

# Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Ltd.

## Board Meeting (Open)

May 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM, Wells Municipal Hall

Attendance: John Massier (Board Chair); Margaret Inoue; Jerritt Dupilka; Paul Galliazzo RPF, Andrew Young

Absent: Ian Macdonald

Public Attending: Lindsay Kay

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. The Meeting of the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Ltd (WBCF) Board was called to order by the Chair at 6:10 PM
- b. Agenda – Moved by Paul Galliazzo, seconded by Jerritt Dupilka that the Agenda for the May 24, 2018 WBCF Board meeting be adopted as amended by adding Item 5b discussion concerning Community and Shareholder meetings.

Passed Unanimously

### 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Adoption of Minutes from April 16, 2018 Board Meeting

Moved by Margaret Inoue, seconded by Paul Galliazzo that the minutes of the April 16, 2018 Board meeting be adopted as presented.

Passed Unanimously

### 3. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- a. WBCF Past, Present & Future (Presentation by Chris Elden & Mike Sakakibara of West Fraser Mills)

At 6:30 Mike Sakakibara and Chris Elden from West Fraser Mills (WFM) started their presentation to the WBCF Board regarding recent work in the WBCF. Their presentation focused on a series of questions that had been provided by the WBCF Board including:

- i. What is the planned and preferred silviculture work in 2018 and after in the WBCF now that the First Cut Control period has been finished? Recognizing that the WBCF Board has a commitment to enhanced silviculture.
- ii. How was WFM's experience with the harvest during the first cut control period?
- iii. What is the status of silviculture work and reporting for the WBCF?
- iv. What areas were actually harvested in 2017-18?
- v. Where did the pulp wood and waste wood go?
- vi. What would WFM think a contract for the second cut control period would look like?
- vii. Would it be advisable to hold back part of the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) for harvesting for specialty wood products? What are some of the other markets for wood from the WBCF (e.g. tone wood)?

Mike Sakakibara and Chris Elden from West Fraser Mills (WFM) provided an overview of:

- a. Harvest totals to date from the WBCF in 2017 and 2018. They also mentioned that an application has been made by WFM on behalf of the WBCF for Grade 4 pulp credit.
- b. Achievements in 2017-18 in the WBCF. For example, the cut control volume achieved; 3.7 km of long-term roads built; 3 plus km of ski trails cleared; good relations developed with the Wells and Area Trails Society (WATS); public tour of the WBCF conducted in the fall 2017; professional assessments of terrain stability and stream classification completed; brushed 80 km of ski trail; partial cut of 30 ha of forested area completed.
- c. Regarding Silviculture and Replanting Liability: WFM began replanting in 2018. Ian Macdonald's firm is looking after replanting in the harvested area. Site preparations are currently being completed. Block 9 may be left until forestry activity in it is completed. Partial cut block is fully stocked. Reporting on the silviculture work is to be done soon.
- d. They noted that the market for wood chips is very fickle. The pulp and waste wood from the WBCF is sent to Quesnel Saw Mills as well as to the MDF Plan and the pulp mill.
- e. They stated that a future contract with WFM would be up to the WBCF Board. Chris Elden did mention that he had developed the management plan for the area years ago.
- f. In relation to specialty wood products are there opportunities there for the WBCF to pursue (e.g. tone wood or burls)? Mike and Chris noted that there are some logistical and delivery challenges associated with harvesting wood to support small markets. They suggested that if it is to be done then firm delivery contracts are needed to ensure that wood is not harvested and left to go to waste.

Paul Galliazzo also asked about high value specialty products derived from wood, for example essential oils derived from Black Spruce which command a high price. He then noted that the WBCF Board needs to talk about the next steps needed to prepare the WBCF for the next cut control period. He also mentioned the potential need to reserve a small site in the community forest for educational purposes.

Margaret Inoue suggested that some public engagement be conducted to help inform the public about what has been happening in the forest.

The presentation concluded at 7:40 PM at which time Mike Sakakibara and Chris Elden left the meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Integris Bank Balance (update to follow)

Moved by Andrew Young, seconded by Paul Galliazzo that the Integris Bank Balance report provided by Andrew Young be received. It was noted that as of May 17-2018 the WBCF had \$467,310.76 in its chequing account at Integris Credit Union – Quesnel.

Passed Unanimously

b. 2018 Budget (revised copy)

Moved by Andrew Young, seconded by Paul Galliazzo that the revised 2018 (draft) Budget be received by the WBCF Board and that additional revisions to the document be made based on the Board's meeting discussions.

Passed Unanimously

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. BCCFA Conference and Annual General Meeting (WBCF attendees)

No one from the WBCF Board is available to attend the conference.

b. Public Tour / meeting of the WBCF Community

It was suggested that a Public Tour of the WBCF be conducted after the By-Election has concluded. The preferred date is June 24<sup>th</sup> subject to WFM staff being available to lead the tour. A sign-up sheet for the tour will be set-up.

c. Joint meeting between Shareholder and District of Wells Council

It was suggested that a joint meeting of between the District of Wells Council (representing the shareholder) and the WBCF be conducted after the By-Election has concluded. The date of the meeting to be confirmed (possibly July 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>) subject to both parties being able to meet.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS: TBD

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Email from Cascadia Environmental Services Ltd dated April 24, 2018

Moved by Andrew Young, seconded by Paul Galliazzo that the correspondence from Cascadia Environmental Services be received by the WBCF Board

Passed Unanimously

- b. WBCF Board communique regarding -- Cornish Mountain Trail Network Expansion, winter 2017-2018 (copy of WATS letter dated March 19-2018 attached)

Moved by Andrew Young, seconded by Paul Galliazzo that the communique to Desi Cheverie, District Recreation Officer, FLNRO be received by the WBCF Board

Passed Unanimously

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. Lindsay Kay suggested that:

- i. a summary of the pros and cons of the different harvesting and revenue stream options (including pricing) for the WBCF be prepared for the WellSpring newsletter;
- ii. a BBQ event be considered to follow the Public Tour of the WBCF on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

9. CLOSED MEETING: Nil

10. RECALL TO ORDER AND REPORT: Nil

11. NEXT MEETING:

Moved by Andrew Young, seconded by Paul Galliazzo that the next meeting of the WBCF Board take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> (5 pm) after the Public Tour of the WBCF has concluded.

Passed Unanimously

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 PM it was moved by Paul Galliazzo that the WBCF Board meeting of May 17, 2018 be adjourned.