



## KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Sept 22nd 2021

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**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), Jeff Mattes (Treasurer), Chris Webster (Vice Chair), Stephen Fawcett (Secretary), Doug Drain, Tom Duchastel (Directors), Jeff Reyden (Management Team); Alicia Sergeant (Bookkeeper) **Guest:** Ian Dunlop (VOK CAO)

**Absent with notice:** Greg Lay (Director) **Absent without notice:** Neil Johnson (Director)

*Meeting called to order at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom*

### **A. Preliminaries:**

#### **Agenda**

that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of Sept 22nd, 2021

Moved to adopt: Stephen Fawcett Carried

**Minutes** that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of August 18th, 2021

Moved to adopt: Jeff Mattes Carried

#### **Treasurer Report**

No questions

Moved to adopt: Tom Duchastel Carried

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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Q&A with VOK CAO**

Report from CAO: FireSmart will be occurring on Village land. There is a CRI project that will produce a working group which is hoped that KDCFS will have a seat. RDCK applied for WRR through CBT and thus handed to the Village. This is east end of the aerodrome. Treatment area is on crown land. There is potential for the KDCFS to help manage from Village land for example the river trail. Happy to discuss at later date.

Q: If fires start will Kaslo experience a lack of water. How will the VOK handle this?

A: Only 2 days supply of water in the Village reservoir. Could pump out of the river but it would overload the treatment plant so the water would be untreated and classed as well water. Long term the VOK does have to look at Kootenay lake as a potential water source.

Q: Does water pumped from the river depend on power or back-up generator power?

A: Yes, there is a back-up generator which is dependent on fuel.

Q: Is the VOK aware of certain movements regarding Indigenous claims/rights to timber?

A: Certainly yes however this is a provincial and federal relationship. VOK would like to have a connection with the Ktunaxa.

Q: Without power can the water treatment plant pump water?

A: There is a back up power supply there and also there is gravity flow. Not full pressure however.

Q: Supposedly the Golf Course doesn't like chlorinated water and uses approx. 10% of VOK water supply. Are you looking at possible using lake water?

A: This does make sense but would involve communication from them and how it would go about. They are currently billed for metered water.

Q: Is there a long-term strategy for looking at loss of timber from blow down especially in potential treatment areas? Can we look at management in regard to species/density?

A: VOK doesn't have forest management capability. We treat what we can from grant funding that is available. Maybe this is something that KDCFS can assist with in the future.

Q: MV Balfour is going out of commission from ferry service. Could the VOK/RDCK look at purchasing for community needs? Water pumping/evacuation etc?

A: Could be looked into.

Takeaway: KDCFS is ready to discuss potential opportunities to work with the VOK. Correspondence by letter to request delegation.

### **B. Manager's Report**

Moved to adopt report: Jeff Mattes

Carried

### **C. Items for Board Discussion**

None

### **D. Governance**

1. Charity Firewood CTE: announcement of 2021 winning charities. Out of 5 applicants, CTE picked 3 winners:
  - a. Kaslo Housing Society
  - b. Kaslo Library (for new development project)
  - c. Kaslo Legion

Tom Duchastel moved to adopt winners as a motion.

Carried

2. Receipt of Resignation: Manager S. Mutterer. Discussion moved to in-camera. Moved out of camera.  
Steve Anderson moved to accept resignation.

Carried

Steve Anderson moved to adopt the proposal of a new management contract by Strathinnes Forestry Consultants.

Carried

Personnel CTE to meet to find a way to thank Sabrina.

3. Motion to remove S. Mutterer from the Post Office Box 789 signatories and transfer to Jeff Reyden. Carried

4. Motion to remove S. Mutterer from the KSCU signing authorities. Carried

5. Recreation CTE – set meeting to discuss kiosk panel design.

**E. Community Comments**

Russell Semenoff worried about the water pumps. They need to be drained and stored for winter season. Jeff R to look into this.

**F. In-Camera**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7.46pm

Next Board Meeting: October 22nd, 2021