

Community Meeting June 29, 2024

McBride Community Forest

2022 Financials (full financials available on website)

- We had a Gross revenue of \$4.0 million
- Total expenses of \$3.8 million
- Total net earnings for 2022 of \$185k
- MCF Harvested 27,451m³ in 2022

2023 Financials (full financials available on website)

- We had a Gross revenue of \$6.3 million
- Total expenses of \$5.2 million
- Total net earnings for 2023 of \$1.1 Million
- MCF harvested 50,577m³ in 2023

Annual Allowable Cut

- Markets throughout 2023 and into 2024 are OK.
 - o The sawlog market is having a hard time following a high-end market cycle and high interest rates
 - o Pulp market is strong
 - o Cedar post and rail is strong
- We are in the fifth year of our 5-year cut cycle. We have approximately 50,000m³ to harvest before December 31, 2024. Our cut control resets to year 1 with a 50,000m³ cut per year starting January 1, 2025.
- The board has directed MCF management to harvest roughly 50% cedar and hemlock and 50% sawlog
- In the past the MCF has targeted generally spruce, douglas fir and cedar stands. We now have a lot of balsam and hemlock leading stands.
 - o The hemlock sawlog can be sold locally and the pulp logs to Canfor in PG.
 - o The balsam stands are OK. We can sell the sawlog balsam and spruce to sawmills for good profits and the pulp can be sold to Canfor PG.

Major Announcement

- The McBride Community Forest has entered into a 10 Year Log Sales Agreement with BKB Manufacturing Ltd, BKB Cedar Products Ltd and. We look forward to working together and supporting one another for the betterment of the community moving forward.

Other Announcements

- Local business Orion Business Design have helped us to update our website.
- The MCF is working towards submitting a request to the Village of McBride to create a Limited Partnership which would help with Village Liabilities and tax issues. This new LP would help us to move forward with the Village and clarify how we will work together. This process takes time to complete. My goal is to get this completed for a January 1, 2025 start-up.
- We are working with the Village of McBride, First Nations and government agencies to upgrade the Villages water system. This process is complex and will take time but we are making progress.

Harvesting

- This past winter we harvested up Lucille Mountain, Catfish Creek and Snowshoe Creek. Lucille Mountain block is a mix of Douglas Fir, hemlock, Cedar, Spruce. The Catfish Creek block is a mix of cedar and hemlock. The Snowshoe Creek area was a spruce and balsam stand.
- This past winter we sold wood to BKB Cedar, Cedar3, Andy Gibbs, Len McCarty, Carrier Lumber, Gilbert Smith and Canfor.
- This summer we are planning to harvest Cedar/Hemlock leading blocks up Mountainview and spruce/Balsam blocks up the Minnow.
- Plans for November and December harvesting will hopefully target hemlock/cedar stands.

Roads

- We are investing into the Minnow ML upgrade and temporary deactivation following harvesting.
- We are investing into the Pasture Road. New spur roads and temporary deactivation of all spur roads.
- We are also looking to upgrade old roads to set us up for future development.

Silviculture

- We planted roughly 390,000 trees on logged blocks in 2024. We are 95% planted up.
- We have roughly 500ha of free growing surveys to complete this summer.
- The MCF is behind on 17 blocks that are past due late Free Growing. We have informed the MOF and have a plan to complete by next March 31.
- We have updated our block/silviculture database and will maintain this and use this tool to keep us organized and compliant in our obligations.

General

- Local contractors completed the vast majority of this overall 2023/24 work and include: loggers, truck drivers, road builders, road maintenance contractors, scalers, surveyors, tree planters and road and block development contractors.

- Generally, the only contractors that we use out of town are professional biologists, geotechs, engineers and foresters. These contractors are specialists in their profession are not available locally.
- The MCF follows Carrier Lumbers Environmental Management System. This EMS has all the information and procedures to operate a responsible and sustainable operation.
- The MCF will soon be falling under Carrier Lumbers Forest Stewardship Plan. Our current 2017 FSP is expired, and we are operating under our Cutting Permit. Dunster and Valemount Community forests are also under this FSP.
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Recreation

- The MCF has an agreement with the Ministry of Forest (Rec Sites and Trails BC) to co-manage four recreation sites: Lasalle Lakes, The Beaver Campsite, The Beaver Falls trail and McBride Peak Lookout.
- MOF and MCF are planning the following upgrades to Lasalle Lakes this summer: Replace the existing floating dock, relocate trail entrance between the lakes and brush out, Brush all roads, Grade/upgrade roads, conduct maintenance on campsites and construct an outhouse at Little LaSalle Lake.
- We are working with Recreation to layout and build a new recreation trail system beginning at the Lucille Mountain parking lot area. We have Board of Directors and MOF support. Local contractor RT King has been hired to layout the trail. This new proposed trail would add onto the existing trails that start at the snowmobile parking lot area and create a loop. This new trail would be open to all levels of users. Trail maps coming soon.

Community

- \$8,745 of grant funding was given out in 2022 to various local groups.
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- A breakdown of each year can be found on the website.
- We are working on a more formal grant policy/program for the future that is consistent and predictable. Hoping to present in early winter 2024.
- Planning to start a program with the school kids to have a tree planting day and other tours in the near future.