

**BELLA COOLA COMMUNITY FOREST
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Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

April 29, 2021, 7:00 pm / Virtual Zoom Meet

Representatives Present:

Watershed Society:

BC Valley Tourism: Tom Hermance

Snootli Hatchery:

Arts Council/BCVRR:

Rod & Gun Club:

Trails Alliance:

BCCFL: Roger Brandt, Hans Granander

Nunamus Dev Corp:

Nuxalk Forestry:

CCRD:

Ag Society: Nicole Kaechele

CCCS:

BCRS:

Meeting Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Review Agenda: Accepted by the group

Introduce Roger Brandt – newly appointed Director for Bella Coola Community Forest Ltd

Concern raised about low attendance.

- Hans to follow up with representatives, see about using alternates,
- If people don't have the time to participate, contact organization about putting forward other reps

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes of March 8, 2021: Minor change under Forest Management Plan item 7: draft Forest Management Plan was not provided – it was the Forest Management Plan Public Discussion document. Minutes accepted.

Safety: No safety incidents to report. FYI bears are out – engineering crew had too close for comfort encounter with grizzly bear.

Status of BCCFL Operations:

1. No logging at present but supporting Nuxalk Forestry logging operations by storing their wood at booming ground.
2. Logging trucks going down the road are from Nuxalk Forestry's operations in Talchacko

2021 Operations:

1. Noomst – complete remaining block in May
2. East Sallompt - complete roaded block, develop new road & blocks – May - September

3. Lost Lake block on hold
4. Nookliklonnik – west, potential start in fall

Longer Term Operations:

1. Nookliklonnik – east (CMT's and goshawk nest concerns), collaborating with Nuxalk Sustainable Energy group
2. Nooseseck valley – large up-front development cost

Forest Management Plan Updating:

1. Opportunity for community engagement.
 - a) Public engagement document review
 - Unclear how the pieces - goals, objectives, strategies – fit together
 - Once goals, objectives identified how are strategies developed, who develops?
 - How will decisions be made?
 - b) Concern that BCCFL board does not have even representation of broader community (ie no female directors), this affects decision making
 - c) How does community feedback affect decision making? – Need to clarify process.
 - d) Consider using neutral facilitator to assist with public engagement sessions – in person, or web based
 - e) For virtual 'open house' session focus on 4-5 hot topics that will draw people's attention and show willingness to tackle issues of main concern.
 - f) First Nation engagement should be stand alone element, not part of general public engagement, recommended that 'unceded' territory should be included before First Nation (ie the unceded territory of the Nuxalk Nation).
 - g) Refer FN as indigenous not aboriginal
 - h) Post current FMP on website
 - i) For timber supply modeling, include watershed impact restrictions
 - j) Other means to engage – mini-videos on Youtube, conduct survey,
 - k) Hot topics: old growth management, watershed risk, rec sites; bears? Other?
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Public Relations:

1. Lost Lake: Three field tours at Lost Lake trail head conducted with people opposed to development have been conducted. Very helpful to provide clear understanding of proposal. People comment that scale of operations is smaller than they thought and that there is less impact on the trail than thought. Still prefer area not to be logged. Agree that fixing road and clearing view lookout would be beneficial.
Clearing of lookout viewing site is beneficial from tourism perspective.
Boundary modification to retain concentration of larger trees with old growth characteristics in SE corner being considered by BCCFL board.
Note that several individuals approached Tom and Nicole anonymously about Lost Lake and were not comfortable being named due to concerns around community perception and/ or not feeling comfortable bringing their concerns forth publicly.

BCRS planning to meet and provide response to BCCFL. Project on hold pending further consideration by BCCFL.

Communications:

BCRS Update:

On-Going Discussion Topics

Governance: Structure, roles, intent, accountability, participation

Topic of Advisory Committee membership was brought up and what is the policy for new people wanting to participate? - to be discussed at next meeting.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2021, 7 pm, likely virtual Zoom

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 pm

Recording: Hans Granander

Old Action Items:

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY WHO	ACTION BY WHEN
1	Consider public tours, school involvement <i>Challenging due to Covid</i>	GM	Summer
2	Invite additional groups to participate	GM	Ongoing
3	Explore developing joint newsletter with Nuxalk Comfor	GM	Summer
4	Long range planning with Nuxalk Community Forest and training opportunities <i>In regular discussion with NFLP management</i>	GM	Ongoing
5	Wood Post newsletter not making it into every mailbox – follow up with Canada Post	GM	Prior to next Newsletter
6	Engage with lower Salloompt land owners on development plans. Tom H to coordinate meeting	GM	TBA
7	Determine ways to engage broad community on updating Forest Management Plan	AC	On going
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New Action Items:

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY WHO	ACTION BY WHEN
1	Contact Adv Com members regarding low attendance	Hans	June 3
2	Update BCCFL website with new Directors	Hans	May 3
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