

BELLA COOLA COMMUNITY FOREST

BCRS & Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2021, 7:00 pm

Representatives Present:

Watershed Society:

BC Valley Tourism: Tom Hermance

Snootli Hatchery:

Arts Council/BCVRR: Heather Ross

Rod & Gun Club:

Trails Alliance: SamMcKoy

BCCFL: Roger Brandt, Hans Granander

Nunamus Dev Corp: Keith Hamilton

Nuxalk Forestry:

CCRD:

Ag Society:

Member at Large: Nicole Kaechele

CCCS:

**BCRS: Mark Nelson, Lily Pedersen, Dave Brown,
Evangeline Hanuse, Chris Matthews**

Meeting held outside at BCCFL Office – called to order at 7:05 by L. Pederson.

Meeting was first meeting held with BCRS Board and the BCCFL Advisory Committee. Meeting was intended as an informal meeting to discuss how Advisory Committee and BCRS Board should engage. Terms of Reference (TOR) for Advisory Committee (AC) state that AC is to report information to both the BCCFL and the BCRS as well as to receive information back as to how this information was used.

Discussion was informal and discussion on agenda items overlapped often.

1. Terms of Reference of Advisory Committee:
 - 1) Discussion included the Vision and Mission statements in the Introduction – clarity of language needs to be reviewed.
 - 2) Purpose – questions raised about some of points listed.
 - 3) Suggested that document be reorganized to improve clarity.
 - 4) Reminded that AC is not a decision-making body; it is a volunteer group whose purpose is to inform BCCFL and BCRS of relevant information and concerns from the community and to provide advice.
 - 5) Also discussed make up of committee – reps from wide range of community groups; perhaps need to ensure representation from specific groups (e.g. Nuxalk Forestry, CCRD).
2. AC role/relationship with BCRS:
 - 1) TOR specifically states that “AC is expected to advise the BCRS to achieve the vision and the BCCFL to achieve its mission”; AC is to provide feedback from the community and to provide recommendations on issues.
 - 2) Discussion included fact that AC has not met with whole of BCRS Board – a rep from the BCRS has attended most meetings of AC, and minutes are circulated to rep.
 - 3) Suggestion of more meetings with BCRS Board was agreeable to most; concern of how many meetings and whether with BCRS or BCCFL or both was also discussed.
3. Ways to improve community engagement:
 - 1) Plan to hire a facilitator to help with community engagement was discussed and it was generally agreed that BCCFL and BCRS should choose a facilitator – favourably not local, with expertise in facilitation and working knowledge of forest management, and at reasonable cost.
 - 2) Engagement needs to be multi-level and AC should be part of the process.

3) More discussion about how to engage – working with individuals as well as groups, providing information through variety of means.

Meeting ended 9:00 with discussion of next meeting date – possibly mid-July.