

TUMBLER RIDGE COMMUNITY FOREST CORP

Wednesday May 1, 2024
Community Center Room 1

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Minutes

Present: Al Kangas, Chair
Hugh Kingwell, Vice Chair
Chris Norbury, Director
Bernie Lehmann, Director
Contractors: Duncan McKellar, Operations Manager
Absent: Marsha Dufresne, Director, Dianna Gies, Bookkeeper

TRCFC 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. Chris seconded, CARRIED.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Hugh made motion to approve the minutes. Chris seconded, CARRIED.
4. **Business arising from the Minutes:** None
5. **Discussion on shareholder funding:** The board had a discussion regarding the possibility of the shareholder requesting funds from the CF. Some concern was raised about the Town having difficulty with the 2024 budget and they may look to the CF for funds. It turned out the town managed to revise their finances to meet their budget requirements.
6. **Grant program.** The board concluded that the grant program will resume once revenue from forest operations commences.
7. **Creating a fund within one of the NEBC's Community Foundations.** Discussion regarding the formation of a foundation with all or some of the proceeds from the Community Forest activities. The board request the Forest Manger to get more information from KPMG and the BCCFA
8. **Conuma licence to cut update.** No Update from Conuma at this time regarding a proposed Licence to Cut on the CF most southern area.
9. **Strategic Plan** Updating the strategic plan was postponed until the ownership structure topic was resolved.
10. **Operations update (D. McKellar)**
 - **Financial.** The financial report shows net income ahead of plan by \$57,385. No issue to report

- **Harvest this season.** West Fraser has not commenced harvest as of today. Duncan has a meeting planned with Matt and WF on May 9 to work on getting harvesting underway.
- **Plantation survey program.** Survey program is planned for this summer fall once growing season is over. 10 blocks are planned regeneration surveys.
- **Wildfire Fire cut block reforestation projects.**
 - i. **CF blocks that burnt - Section 108 funded.** This planting project is planned for start up mid June. 3 CF blocks will be reforested where the wildfire destroyed the planted trees. The cost of reforesting these areas is covered by government funds.
 - ii. **Older free to grow blocks that burnt - Forest Investment Account (FIA) funded.** This planting project is planned for start up mid June 70% WF blocks will be reforested where the wildfire destroyed the young trees. This project is funded by the Forest Investment Program

11. **Discussion on upcoming shareholder meeting preparation. - re ownership structure.**
Awaiting for the District to call a shareholder meeting. Requested agenda through Chris.

12. Next Meeting.

➤ Date Not set

13. Adjournment

Certified a true and correct copy of the
minutes of the Tumbler Ridge Community
Forest Budget Board of Directors meeting
held on Wednesday, May 01, 2024.

Al Kangas, Chair

Hugh Kingwell Co Chair