



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of Board Meeting – June 5, 2017

Present: Georgina Silby, David Shipway, Bob Tracy, Aaron Ellingsen, Mark Braaten, ~ quorum. Also in attendance: Mark Lombard, Mr Lombard and Mario .

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:00pm

Approval of Agenda: Georgina/Mark ~carried

Agenda Items:

1. **Minutes accepted from board meeting 2017/03/06.** - via email
2. **Presentation by Mario to the board re Firewood. His points included the following:**
 - a. cited CFOP pg 7 Governing Principles, that “CFGP recognises the need for a reliable supply of firewood to residents. CFGP will make firewood available in a variety of ways to satisfy demands for both private users and contractors.”
 - b. estimates annual need to be approx 1000 cords
 - c. with reference to cost per cord, suggests that price may need to increase to \$350/cord in order to make firewood supply a viable product of CFGP operations,
 - d. recommends evaluating actual cost to produce firewood
 - e. suggested that there is a “social contract”/”obligation” to provide firewood to the community.
 - f. speaks on behalf of community members who have approached him with concerns about firewood, expressed dissatisfaction with methods and volumes available from first 3 years of operations.
 - g. need for clear communications if volume of firewood available in 2017 will be less than previous years
 - h. independent contractor could produce firewood in a designated area by commercial thinning
3. **Commentary from CCFC Board included the following:**
 - a. Firewood is a priority for the CCFC Board.
 - b. Policy recommendations are currently being worked on
 - c. **Firewood production statistics:** 2015 = 700 cords firewood produced, 2016 = 670 cords produced, 2017 = 40 cords produced. Very small harvest in spring 2017 results in less firewood available so far this year.
 - d. Recognise need to inform the community of annual firewood supply amounts and potential for reduced volumes available in certain seasons.
 - e. current cost of Douglas Fir Gang class logs are \$200/m3
 - f. CFGP has substantially subsidized firewood supply through lost revenue,

- particularly due to high sale prices of Douglas Fir
- g. Recognise the need to educate the Cortes community about economic and practical limitations of firewood supply potentials.
 - h. Need to educate about **Heating Values of Firewood Species** - for reference, the following values are cited [from World Forest Industries](#) measured in Million BTU's per cord (MBTU)
 - i. Douglas Fir = 26.5 MBTU (100%)
 - ii. Hemlock = 24.4 MBTU (92%)
 - iii. Red Alder = 19.5 MBTU (73%)
 - i. undervalued species can be very good alternatives to Fir Multi purpose approaches will be more successful.
 - j. Hemlock and Alder harvested from rehabilitation areas are more cost effective to harvest and of much lower \$ value compared to Douglas Fir.
 - k. Methods used to produce lower cost firewood for independent contractors or off Cortes supply may not be appropriate for community forest operations.
 - l. Alternate values restrain harvesting impact to minimum volume. No social licence to use Fir saw logs for firewood.
 - m. Prioritize special community meeting on Firewood Policy in August. Focus on problem solving.
 - n. Review wording in CFOP to reflect the full range of firewood goals and challenges.
4. Board training opportunities offered by John Drew. Prioritize for after busy season.
 5. CCFC Board field trip to view proposed **operations area for fall 2017 James Creek 1**. Scheduled Friday June 16, 4:30pm. Meet at yellow gate, Jimmy Smith Way
 6. **Community Meeting - Profit Sharing Policy - July 6**
 - a. Follow up from 2017 AGM agenda item.
 - b. CCFC share of profits to date \$20 000 represents all the funds available
 - c. Priority uses identified in Draft **Profit Disbursement Policy attached**
 - d. Membership investment shares discussed
 7. **5 Year Plan**
 - a. pre-harvest map published for fall 2017 - James Creek 1
 - b. 5 year plan is currently being worked on based on long term rotation overviews.
 - c. Management strategies will gain in focus and detail over time
 8. **Made on Cortes - EBM (Ecosystem Based Management) - tabled**
 - a. High priority on agenda for winter 2017/18
 9. **Mapping Forum follow up - tabled**
 - a. Map data needs verification and updates
 - b. David has KM2 Data that can be updated from field observations.
 - c. Interesting and fun process that can involve local volunteers
 10. **Next CCFC Board Meeting - June 29, 7:00pm**