



McBride Community Forest Corporation

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting July 19, 2017

Meeting 7:00 pm

Chair Rich called the MEETING TO ORDER at 7:10 pm.

In Attendance: Chair Joseph Rich
Director Dutch Molendyk
Director Kevin Taphorn
Director Warren McLennan
Councillor Harold Edwards
Tovi Thiel, MCFC Admin Asst

Regrets: Wes Bieber, Interim Manager
Jeff McWilliams, Interim Manager
Susan Mulkey, BCCFA

One guest in attendance – Al Frederick – A copy of the recorded minutes have been requested to be supplied to MCFC admin

1) Introduction of Late Items:

a) None - Moved by Director Molendyk, seconded by Councillor Edwards, all in favor, carried.

2) Approval of Agenda:

a) Delete Item #6 – Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Director Taphorn, all in favor, carried.

3) Reading and Approving of the July 5, 2017 Minutes:

a) Motion to approve the minutes as amended. Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Director Taphorn, all in favor, carried.

4) Inventory:

- a) Going forward with Inventory, this included as part of #12, Grade 4 exemption for 2016.

All are glad more time was spent on this topic. We will be able to follow through with some of the action items to help absorb costs. It was a learning topic, and was well thought out. There was a lot of research done. We can continue to develop with confidence. We are all in agreement that the 1st phase needed to happen, then we will have the numbers to work with. There are definitely different avenues for the next levels with more conversation. This is the first step and are glad it has started.

Further to email motion of July 8, 2017 to “Approve the project to complete an Aerial Photography Project for the MCFC in the summer of 2017 for a cost of about \$31,000.00 (excluding GST).” Confirmation that all responded by email and voted unanimously.

Motion to approve the email motion. Moved by Director Molendyk, seconded by Director Taphorn, all in favor, carried.

- 5) **Website:** Jill’s agreement has been received, Susan to do the “Value” wording, anyone can provide pictures
- 6) **GM Hiring** – deleted
- 7) **Responses** – Cedar Three and VOM letters signed and sent.
- 8) **Softwood/Tariff** - All concerns with this still up in the air. There may be the opportunity to be compensated back by the government. It is thought as a loan or grant, pay now and a reimbursement should happen. Our low Canadian dollar makes the tariff more tolerable.
- 9) **Wood Sales** – Midget Mills received bush wood from Blk 32. Cedar Three received 4 loads from bush / McLennan. Gilbert Smith is purchasing but only shorts. Efforts were made for longs but no market, the wood in front of Gibbs will have to be reprocessed for the market available. Woodco has also switched to shorts. If under old contracts wood can be longs.
- 10) **Governance** - tabled
- 11) **Public/media** – Is there an opportunity to help people understand logging process and how to interpret the block and what status logging is at? At our quarterly and public meetings it is presented and we are open for questions or clarifications. Not everyone will be open to learning about forest use. We can use the website to provide newsletters or frequently asked questions. The website also presents an opportunity to provide our side or perspective.

12) Grade 4 Exemption – A letter is being drafted for August and will be circulated to the Board for input and approval. – Jeff

13) Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under Labour, Law, Freedom of Information and 3rd party information:

a) Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under labour, law and freedom of information. Moved by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Chair Rich, all in favour, carried. Carried. July 19, 2017.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. Other committee meetings should be scheduled before then.

14) Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting. Moved by Director Molendyk, seconded by Councillor Edwards, all in favor, carried.

July 19, 2017 – 8:52 p.m.