

: SUNSHINE COAST COMMUNITY FOREST LTD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON Monday, Sept 9 2024 AT 213 – 5710 Teredo St, Sechelt BC and by Zoom

PRESENT:	Greg Caw	Jordan Wilson	Gord Crandlemire
(Directors)	Jim Tivy	Bob Michor	Stu Dornbierer

REGRETS: Kathleen Suddes, Katherine Gordon, Doug Marteinson

ALSO PRESENT: Warren Hansen - Managing Forester Sara Zieleman - Executive Director, Karen Nielsen - Administrative Assistant, Alton Toth - District of Sechelt

Call to Order

Director Dornbierer called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm pending the arrival of Vice Chair Tivy.

1.0 Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda as circulated. – CARRIED

2.0 Minutes

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the July 8, 2024 Board Meeting as presented – CARRIED

3.0 Appointments & Delegations – None

4.0 Management Report

- Slower summer, harvesting completed, firewood permits are now back on line.
- Good Sales to date, we have some volume not sold. Sold approx. \$2.2MM from CP18, have approx. 180m3 to sell.
- Looking at a downturn in the market currently, too much inventory. Douglas Fir produced by other companies and previously sold in the export market is now selling in local markets, which is flooding the local market.
- Currently in a holding pattern for our plans for next year. Still looking for permits for standing stem, hoping to have them by the end of September.
- Preparing for road construction in West Sechelt to prepare for logging.
- Our AAC is at approx. 14000 m3 to date.
- Coast Mountain Bike Association did a trail day above Hidden Grove, many trails were raked and improved. The group were happy with the new trail built in AN3A.
- EBM report out for draft available public online.
- Maintenance agreement for Big Tree is in the works.
- Wood Expo was this Saturday with a fair turnout this year, not the biggest. A few vendors cancelled at the last minute.
- Field trip planned on Thursday (Sept 12) with UBC Faculty and Students, discussing an academic partnership with them.
- Working on exploration of hosting Logger Sports event, will possibly look for a board decision in October if we are going to go ahead with it for 2025.
- Land Based Learning – Candace Campo Talaysay Tours reached out regarding partnering on hosting community tours – will provide more information when plans are underway.
- Warren successful in obtaining FESBC funding for \$57,000 in prescriptions for wildfire mitigation planning in 3 areas.

MOTION: To accept the September 2024 Management Report as presented. – CARRIED

5.0 Committees

5.1 Executive Committee – no report

5.2 Audit Committee – no report

5.3 Nominations and Board Development Committee – no report

5.4 Legacy Fund Committee – no report

5.5 Governance Committee – no report

5.6 Community Advisory Panel

5.6.1 – Minutes of July 25, 2024 meeting reviewed.

CAP meets once monthly – Management Report provided by Warren and Sara as with the BOD meetings. They have discussed wanting to do quarterly public meetings and want to organize how they will meet with the public. Would like to have more regular block walks. Motion passed for SCCF to provide support in case of wildfires by providing staff with S100 training. Lots of the discussion was on wildfire mitigation and management.

MOTION: To accept CAP's Report - CARRIED

6.0 Old Business – none

7.0 New Business –

7.1 Air Curtain Burner

At the last meeting we discussed viewing another community's burner. We believe there is a real need for this in our community, including for our own block waste burning. There is a lot of interest from the SCRCD in having this. It should be something the Community Forest support and offer it for shared usage as a community resource. Doesn't need venting, so we can burn outside normal burning windows. Invasives currently must be taken off coast to destroy them at a big cost for community members.

In Powell River they use for their burner invasive plant burning. Biochar produced is beneficial for soil augmentation.

Would like to see what interest the Board may have in making this large purchase.

Board feels it would be beneficial to see a business plan to make a decision including information on the markets for selling the biochar in the scope of the purchase including waste management, wildfire risk reduction and a tool to get rid of invasive plants.

Discussion was held on the suggestion that it would be beneficial to create partnerships with DOS, Salish soils etc. as well as an investigation should be made to see if there is a local market for biochar. Question:

would we rent to other users? Suggestion to have a 3rd party look into creating the business and coordination plans.

MOTION: To create coordination plan with potential partners as well as a business plan for costs and other involved components such a wildfire mitigation and invasive plant destruction - CARRIED

7.2 Donation requests

7.2.1 Rotary Club – AEDs \$4400

They have had a couple of defibrillators stolen. They were invited to submit the request through the Legacy Fund but did not.

7.2.2 Sargeant Bay Society \$6000

Fish ladder for Sergeants Bay

7.2.3 SCCSS 50 Women Fundraiser

Nothing submitted in writing.

Staff had an annual \$5000 budget for donations, it was raised to \$20000 a few years ago. Informal criteria for donations are that requests should be aligned with our strategic goals. Anyone can apply; however, donations would be made in the way of firewood for raffle for example if requests are outside our informal criteria guidelines.

Most donation requests do not fall within our Legacy Fund criteria.

Discussion – do we require donation policy within the Community Forest as there is no formal criteria or competition for donation requests as many requests are received from community members who are aware we offer supportive donations? Should we set limits?

Proposal for Governance committee to come up with a policy for donation requests.

MOTION: For the Governance Committee to form a draft policy for donation requests with parameters including limits – CARRIED

7.3 District of Sechelt Legacy Fund Bylaw and Policy Referral

7.3.1 Report – SCCF Dividends Policy and Bylaw Amendment

7.3.2 SCCF Dividends Policy

7.3.3 SCCF Legacy Fund Bylaw

Discussion was held to decipher this report, bylaw– line 4 amended. Suggestion made to have a quick meeting at a later date to be able to discuss this policy-bylaw in more detail.

MOTION: To defer discussion meeting on the DOS Legacy Fund Bylaw and Policy Referral to September 16 @ 4:30 via Zoom or email to finalize the feedback provided to DOS - CARRIED

8.0 Correspondence – none

8.1 Forestry Works BC/DOS Engagement

This information included as a courtesy to Mayor Henderson, it doesn't currently require action on our part.

9.0 Next meeting – October 21, 2024

Adjournment : 6:02 pm to IN CAMERA MEETING

