

## TUMBLER RIDGE COMMUNITY FOREST CORP

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Visitor Center Main Floor

### Minutes

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Present: Al Kangas, Chair  
Hugh Kingwell, Vice Chair  
Chris Norbury, Director  
Bernie Lehmann, Director

Contractors: Duncan McKellar, Operations Manager  
Matt Peasgood DWB

Absent: Marsha Dufresne,  
Director Dianna Gies, Bookkeeper

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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.

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1. Call to Order 5:02 PM Al Kangas Chair
2. Approval of Agenda: Duncan added an item to approve the 2025 budget as presented Hugh motioned to approve agenda. Chris seconded
3. Approval of Minutes: Bernie motioned to approve the minutes Hugh seconded.
4. Business arising from the Minutes: None
5. Presentation from TRORA - Sherri-Lynn Hewitt presented a seven-page PowerPoint on TRORA and outlined the plans for 2025 as well as the upcoming Winterfest Sponsorship package.
6. Presentation from Medical Clinic - Dr Ife - Chief of Staff at the Tumbler Ridge medical center discussed the clinic is looking for support for medical equipment. Al explained how the grant process works and the criteria the board uses to approve grants. Duncan suggested DR Ile review the grant process on the CF website. Daryl explained how funding works from Northern Health to Hospital Foundation to communities.
7. Operations review (D. McKellar)

- i. Financials – reviewed January financials and explained that a significant silviculture accrual was reported on the books in January to reflect volume from block 57. No questions on January income and balance sheets.
- ii. 2025 Harvest plan update Block 57 in progress, Block 59 not started, Blocks 35 and 54 complete One block planned for summer Block 63
- iii. Corp/LP subcommittee update. LP option may not be feasible due to how the CF retains money.
- iv. Foundation update. On hold until LP issue resolved
- v. Wildfire resiliency plan update Draft plan will be developed by end of February. Brian Roberson introduced his role with District. He is planning to do presentations to the community. Wildfire plans under FireSmart program almost ready. His position is funded under a grant
- vi. Map tool update Brian finds as an excellent tool. CF is updating the hosting firm
- vii. Investment money allocation. Open discussion on where to put the funds. Duncan reminded the board to be mindful of the silviculture liabilities on the books. Hugh suggested to invest where the return is best. Al suggested the CF move the funds to the investment side  
Motion by Hugh to move from account 344 to 916. Seconded by Bernie Carried.  
Motion by Hugh to approve the 2025 budget. Seconded by Bernie Carried.

- Grants and Community Support 2025

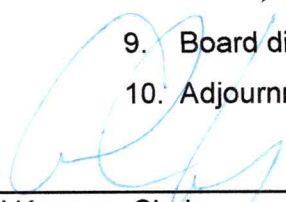
- i. Discussion on current grant requests
- ii. TRORA Secondary sponsor x 2 for \$1,000 each. Motioned by Hugh Seconded by Bernie. Carried
- iii. Generator request from Shop easy \$135,000 item. Concerns raised as it is a private business. Discussion was presented on how Shop easy is relied on by the town when power failures occur. Motion by Al to grant \$10,000 to Shop easy for the purchase of the generator Seconded by Chris. Carried.

8. Next Meeting

➤ Date TBA

9. Board discussed Forest Manager remuneration in closed meeting.

10. Adjournment



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Al Kangas, Chair

*Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of  
the Tumbler Ridge Community Forest Board of  
Directors Board meeting held on Thursday,  
February 13, 2025.*