

Barkley Community Forest Corporation

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Revision #1 Sept 21 BCFC Board Meeting Minutes September 15, 2020

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Attendance in Office: Gary, Ken, Dario and Chair, Terry

Attendance by Phone: Donna, Noah, and James

Guest Attendance in office: 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 approx. 10:25 am

1. Agenda

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

2) Minutes of Previous meetings

Motion by Dario seconded by Noah to approve the August 6, 2020 BCFC meeting minutes. Carried

3) Reports from General Manager

i) Harvesting

- San Group have completed falling and have 90% of logs on the Blocks MC4 and MC5 timber sale hauled. Yarded areas are clean and waste levels should be low. Zolie noted the timber sale term was extended to September 30, 2020 and now estimates that all yarding and hauling will be complete by September 30, 2020 expiry date. All payment installments have been received and deposited. Final stumping and waste billing left to be paid.
- Block Oz4 RW wood sold to Storey Creek has all been hauled and is complete. Final scale will occur in the next couple of weeks. Payment for the wood will then be received by the BCFC.
- Salvage timber sale to Dave Mack for various previously logged blocks is being worked on at this time. Flying of developed products should occur in the next few weeks.
- No planting scheduled for this fall or next spring. Next planting will occur in 2022.
- Blocks SB15/16A/18 road construction tender opened, and contract will be issued in the next few weeks.
- Copper Canyon to do more engineering later in the fall of 2020.

ii) Financial

- Zolie discussed the financial summary previously emailed to directors. Overall budget and finances are exactly where they were forecast to be. No issues noted. Adjustments will be made later in 2020 to consider final revenue projections and engineering expenditure changes.
- Board will need to review further payments to shareholder partners at a future meeting.
- Zolie was asked to prepare a financial overview for the next five-year period to give directors and shareholder partners a better picture of anticipated revenues in coming years.

Motion to accept financial report as presented by Noah, seconded by Gary. Carried

3A) 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. All directors in agreement. Terry will see this is done.

4) Initiatives:

a) Old growth strategy and stream classification and remediation

- Zolie noted consultants working on data and plan. A large amount of detail needed in stream classification and prescriptions. Analysis and report preparation ongoing.
- Zolie to review options for consultants to attend and present work and options at a special meeting of the Board to be held later in 2020.

b) Use of designated areas within the Barkley Community Forest Area for establishing Mountain Bike Trails and using the area for mountain bike riding.

Barkley Community Forest Corporation Directors and General Manager 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 with the Province to allow use of the community forest land base for the purpose of establishing mountain bike trails and recreational mountain bike riding. The initial requirement is for the BCFC to seek letters of support from the shareholder partners and to complete and submit the required proposal to the Province requesting approval for use of the selected land area within the community forest for establishing and using mountain bike trails. Additional consultation and community input may be required. Once the BCFC has an approval in place for use of the land for this purpose, the BCFC could potentially enter into agreements with the Ucluelet Mountain Biking Association (UMBA) or other parties to allow establishment and use the land for mountain bike trails and mountain bike-oriented recreation.
- Donna also noted that UMBA made a strong and professional package to the District of Ucluelet. The BCFC Board may wish to review the presentation on U-tube or have UMBA present it at a further meeting.
- UMBA is doing some significant work and fund raising for this project. BCFC Directors want clear communication emphasizing that no land use for bike trails can be approved prior to the Province granting BCFC approval for the purpose, and secondly, BCFC has made no commitment on further funding for this project to UMBA or any other interested group. . Those decisions will only be made after full approval to BCFC is provided by the Province and after full consideration by the Board at future meetings.
- Discussion occurred on the option of a BCFC Board member sitting on the Board of UMBA. Directors agreed this was premature and could be a conflict of interest. Board members may certainly attend UMBA information meetings out of interest to be more informed on UMBA's proposal.
- Zolie noted that a map base on Lidar with the proposed trails will be given to the UMBA.

Motion by James seconded by Dario to proceed with writing letters requesting support of the partners and their communities for the use of the land area of the CF for bike trails to be forwarded to the Province as part of BCFC application for approval of bike trails on the forest land base. Carried.

5) Maa-nulth Invitation to Forest Licencees meeting to discuss current process for referrals and information sharing

Zolie explained this was an annual invitation and usually the forestry manager attended. It was agreed Zolie would attend. The meeting will discuss changes to the consultation process and discuss how the current process is working.

6) On Going Business

a) Logo.

Noah provide final copy. Everyone satisfied. Invoice has been submitted for payment.

b) Map and Fact Brochure

Zolie to get back to work on this and present something at next meeting.

c) Walk in the Forest Project

Funding approved as per last meeting. Work is ongoing. Zolie to look for summary of work completed and perhaps put something in the paper noting the BCFC support for this local project.

7) BCFC Policies

Discussion on policies required by BCFC around payment for meeting attendance and Donations. Examples of policies from other institutions were noted. Agreed to have a sub committee look at policy needs and develop policies for the Board to review and approve if acceptable. Terry, Dario, and Ken on the sub committee.

7) Other Business

a) Stopper Islands request from Toquaht Nation

Ken noted that this was on hold for the time being pending further discussion between Toquaht Nation and the Province and will likely come up again for discussion in the future.

Gary noted that regardless of future requests by Toquaht Nation to delete the Stopper Islands from the community forest, the area of the Stopper Islands needs to be removed from the contributing area of the Community Forest in the timber supply analysis. Zolie indicated this was in the plan and would be done in conjunction with a new timber supply analysis and management plan as a result of our work on the old growth strategy and in preparation for a new stewardship plan in the summer of 2021. Zolie indicated that the Province will be including some new policy on old growth retention as well in the next short while which will need to be incorporated as well. A new management plan is expected to be completed in summer of 2021.

b) BCFC Annual Open House

Discussion around options for an annual open house with current Covid 19 restrictions. Port Alberni CF has completed a virtual open house. A formal open house may be difficult due to restrictions.

Board concluded that a well laid out summary of activities conducted in 2020 and other pertinent details posted on our BCFC website and perhaps a piece in the paper directing folks to look at the website and provide comments would be more practical and informative. Zolie will investigate developing that information.

8) Items brought out of the BCFC Board of Directors IN-Camera meeting held Sept 15, 2020

Two sets of tenders were opened during the in-camera meeting held prior to the regular meeting on September 15, 2020.

- a) Road construction into blocks SB15/SB16A and SB 18. Two tenders were received. The Board recommended acceptance of the lowest bid and award of a road construction contract subject to final review of the tender by the General Manager.
- b) Timber sale for approximately 22 000m3 of second growth timber in Blocks MC4 and MC5. Two tenders were received. Upon review, the Board decided that the amount of the bid in each tender did not meet minimum expectations. The Board instructed the General Manager to decline both tenders offers as was provided for in the tender offering. The timber will be tendered again later, depending on changes to market demand and market prices for this type of timber.

9) Date of Next Meeting

Chair to determine and send out notice.

10) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 am

Approved: - Original signed by T. Smith, Chair



Original signed by K Matthews, secretary


