licence. The BCFC FSP will expire in 2021 and a new plan must be submitted and approved prior to that expiry. New plans will follow recent or proposed Provincial legislation changes and will require that an operational plan

showing proposed roads and cut blocks accompany the FSP. These operational plans will not be approved but must be available for review and public, stakeholder and First nation input.

- Future updates and progress will be included in the General Manager Harvesting report.

f) Security on the Forest and Firewood removal

- The ongoing issue of unauthorized firewood cutting, and removal has been noted. Gates have been installed to protect felled and decked timber, however, cutting in windthrown trees and other material has been noted along existing roads. The Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations has been notified. Additional free use permit areas will be established by General Manager working with the Ministry.

g) Actions to be taken in lieu of a formal open house

- General Manager was asked by Board members to continue to build a report on our website including images to show what has taken place on the community forest in 2020 and what is planned for 2021.

7) Items brought out of the BCFC Board of Directors IN-Camera meeting

- There have been no In-Camera meetings was held since the last meeting was reported on during the Sept. 15, 2020 regular meeting.

9) Date of Next Meeting

Chair to determine and send out notice.

10) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm

Approved: - Original signed by T. Smith, Chair

Original signed by K Matthews, secretary

