

TUMBLER RIDGE COMMUNITY FOREST CORP

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Tumbler Ridge Community Center, Room 1

Minutes

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

Contractors: Duncan McKellar, Operations Manager
Dianna Gies, Bookkeeper

Absent: Marsha Dufresne, Director
Bernie Lehmann, Director
Matt Peasgood DWB

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 5:00 PM Al Kangas Chair
2. Approval of Agenda: Chris motioned to approve agenda. Al seconded
3. Approval of Minutes: Hugh motioned to approve the minutes. Chris seconded.
4. Business arising from the Minutes: None
5. Pir (KPMG Audit Manager) gave 2024 Financial audit presentation. Their opinion was a clean audit with the following observations:
 - ✓ 2024 was the first year that the TRCF paid taxes since they were established in 2012.
 - ✓ Silviculture Liability increased.
 - ✓ Retained Earnings increased
 - ✓ Sales increased
 - ✓ Income Investment increased
6. Pir reported that the request to the CRA was approved for new fiscal year (Jan 1- Dec 31) from this point forward.
7. Operations Review (D. McKellar)
 - i. Corp/LP Subcommittee Update – Duncan has discovered through BCCFA, two Community Forests in the province have a favourable opinion on corporate tax filing. Hugh made motion that “The TRCF is to get a tax



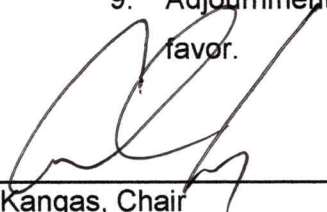
opinion from a tax lawyer regarding **"Taxation on Municipal Corporate Community Forests"** Chris seconded. All in favor. Duncan will speak with Jeremy (lawyer) to make recommendation on who to hire as a tax lawyer.

- ii. Financials – presented no questions on March balance and income sheet.
- iii. Plan & Update
 - ✓ On target to meet cut control ▪
 - ✓ Plan to identify 150,000m³ of new harvest blocks
 - ✓ Plan to market 33,000m³ for summer wood
 - ✓ Winter program utilized pulp.
 - ✓ Plan to request Grade 4 cut rebate 7,545 m³
 - ✓ Provided firewood to local Masons and Lions
- iv. Grants - Grants presented to date for 2025.
 - ✓ \$2,000 for TRORA Winterfest
 - ✓ \$10,000 Generator for Fresh Mart Store
 - ✓ \$5,000 for Geopark Indigenous Day
- v. Wildfire Resiliency Plan
 - ✓ Plan is in place for "Burn Plan Spring 2025"
 - ✓ New Burn plan has been approved by ministry and the proposed burn is on some of CF tenure land. April 26/27 has been identified as the targeted burn plan date.
- vi. Map Tool Update – Is in the process of being updated.

8. Next Meeting

- ✓ Date - TBA

9. Adjournment – Chris made motion to adjourn at 6:14 pm. Hugh seconded. All in favor.



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 Tuesday, April 8,
2025.*