



## **KDCFS Minutes for January 8, 2026**

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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.

**Board Members:** Jeff Mattes (Treasurer), Doug Drain, Jeff Reyden (Management Team), Matthew Brown (Director). Sarah Sinclair (Directors), Chris Webster (Chair), Stephen Fawcett (Secretary), Stephen Neville (Vice Chair).

### **Members Absent:**

**Call To Order:** Jeff Mattes called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved** and seconded

And Resolved:

That the Agenda for the January 8, 2025, Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting be adopted as circulated with the inclusion of item 3(3.3) AGM.

**Carried**

**Receipt of Minutes:** the Board of Directors acknowledge the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2025, were received and adopted via e-mail.

- In the minutes be more precise, less is more and do not use acronyms.

**Carried**

### **1. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jeff Mattes, Treasurer provided the Board Members with a detailed overview of the Treasurer's report.

### **2. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jeff Reyden provided the Board Members with a detailed overview of the Manager's Report with the following notable discussion items:

#### **CP 55 (Timber Ridge)**

- Harvesting Douglas fir & larch.
- Douglas fir was the predominate species with minor components of larch and cedar.

- Harvesting Complete before the holiday break.

#### **CP 56 (True Blue Road)**

- Harvesting started in early January
- 3000 m<sup>3</sup> planned; hemlock harvest depends on market.
- Species: fir, hemlock, cedar.

#### **CP 57 (Lost Ledge)**

- Western toads discovered in one of the planned blocks.
- Not legally protected, but best management practices being followed; biologist involved.

#### **Cooper Face Development**

- Currently low demand for white wood including spruce so focusing development in larch stands.

#### **Internal Operations**

- Road to Moose Meadows ski cabin graded and widened to reduce ditch hazard.
- JVH Outdoor Ed Class continues processing donated firewood, raising funds for their program.

**Moved** and seconded

And Resolved:

That the Board approve the Manager's Report.

**Carried**

### **3. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

#### **3.1 CP 55 Lost Ledge to Lardeau project**

The Board provided a detailed discussion regarding CP 55 Lost Ledge to Lardeau project including:

- Provided all safety documentation to BC Hyrdo and are in full compliance
- A Certified Utility Arborist (CUA) was required to cut the trees near the power line.
- Project was altered due to public feedback, with more reserves along the highway and more harvesting higher up the hill

#### **3.2 Winter in the Forest**

The Board provided a detailed discussion regarding Winter in the Forest including:

- The Housing Society will organize it this year with Zia being the lead.
- Happy there is funding
- The organizer will be asking for volunteers to help with the festival
- Chris met with the Housing Society and organizer and will have a list of items for KDCFS to help with. Chris will put together the list well a head of the event and has also offered him time to help.

### 3.3 AGM

The Board provided a detailed discussion regarding the Annual General Meeting including:

- AGM will be held April 16<sup>th</sup> at the JVH School
- It will be advertised in the Valley Voice and on our website

## 4. GOVERNANCE

### 4.1 Approval of 2026 KDCFS Annual Budget

The Board provided a detailed discussion regarding 2026 KDCFS Annual Budget including:

- Focusing on acquiring cutting and road permits due t longer permitting process.
- Due to markets, focusing harvesting on larch stands
- Brushing out roads
- Projecting a profit in 2026
- Continue brushing out old roads across our license for access

**Moved** and seconded

And Resolved:

Board Members approved the 2026 KDCFS Annual Budget

**Carried**

### 4.2 Managerial Review

- Tabled for next meeting

## 5. NEXT MEETING

The next Kaslo & District Community Forest Society meeting has not been scheduled but the AGM is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** and seconded,

AND Resolved:

The Kaslo & District Community Forest Society meeting be adjourned at 7:52p.m.

**Carried**