



## Management Team Report – January 2018

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### Forest Operations

#### PWP

- The contract termination was sent to McEwan & Co. Law Corporation on December 20, 2017 for review prior to issuing the \$46,000 to PWP. They acknowledged receipt of the letter on January 5 and indicated they would be in touch. A reminder email was sent on January 15, 2018 requesting a recommendation on the letter.
- Bill Kestell and Jeff have agreed to disagree on the outstanding obligations for CP 36 pile burning. An email was sent to Craig Upper indicating a cheque will be issued in the amount of \$5500 to the KDCFS and in return their two deposits will be relinquished. No return email has been received. No recommendations.

#### Logging

- Finding a logger for harvesting in 2018 is proving problematic. The local contractors were contacted first and are unavailable. Calls have been put in to Nakusp and Nelson contractors but no response has been received. Talks have been had with Atco and Kalesnikoff about purchasing our timber from CP 39 and 40 and supplying one of their contractors.

### Long Term Planning

#### Silviculture

- Currently researching cold storage arrangements for our 2018 seedlings with the Kaslo Curling Club. This is a KDCFS initiative and we invited CCC-Silviculture to cost/space-share. Cold storage in Kaslo would provide our contractors with much more flexibility to access the trees when needed and provides improved stock handling for both thawing procedures and thawed stock maintenance over weekends or breaks in the planting schedule. We feel PRT nursery procedures and customer service have declined over the past years to the point where many customers are looking for alternatives. PRT service deliverables have remained unresponsive to complaints and suggestions other than verbal consolations. We held an information meeting with Al Barkley, curling club facility manager and Cheryl Hillier last week and are waiting for CCC commitments to proceed.
- Draft 2018 Silviculture Budget submitted for approval with the KDCFS 2018 Annual Operational Budget.
- We are looking into the possibility of having the BC Wildfire Branch execute the existing broadcast burning contract for Blocks 2 and 5 this spring prior to planting. The contract has a value of just under \$20,000 and was signed in 2016 but has been put on hold by poor burning conditions since. KDCFS has invested \$12,000 in the project for fireguarding in 2016. The CP36 blocks have sat idle post harvest now for 2 seasons and have started to green up considerably. Burning would improve slash loading, reduce wildfire hazard including loss of silviculture investment and set back green-up in these two blocks, thus improve seedling survival and reduce the need for initial brushing treatments. The contract is all-found with BCWFS assuming full control. Risk to the KDCFS is minimal, other than potential loss of timber in fringe damage or escape. Much needed



slash and fire hazard reduction treatment of CP36 Block 1 Units 1 and 2 is abandoned because extreme wildfire conditions in 2017 prevented fire-guarding and planning. The Units will be planted as is with hopes that our investment will not be thwarted by natural or human caused accidental ignition in years to come.

### **Internal Affairs**

- We have received a submission for our advertised bookkeeping position and interviewed Carol Brown. Carol is very experienced, comes highly recommended and – we look forward to working with her.
- Office reorganization into a Cloud based virtual office is proceeding according to schedule.
- Sec. 19 of the Society Act requires us to report our new registered address to the registrar. Carol has agreed to the submission of her business address to the registrar as the official registered address for the Society.
- Sec. 22 of the Act also requires a Board resolution to specify a location in British Columbia, other than the society's registered office, at which the records, or specified records or classes of records, of the society may be kept or made available for inspection by the members. Mel B Digital has agreed to maintain a Sync connection between a dedicated public folder containing Society records in our Sync Cloud with a computer in her internet café. This allows for assisted file viewing for less computer literate members. All directors will have access to the Society folder as well through their private portals.
- We may place another link to this Cloud based Society folder in a dedicated Member access area on our new Website.
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### **Community**

- We have received a request for information from member Pat Mackle and have responded.
- We are in the process of constructing a new KDCFS website. Marie and Steve A have volunteered to design the Recreation page.

### **Grants**

- We are still waiting for Rick Minichiello, our accountant to complete both, Earl Grey Trail Canada 150 and CBT final reports. We have forwarded all information requests from funders to his address. According to recent communication from Canada 150 the final report deadline is February 16, 2018.
- The Water Monitoring Grant Report has been filed. An annual report for this grant must be made for 10 years following completion of the Project. Year of funding was 2011, so final grant reporting will be in 2022.
- Amy Watson was contacted regarding the Long Term Planning Grant and she indicated no such grant was issued to the KDCFS.

### **Innovation**



**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approval of 2018 KDCFS Annual Budget.
2. Approval of BCWFS spring burning of CP 36 Blocks 2 and 5.
3. Hire Carol Brown for the KDCFS bookkeeping position.
4. Resolve that as per requirements of Society Act Section 22 the alternate location at which the records, or specified records or classes of records, of the society may be kept or made available for inspection by the members shall be Mel Bryce Digital.