

KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes - October 16, 2019

MISSION STATEMENT: The Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) will manage the diversity of values of the Community Forest in an ecologically responsible and fiscally accountable manner on behalf of the people of Kaslo and Area D.

Attendees: Steve Anderson (Chair); Steve Fawcett (Secretary); Tara Lynne Clapp (Treasurer); Tom Duchastel, Marie-Ange Fournier-Beck; Carl Hall (Directors); Jeff Reyden, Sabrina Mutterer (Management Team); Sylvie Barkley (Administration)

Guests: Douglas Yee (Chief), Russel Semenoff; Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department, Greg Lay (public)

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm at Kaslo Senior's Hall

Adoption of the AGENDA

that the Board of Directors adopt the Amended Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of November 20, 2019

Moved to adopt: Tom Duchastel Carried

Adoption of Minutes

that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2019.

Moved to adopt: Carl Hall Carried

Treasurer Report

Receive Treasurer Report. Treasurer reported that the loads of trees left on the hillside will result in year-end showing a bigger loss than expected.

Moved to adopt: Steve Fawcett Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Delegation

Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) Chief, Douglas Yee, clarified the following:

- 1. Russel Semenoff was acting on behalf of and with full support of the Kaslo Fire Department when speaking at KDCFS public meetings.
- 2. KVFD's primary focus is identifying and gaining access to water sources and access roads in areas at risk of wildfire. KVFD does not decide where roads are to be built and they will continue to cooperate and work together with all stakeholders to carry out FireSmart preplanning.
- 3. Private land is the responsibility of KVFD during FireSmart and firefighting activities whereas Crown land is the responsibility of WildFire BC. KVFD and Wildfire BC may provide support for the other if/when necessary.

B. Governance

Committee Reports

Finance CTE: Draft Budget 2020

Provided multiple scenarios for 2020 dependant on market conditions – reported that the only way to break even in 2020 is if markets improve. 2020 Draft Budget for each scenario reviewed and discussed. Options are to either adopt a budget now or table it until December meeting. Decided by Board to save remainder of Budget discussion for the Manager's Report.

Treasurer motioned to table budget until December Carried

WITF CTE:

Housing Society will assist with advertisements and a post has been shared by the Housing Society on a social media platform.

Recreation CTE:

CTE reports they continue to work on the large-scale map showing current recreational trails. The CTE plans to meet with each trail group separately in the spring and review map to ensure accuracy of current and planned trails. This will result in one master trail map for the community.

C. Manager's Report

2020 Budget review continued. Fire mitigation and safety are a priority. Management explained the planning process that has taken place over the last year regarding Shutty Bench South Firebreak (SBSF) and Wardner Wildfire Corridor (WWC). Risks and value of firebreaks have been weighed and Management has been working closely with stakeholders in the community to determine the risk of high fuel and beetle/root rot in these areas. Tenure map presented and reviewed. One scenario of the budget does not include any grants as nothing is guaranteed but Management is hopeful that KDFCS will be successful in obtaining Grants. Grant applications do not open until December and announcement of application results expected to be announced in March. Grant results and further expert consultations of SBSF and WWC will determine which Blocks are completed in 2020. Prescriptions planned for 2020 will utilize WUI stocking standards and will incur low silviculture obligations.

Management advised of the importance of gaining access to McDonald Creek as this water source and the corresponding access roads on private land will be crucial to KDCFS, the Fire Department and to the private landowner if a fire was to occur. Trap decks will be put in place to help mitigate beetle damage in the healthy trees.

KDCFS's plans to continue focusing on fire mitigation and improving forest health. Management has had consultations with Bob Gray and have been advised that preheating will be an issue for our area because of the topography. They will continue to consult all stakeholders including Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department, Village of Kaslo, RDCK and subject matter experts and their findings will help develop the document which shows fire plan and landscape details of the Tenure. This document will be available at the end of the year.

S-6 Report: Management attended the annual meeting of Southern 6 Community Forest License Managers on November 18. Management found commonalities amongst the Societies when discussing issues related to mill closures, low log prices, tenure expansion and stumpage. All Community Forests are busy with wildfire mitigation projects and some have strong engagements with schools during National Forest Week. KDCFS did not hear back from JVH school this year and will try again next year with the help of Steve Anderson.

Questions and Answers

Sunshine Logging has been hired to build the Spur at Branch 7 as they were available to do the work in required time frame. Silviculture spending will be much reduced in the years to come. Past silviculture obligations are being paid for from current harvesting.

Recommendations

Both budget scenarios follow the same outline until July 2020 – Management recommended to approve preferred budget presented with a caveat for review in May, once Grant awards are known.

D. Items for Board Discussion

Desire that the Board set a retreat date to explore business plan ideas and tenure sustainability.

Motion: to schedule ½ day retreat on December 8th.

Moved: Steve Fawcett Carried

Motion: to hold 2020 AGM on April 15, 2020.

Motion: to reschedule April Regular Board meeting to April 22, 2020.

Motion: to reschedule December 18 Regular Board meeting to December 11, 2019

Moved: Steve Fawcett Carried

E. Community Comments

Greg Lay stated that complexity science needs to be priority in future forest management planning. KDCFS needs to identify challenges specific to our Tenure and adopt strategies for adjusting to changes in the industry. Greg recommends we learn from SIFCO how to successfully apply for grant money to provide the right resources to the community.

F. In-Camera

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Next Board Meeting: December 11th at 6:30