



Management Team Report Jan - Feb 2020

WOODLANDS

CP 41 Cooper Face

Winter break. Remaining loads to be shipped after spring breakup concurrent with site clean-up. 2 blocks are also slated for spring planting.

CP43 / Branch 7 Fuel Management Cutting Permit (2020)

We have commenced a 3-year wildfire corridor installation project at the end of 2019 with the construction of 1km access and fire break line towards McDonald Creek by local Sunshine Logging. A 600m skid trail was also built, which will improve gravitational water feed into the immediate Wardner forested interface. Following consultations with the Regional FLNRORD pathologist, Douglas-fir decks remained on site to help trap Douglas fir beetle flights through the spring of 2020. This corridor is one component of our new 2020 Landscape Level Wildfire Plan (LLWP see below) 5-year strategy and serves the following objectives:

1. To change fire behaviour
2. To increase safety to fire suppression crews and lives at risk
3. To increase speed of response
4. To improve access to water
5. To implement an effective and economic Kaslo fire suppression zone
6. To enhance stand resiliency towards climate change

We are awaiting grant receipt at the end of March and have secured local TimberRidge Contracting Ltd. (Shane & Casey McKinnon) to implement the work.

Landscape Level Wildfire Plan

The Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) in 2018 was granted \$50,000 Forest Enhancement Society (FES) funding to complete a Landscape Level Wildfire Plan (LLWP) within its K3C tenure. KDCFS was required to provide \$20,000 in-house contribution. The Plan is now complete and will be shared with stakeholders in preparation for the 2020 wildfire season. Climate models project current summer temperature extremes near average summer temperatures by year 2050 (Reasoner). These warnings create urgent timelines in forest management schedules and also point out the need to re-calibrate all planning input frequently. Successful implementation is strongly dependent on ongoing provincial commitment to preventative wildfire risk reduction funding. We present an immediate wildfire action plan five years into the future. With the LLWP in place, the KDCFS has requested assistance for fuel management implementation under the new Wildfire Risk Reduction fund administrated through FLNRORD/BCWS and has received verbal funding commitment for 2020 from both FLNRORD and FES. The LLWP and planning maps will be on display at our booth at the Winter in the Forest Festival on February 17 and will be uploaded onto the KDCFS website soon.

SOCIETY / INTERNAL

AGM 2020

AGM preparations are underway. Memberships are sold this year by Sunnyside Naturals, next door to Mel B Digital and at our booth at the Winter in the Forest Festival. Forms are also available on our website.

KDCFS Board has resolved the following at the January 22 Regular Board meeting:

Moved by Carl Hall. That the bylaws related to society membership be revised to read:

- Sec 6 (1) Any change to the annual membership dues will be considered at the annual general meeting of the Society.
- (2) **Annual** memberships shall be up for renewal after December 31st of each calendar year.
- (3) **5 year memberships will be up for renewal after the fifth December 31st following date of purchase.**

Resolution deadline is March 13, 2020.



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Year-end financials were submitted to Grant Thornton LLP Accountants for completion of Notice to Reader statements.

Long Term Planning Strategy

Visioning and data collection ongoing. We are in the process of replacing NACFOR with Grant Thornton LLP to guide our CBT grant assisted Business Plan. This grant will terminate on May 30.

2020 Annual Budget Revision

The 2020 annual budget was adopted at the December 11, 2019 Board meeting. The approval was conditional to a spring review, when WRR and FES fuel reduction grants were delivered. We expect to know funding details by mid-March and will present a revised budget for the March 18 Board meeting. Time lines are tight to allow for spring operational scheduling of our harvesting contractor. The updated budget will also include \$4,350 recipient contribution to adhere to our \$5,000 CBT grant requirements.

RDCK Area D Economic Development

The Village of Kaslo and Regional District of Central Kootenay Area D are looking to develop a shared vision for the region's economy. Factor 5, an award winning social enterprise was contracted to facilitate an economic development and marketing strategy for NKL over the course of 2020. An Economic Development Open House took place on February 11 at the Village of Kaslo Office. Businesses, residents and community organizations were invited to explore how they can be part of shaping the region's future.

Following the open house in February, there will be a series of roundtables to pull together businesses and stakeholders to discuss key challenges and opportunities in some of the region's most important sectors. The Roundtable for Forestry is now scheduled for May 11.

Winter in the Forest Festival

The 20th year of Winter in the Forest Festival was another huge success under the skilled event management of the Kaslo Housing Society, who again rallied an incredible number of volunteers. Way to go, Kaslo !



Management Team Recommendations

1. That the Board strike an AGM CTE to convene between March 14 to 16 to review Member resolutions and set AGM Agenda.
2. That the Board set a Finance CTE meeting date between March 11 and 17 to review the updated 2020 budget and workplan for recommendation at the March 18 Board meeting.
3. That the Board place an ad of recognition in Pennywise and on Social Media, to thank the KHS, volunteers, artists, participating organizations and Kaslo Works crew for the success of WITF 2020.