



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

Chair Edwards called the MEETING TO **ORDER** at 4:35 pm.

In Attendance: Chair Harold Edwards, Director Warren McLennan, GM Ray Thiessen, Tovi Thiel

Via vid conf: Director Shaughnessy Clausen, Councillor Lucille Green

Absent: Jeff McNaughton, Director Joseph Rich

1. **Introduction of Late Items:** No.
2. **Approval of Agenda as read:** Moved by Director McLennan, seconded by Director Clausen all in favor, carried.
3. **Reading and Approval of the February 11, 2021. Minutes accepted as read:** Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Director McLennan, all in favor, carried.
4. **OLD:**
 - A) **CP STATUS** – Nothing changed since last meeting, streamlining the process, issues with C & E visit but resolved. Received our Road Permit. No end in site for future processes – the AOA of Norcan still pending approval of methodology. The Lheidli T'enneh has not answered yet, no deadline, no guidance from DPG, indications from them is unknown, we are stuck in the process (see attached GM report) further down the line it will be easier, can batch blocks and be a season ahead.
 - B) **MILL SITE** – Terry wants sorted by May end. Patrick/Wilson King committed in January to provide assistance but since then have had no answer to GM emails.
 - C) **RECREATION CONTRIBUTIONS** – further to last minutes action items, Roy has not responded. Q – What is the MAX for in-kind? Looking at roles of CF, we are low on our indicators for contributions in-kind or in \$s. We should look at each situation as occurs, this is the biggest request received, do we anticipate more of same value? In future we need to look at the goals of MCFC/VOM for recreation opportunities outside community, on our land base. Try to balance inside village and out. Looking forward will Village request dividends – currently low profits. For budget and managing everyday requests GM will need clarifying on amounts:

MOTION: For donations In-kind the maximum is \$20,000 per year and \$5,000 per request. Moved by Chair Edwards, seconded by Councillor Green, all in favor, carried.

5. **NEW:**

A) **FINANCIALS** – Discussion had – expecting lawyer invoice, CP shutdown was costly for out retained earnings.

B) **REPORTS** – GM – AOA with Norcan, we are taking risk as we have no direction from the Crown.

MOTION: To accept the General Manager Report – March 10, 2021, as read. Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Director McLennan, all in favor, carried.

MCFC

Manager's Report to The Board of Directors: (03 11 21)

Ray Thiessen, Manager March 10, 2021

Planning:

We are moving forward with Recce on Bell Mtn. in the ESSF. Or Balsam (Bl) Spruce (Sx) high elevation zone. The layout on Lucille is up to the stage of Visual Impact Assessment (VIA). This is the area where we are putting forward the recreation (sled assist skiing) application. The presentations to The Village and Regional District Boards will probably be put off till April as the VIA may not be completed in time for March meetings.

MCFC is applying for cutting permits (CPs) on Block 50 and 52. Block 50 will need to be stratified for the different CP and we will need to organize and plant the CP2 (logged) portion as it is coming up to the 4-year stocking milestone. Both blocks are Cedar leading types to continue supplying Cedar 3 with material.

Inventory:

The Timber Supply Analysis (TSA) has been slow going, but Ecora stated that it is a week away from getting sent to Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch (FAIB) for approval. Ecora has committed to send us the final version of the inventory with a Base Case AAC calculation by the end of March. I continue to press for completion and see that it is inching forward.

Logging

Logging is on springtime hours and will continue as long as we get cold nights. Block 62 is complete but block 61 will be held over for completion till summer 2021. Block 63 will be continued and completed in the winter 2021 / 2022 season.

Permitting etc.:

The permitting piece is starting to come together. MCFC has to acquire CPs on blocks in batches for the time being. Blocks 50 and 52 will be on a CP to get them set for the summer. Block 65, (Lucille), will probably go on its own as soon as we can get the VIA and public consultation going. Block 65 will be logged in summer 2021.

We are proceeding with the Archaeological Overview Assessment (AOA) for the Comfor through Norcan Consulting in PG. I am convinced that this AOA can help us get back to a One CP, but we will know more when FLNRORD sets the expectations for FN consultation. By getting the AOA, MCFC will be building trust with FNs and hopefully begin navigating through uncertainty in this matter going forward. The cost of the AOA should approx. \$30,000.

- C) SHARED RESOURCES** – DCF and MCFC shared manager ie: with conferences the information is shared, each paid for. There is FN training - \$450.00 paid by DCF beneficial to both CFs, MCFC has predictive model paid \$500.00 which is beneficial for CFs again. Ray can keep ledger of who has paid and who has used. Larry will ask of DCF.
- 6. Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under Labour, Law, Freedom of Information, and 3rd party information:** Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under labour, law and freedom of information. Moved by Director McLennan, seconded by Councillor Green, all in favor, carried. – March 11, 2021, 5:22 p.m.
- 7. Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting.** March 11, 2021, 5:40 p.m.

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

Next VOM Meeting: 2nd Tuesday

Next Operations Meeting: