



McBride Community Forest Corporation
Minutes of the Board of Directors’ Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair Mike Monroe, Director Warren McLennan, Director Joe Kolida, GM Craig Pryor, FM Samantha Palmer

Via Zoom: Director Terry Kuzma

Absent: n/a

Late attendance: n/a

Public/Press: n/a

Chair Monroe called the MEETING TO **ORDER** at 4:02pm.

1. **Introduction of Late Items:** none
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Director McLennan, second Director Kolida
3. **Reading and approval of minutes:** June 12 Minutes - Director McLennan, second Director Kolida
4. **Management Report:** A question put forward by Director Kuzma - Pulp market is strong; can we move hemlock now? CP – Layout of hemlock blocks is set for winter, but we can work at summer blocks if possible. Our current contract is until October 31. We can explore hemlock for pellets at DRAX. A real plan is needed for firewood. We have delivered truckloads in the past to people’s properties, but that is not allowed within regulations – there must be a scale site ID in place. We will not have the yard moving forward. We have two or three people/businesses that could offer cut and delivered firewood, but this raises the price for the community/buyer. More thought needs to be put into a plan that works within regulations and keeps the price of heating down for the community.
5. **Approval of Financials:** accepted.
6. **OLD**
 - A) **Limited Partnership:** We have a direction from accountants. We need to tweak the lawyers’ recommendations and get ready to present to the Village. We need to get a structure with Village Shareholder and get a presentation scheduled to review the logging tax and income tax liabilities.
 - B) **Procurement Policy:** For any logging contract to go to tender, there must be three eligible contractors. When this is not possible, CP may go ahead with direct award following a standard fairness structure. We need confirmation from Schapansky Logging that they are unavailable for summer logging.
 - C) **Village water:** Simpcw wants a proper referral and cultural heritage check. If the cultural heritage check doesn’t favor the plan, can they revise the plan to stay out of the 20m zone. That extra 20m is causing a big issue. *Action: Do a proposal that keeps out of the riparian (20m) zone and submit it to the Village.*
 - D) **McKale:** TK: Can you do a table summary of TLB and CM&M (MAI)? CP: We have Carrier’s lidar and we can see that it would be to our benefit. Carrier will take our cells in exchange but won’t want to road liabilities. We’ll have to look at deactivations. We need to either have them take the road permit or tell them we will deactivate. Simpcw has set a meeting with CP for August 13 and CP feels it would be a good idea to have a representative there from the Village. *Action: Write a letter to the Village and request that they send a representative on August 13.*

- E) **McBride Peak/Bike Park/Halfway house:** The working plan is to log everything that can reach the road if it falls to make it safe to use the road. There are three companies that are willing to take burnt timber (2 local mills and 1 pellet mill that is not local). Harvesting of a smaller amount of fir will help to offset the losses on the burnt aspen. There should be a responsibility clause written into the contract of whomever will get the contract to log to ensure that it's kept clean.

7. **NEW**

- A) BKB – the deal is all but signed. We are waiting for the lawyer to close out all associated legal proceedings.

9. **Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting.** Director Kolida. Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Next Regular Meeting: July 10, 2024, 4:00pm

Next VOM Meeting:

Next Special Meeting: Community Meeting June 29, 2024 at 10:30am at the Elks Hall.