



Meeting Minutes

Room 1, Tumbler Ridge Community Center

Thursday, Nov 8, 2023, 6PM

Present: Al Kangas, Chair
Hugh Kingwell, Vice Chair
Chris Norbury, Director
Marsha Dufresne, Director (Zoom)
Bernie Lehmann, Director

Contractors: Duncan McKellar, Operations Manager, Dianna Gies, Bookkeeper

TRGGS acknowledges the Indigenous communities surrounding Tumbler Ridge. This land is the traditional territory of the Dunne-za, Saulteaux, Tse'khene, Cree and Metis peoples which includes the McLeod Lake Indian Band, Saulteaux First Nations, West Moberly First Nations, Kelly Lake Cree First Nations, and Kelly Lake Metis Settlement Society within Treaty 8 Territory.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Hugh made motion to approve agenda. Bernie seconded, CARRIED
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Bernie made motion to approve the minutes, Chris seconded, CARRIED
4. **Business arising from the minutes:** None
5. **Webpage:** Duncan gave a presentation of the newly designed webpage.
6. **Reports:**
 - Financials were presented. No outstanding issues were noted. Some discussion on annual operating costs were discussed.
 - Fall 2023 harvest bids and plans going forward. Bids were put out to major licences and Prince George Forest firms. No bids came in over break even. None were accepted.
 - i. AAC impact. Duncan asked the District Manager if there is a risk of the CF losing cutting rights if we don't harvest our AAC in the 5-year window. He said very unlikely but to keep a record of our marketing of fibre as record of sale initiatives.
 - Wildfire impacts
 - a. Salvage – We reviewed the burnt fibre areas from a heli flight and filed visit. The burnt timber is for the most part too small to be salvaged. Also, since we can't sell the green wood under the current market conditions, the market for burnt small diameter wood is minimal at best.

- b. Section 108 replant program. The CF will be managing a replant of 3 blocks that were damaged by wildfire this summer CP 3 blocks 12, 26, and 24 will be spring planted under a government funded program.
- c. FIA Forest Investment Account Program
 - i. Reforest plantations The CF will be reforesting 7 older plantation blocks that were damaged from the wildfire. This planting program will be funded under the governments Forest Investment program.
 - ii. Other opportunities The CF will be investigating if their our more opportunities from FIA funded project to be applied for in the coming months.
- 7. **KPMG Update** - KPMG spoke about changes regarding the new CRA changes. Directors will decide at a later date the direction they will be taking in regard to the changes. More information is needed before making a decision.
- 8. **Grant Update – Foodbank** – This item will be discussed in a closed meeting.
- 9. **August 27th Email** – Let theses minutes reflect that on August 27th, 2023, Bernie put a motion forward to elect Hugh Kingwell as the vice-chair of the TRCF board. Marsha seconded and the board voted unanimously.
- 10. **New Strategic Plan** – The board will revisit plan and update. Duncan will speak to the past Facilitator Sue from BC futures and organize a planning session.
- 11. **2024 Budget** – Duncan is working on the upcoming 2024 budget. Duncan is to include food bank donation, bursaries and in ice advertising for the 2024 budget.
- 12. **AGM Meeting:** Dec 14th. at 4:30 pm in Room 1 at the Community Center.
- 13. **Adjournment:** Bernie made motion to end the meeting at 8:44 pm, Hugh seconded, CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Tumbler Ridge Community Forest Budget Board of Directors meeting held on Wednesday, Nov 8, 2023.



Al Kangas, Chair



Hugh Kingwell Co Chair