



**McBride Community Forest Corporation**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors’ Meeting Thursday, February 11, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.**

Chair Edwards called the MEETING TO **ORDER** at 4:40 pm.

**In Attendance:** Chair Harold Edwards, Director Warren McLennan, GM Ray Thiessen, Councillor Lucille Green, Tovi Thiel

**Via vid conf:** Director Shaughnessy Clausen

**Absent:** Jeff McNaughton **Late:** Director Joseph Rich, arriving at 4:45pm

1. **Introduction of Late Items:** No.
2. **Approval of Agenda as read:** Moved by Director McLennan, seconded by Councillor Green all in favor, carried.
3. **Reading and Approval of the January 28, 2021. Minutes accepted as read:** Moved by Director McLennan, seconded by Councillor Green, all in favor, carried.
4. **OLD:**
  - A) **CP STATUS** – Cutting Permits received for started blocks 61, 62, 63, on Feb 5 – good to go again. There are issues with the application protocol and AOAs. Simpcw Band would like us / Licensees to sign contract with them on these protocols. At the Dec 2020 Licensee Meeting there was no discussion on AOAs. What constitutes the AOA methodology? At the point MCFC is working with Norcan, a 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant in Prince George, as Bands are ok with him. Recent press releases still indicate no certainty on the process moving forward. At 2019 COFI Conference this was indicated - lots of legislation coming – what do we promise and for what and, for how long do you make a commitment for...? MCFC has taken the workflow that Norcan has provided - \$2,500 is the 1<sup>st</sup> stage. We are being proactive to figure out what is going on and hope they will accept Norcan. The Government is to do this, but no progress as unsure. PG has only started on AOA methodology, others used 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. There may be an update from Fridays’ meeting (are expectations signing or references). The Norcan report signed off by the Crown is valid 5 years on Woodlots. CF will align with Major Licensees moving forward, probably have new regulations. Stumpage we will see how/if it changes. Articles noted Lheidli T’enneh want half stumpage as well as other Bands. The DCF has offered Lheidli T’enneh a seat on their Board and are considering it.  
 We are looking for guidance on grouping blocks just need criteria on “grouping”, our applications are ready. Proximity should not be a factor on area-based tenures. We are planning submissions seasonally as this allows flexibility to move around dependent on the market. Looking to have 2 years planned/issued ahead.
  - B) **MILL SITE** – Speaking with Patrick Cotter/Lawyer, information has been sent from Terry, and a Environmental Consultant has been consulted (drilling, testing chips/piles). We may need them to sign off on their work / guarantee their report. The level of gases well below threshold. Enviro lot is assessed at 45,000, mill would be probably be 150,000. Therefore, Risk Management needs to be assessed (review with Lawyer) how far do we go dollar wise. Use does not change so no rezoning that mitigates a lot of concern. Piles needs to be signed off (not combustible – black soil) is it a liability? Usually testing needs to be redone every 5 years. The River would need testing done for leaching.

5. **NEW:**

A) **FINANCIALS** – All good.

B) **REPORTS** – Current to January 28. When emailing legal the Board is being cc'd. Planning Recreation Features on Lucille Blocks. Stand is decadent and affected by Black headed Budworm (they attack fresh growth especially Subalpine Fir - endemic in the Valley). We will log in a fashion to create skiing opportunities. As a Rec Feature Silv Obligations will ensure it allows use for all ages and abilities, naturally it allows from new to experienced. Less access points to discourage non-skiers. 23<sup>rd</sup> of March should have a plan, map and proposal for council for public input. And have available on the websites. (RDFFG should be contacted for support letter). 50 hectare are – very layered, did count plots (species, age, height, class, path, quality, damage, grades), then planned flow and vertical lines. MCFC would then have a partnership agreement formed with Recreation for users, then it would no longer be MCFC's.

C) **RECREATION CONTRIBUTIONS** – Last Year MCFC started to provide support as In-Kind more so. IE: Horse Club has been given culverts, mapping time, field time, mentoring and teaching with their Licence to Cut. Originally was started by MCFC but have now been encouraged to do on their own, with MCFC still be available for support. Sled Club – has been given culverts, Geotechnical at 4km McKale, as well as manual brushing time. Asked Ozalenka Club for Brushing list with our crew, but season had ended and wanted 2 weeks of workers. Now last week request received for Cabin funding (Roy's letter to Board via email). Currently has a cement pad but if don't finish will lose Grant funds. Would like to continue with In-Kind rather than cash. We just need to decide what is overall budget for In-Kind for Recreation Support over a year.  
ACTION: Ray will request plan and then we can decide which In-Kind portion MCFC can contribute to on Ozalenka Cabin project.

6. **Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under Labour, Law, Freedom of Information, and 3<sup>rd</sup> party information:** Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under labour, law and freedom of information. Moved by Director Clausen, seconded by Director McLennan, all in favor, carried. – February 11, 2021, 6:17 p.m.

7. **Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting.** February 11, 2021, 7:09 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting:** April 8, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.

Next VOM Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

**Next Operations Meeting:**