



Management Team Report – February / March 2019

WOODLANDS

- Mapping for CP 41 is underway. A field review with a biologist to view the large stick nest adjacent to our proposed development is scheduled for Friday March 15th.
- CP 41 has some large, clear spruce and a small amount of big Douglas-fir. Some of this timber will be marketed to small local mills such as Boards by George, Hamill Creek, and Lardeau Forest Products. There is also a Tonewood (instrument grade spruce) component which will be marketed to Music Spruce Canada out of Creston, who are suppliers of tonewood spruce to markets worldwide.
- Work resumed on our Forest Stewardship Plan, with a planned completion date of May 1st and an Open Door Public viewing in June.
- In the fall of 2018 our new FLNRO Stewardship Forester conducted a review of CP 36 harvesting (PWP timbersale) to ensure we are in compliance with our Forest Stewardship Plan. The results highlighted a landing outside the block area identified in the Site Plan. Trees also may have been cleared outside of the road right of way, which could result in a trespass situation. This landing was constructed due to safety concerns of logging trucks crossing the Ben Hur bridge. Management will complete a field review snow free to determine if a trespass did occur, and if so, amend the Site Plan, FTA, and RESULTS accordingly.
- The FLNRO Timber Tenure Specialist has advised us that his review for the replacement of the CFA agreement as per the Forest Act is complete. He found approximately 170 ha of private land and other necessary adjustments within the original CFA boundary that had to be removed. The replacement license will be available for review and signing in the next few weeks. We have taken this opportunity to map-review potentially unallocated crown parcel opportunities and have found a small number which we will submit to FLNRO for FN review and possible replacement.
- We have revised the format of our monthly financial report presentation to the Board.

Invasive Species

Management attended the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) annual land managers meeting on March 5 in Nelson. Representatives from approximately 30 organizations attended. No other representatives from CFs or woodlots were present. The purpose of this meeting was to:

1. Share updates and plans for invasive plant management activities by each organization, including a highlights of CKISS activities in 2018 and plans for 2019.
2. Discuss updates to priority lists of invasive plant species by IPMA, and associated containment maps;
3. Open discussion of how invasive plant management could be improved in our region, and how CKISS can support those efforts

We reported on our collaboration with CKISS during our 'forest dumping' publicity campaign in 2018 and were commended for our efforts.

Kaslo to date is on the fringe of distribution for the majority of Invasives. Creston and South Arrow are taking the lead for species and number/size of sites, due to invasion expansion from the US. Nakusp surprisingly also places high on the list. Overall, progress in reduction of spread was reported from most agencies, except for very established invasives, which are treated with containment zones. These zones are accepted as established sites, but expansion beyond these boundaries is acted upon. Due to positive management results, several species were placed on the "watch list" and that list is to be renamed: "insufficient information", since the name 'watch list' is used by other agencies with a different connotation.



SOCIETY

- The BC Community Forest Association 'Indicators Survey' was completed. This survey is important as it shows the benefits Community Forests have on their local communities.
- Preparations for the AGM are under way.
- Landscape Level Wildfire Protection Plan: ongoing data gathering, definition of risk variables and community/stakeholder consultations. We had a preliminary meeting and are entering into a contract with Masse Environmental Consultants Ltd to establish wildlife enhancement strategies in landscape level wildfire corridors. We have received a summer student work application from a local youth and are organizing to integrate him into our upcoming LLWPP field reconnaissance phase. Expected completion of the plan is October 31, 2019.
- Bank Account management: we have moved the Contingency Fund and portions of each, the Silviculture Reserve and the Operating Fund, into secure short Term Deposits in order to realize more interest. We also have reviewed and improved on interest received in our chequing accounts, which facilitates financial management.
- We have updated the KDCFS Policy Manual to incorporate all new policies and policy amendments made by the Board of Directors in 2018/2019. A few older policies remain to be reviewed in 2019. The new Draft Manual is presented for Board review and final approval at the March 20 board meeting. It is then ready for upload to the KDCFS Website.
- We are preparing a Director's Governance Manual to facilitate organizational orientation of our Directors elected at the AGM.
- Annual Financial Statements: we feel that the first-time decision to commission a higher level annual financial statement will serve us well and that the added cost was a justified and foundational investment going forward with our planned projects. The accountants have been very thorough in their questioning and have worked well with management. Carol Brown, our 2018 bookkeeper has assisted where necessary to see the year to completion.
- Business Plan: We have confirmation that neighbouring community forest NACFOR is onboard to consult with our Market Strategy and Timber Supply review, which is their strength. They have scheduled their business plan update this spring as well, which is a good fit, but both our Plan schedules are currently decelerated by other priority projects. We are nearing the completion of our Phase I on March 20 which is a thorough review of existing resources, funding vehicles, markets and marketing assistance, innovation and local needs. We have signed a \$2,000 minor services contract with Tara Clapp whom we hired based on her existing insights with our community forest and professional expertise in research, funding strategies, and feasibility assessment as it applies to rural resource development.
- Signing authority: management and bookkeeper are asking for signing authority for CRA and Ministry of Finance affairs. Forms are provided. This will allow us to directly access financial information without soliciting assistance from an accounting firm.

SILVICULTURE

We have received confirmation that the BCWFS has allocated the cost of our 2018 broadcast burn in Keen Ck CP36 Block 5 largely to their crew training.



Management Team Recommendations

1. that the directors approve the new format of the monthly financial statement
2. that management and bookkeeper are given signing authority for CRA/Ministry of Finance
3. That the Board adopt changes proposed to the Investment Policy and approve the Draft Policy manual as presented.