KDCFS Minutes for May 21, 2026

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

Call To Order: Chris Webster called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda
Moved and seconded
And Resolved:

That the Agenda for the May 21, 2026, Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Receipt of Minutes: the Board of Directors acknowledge the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2026 were received and adopted via e-mail.

Carried

1. TREASURER'S REPORT
Jeff Mattes, Treasurer provided the Board Members with a detailed overview of the Treasurer's report with the following notable discussion items:

- Year-to-date results are ahead of budget expectations, with a current net profit of approximately $259,819, compared to a full-year budget target of $354,000.
- Many planned expenditures for timber development, road construction, silviculture, and wildfire risk reduction have not yet occurred and are expected later in the year.

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:

Operations

- Keen Creek Road reopened after trees and a small landslide blocked access; repairs completed by Marsh Hawes, allowing tree planting and recreational access to resume.
- Timber development for Cooper Face and Lost Ledge is complete; permit applications submitted and approvals expected within the next few weeks.
- Harvesting of CP 50 (Cooper Face) scheduled to begin in June; contractor: Timber Ridge.
- Lost Ledge Road issues identified:
    - Fill slope near bottom of road is slumping and requires repair.
    - Approximately 1 km of road requires rerouting due to steep grades.
    - Once permits are received:
    - road
    - Road reconstruction will commence.
- Harvesting of CP 57 will begin shortly thereafter.
- Road brushing program will continue for 5–10 km of old road access. Contractor: Sunshine Logging.
- Keen Creek salvage logging rehabilitation work (trail rehabilitation, yarder spur restoration, road maintenance) to be completed after snow melt by Marsh Hawes.
- Hazard abatement cleanup and trail rehabilitation underway in CP 56 (behind the dump) due to significant debris remaining after winter harvesting.

Safety

No safety incidents reported for:

- Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) work
- Tree planting operations
- Timber development activities.

Engagement

- Manager scheduled to attend the BCCFA Conference in Vernon during the first week of June.
- Hosted field tour with:
    - Deb MacKillop, Forest Biodiversity Lead
    - Julie MacDougall, Executive Director
    - Office of the Chief Forester
- Discussions focused on:
    - Old-growth management
    - Biodiversity
    - Forest economics
    - Future direction of forestry in BC
    - Opportunities in bioenergy, biochar, and niche wood products
    - Importance of provincial leadership in advancing forest-sector innovation.

Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR)

- Manual treatment work in CP 55 above Lardeau is complete.
- Pile burning planned for fall/early winter when snow cover is present.
- FESBC announced a new intake for WRR projects covering June 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027.

- Application planned for implementation of KAS3 wildfire risk reduction treatments on Crown land around No Brakes, following completion of the 2025 Fuel Management Prescription by Cathro.

Moved and seconded
And Resolved:

That the Board approve the Manager's Report.

Carried

3. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

3.1 JVH Bursary

- An application from a JVH student that graduated overseas and is attending forestry school at UBC has been approved.

3.2 Silviculture update

- Tree planting began at Keen Creek this week.
- Work being completed by Wes Mooney.
- Trees are being stored in a refrigerated trailer at the arena; appreciation expressed to the Arena Board for storage support.
- Review of 2025 surveys is ongoing.
- Walkthrough surveys planned to determine whether brushing treatments are required on several blocks this year.

3.3 Firewood

- Due to local organizations reaching out for assistance in getting firewood, discussion was held around the possibility of donating a set number of cords per year for individuals unable to afford firewood, with potential focus on:
    - Seniors
    - Single parents facing financial hardship
- Consideration was given to donating $800 for the Gold Medal sponsorship.

5. NEXT MEETING

Next Board meeting will be July 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Kaslo & District Community Forest Society meeting be adjourned at 8:07p.m

Carried