

BELLA COOLA COMMUNITY FOREST LTD.

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2021, 7:00 pm / Virtual Zoom Meet

Representatives Present:

Watershed Society: Ken Dunsworth,
Holly Willgress (alternate)

BC Valley Tourism: Tom Hermance

Snootli Hatchery: Haakon Hammer

Arts Council/BCVRR: Heather Ross

Rod & Gun Club:

Trails Alliance: Sam McKoy

BCCFL: Hans Granander

Nunamus Dev Corp: Keith Hamilton

Nuxalk Forestry:

CCRD: No rep

Member At Large: Nicole Kaechele

CCCS:

BCRS: Dave Brown

Guests:

Meeting Call to Order: 7:07

Review Agenda: Add Terms of Reference

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes of April 29, 2021: Adopted as circulated

Safety: Bears are becoming a concern

Status of BCCFL Operations:

1. Felling of roaded block in east Salloompt completed.
2. Supporting Nuxalk Forestry logging operations by storing their wood at booming ground.
3. Logging trucks going down the road are from Nuxalk Forestry's operations in Talchacko.
4. Operations at Noomst anticipated to start later this week.

2021 Operations:

1. Noomst – complete remaining block in June
2. East Sallompt - complete roaded block, develop new road & blocks – May - September
3. Lost Lake block on hold:
 - 1) BCRS met – will support BCCFL decision
 - 2) Road needs improving and brushing, block revised to retain area with concentration of older trees.
 - 3) Some individuals have talked with H. Granander and found plan not as bad as thought, but some still not in favour of logging and some think it would be OK to proceed.
T. Hermance BCTA has been contacted by individuals opposed to logging.
 - 4) This would be a small but productive site for the BCCF – suggestion was made to evaluate number of high-productivity sites as there are other sites that might be controversial – inventory analysis is underway to identify low elevation old growth areas.

- 5) There are computer programs that can “visualize” logging modelling/GIS analysis to help with classification of forest areas (help with identifying old growth forest).
4. Nookliklonnik – west, potential start in fall, working around CMT’s and goshawk nesting, collaborating with Nuxalk Sustainable Energy group.

Longer Term Operations:

1. Nookliklonnik – east, old growth, recreation and cultural heritage concerns raised
2. Nooseseck valley – large up-front development cost.

Forest Management Plan Updating:

1. Community Forest Management Plan – still in draft stage (will include input from BCCF Advisory Committee).
 2. Community engagement.- suggestions for engaging community in long-range planning:
 - 1) Public engagement – it was suggested that a poll or survey be held/circulated to determine support for BCCFL
 - stated that polls are more accurate (more random)
 - concerns raised about wording for either format.
 - 2) How does community feedback affect decision making? (not discussed)
 - 3) Facilitation to assist with public engagement:
 - still support for idea of “outside” facilitator to be used in public engagement process
 - several suggestions were made for companies that provide professional facilitators (H. Granander has contacted a couple possibilities)
 - discussed possible timeline of June/July.
 - 4) Virtual ‘open house’ session – questioned whether this would be effective?
 - 5) Other means to engage – mini-videos on Youtube, on-going newsletter etc.
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Public Relations:

Lost Lake Update – see 2021 Operations

Communications:

Continuing with newsletters and updated website

BCRS Update:

No report at this time

On-Going Discussion Topics

1. Governance: membership discussion:
 - 1) Discussion revolved around lack of participation at meetings and having alternates to help with that situation.
 - 2) Alternates would attend if member unable to attend.
2. Terms of Reference: structure of Advisory Committee
 - 1) TOR set up members of Advisory Committee as local, knowledgeable people representing a wide range of local organizations to provide feedback and advice to the BCCFL (no decision-making).
 - 2) Adv. Comm. structure has representatives of local organizations (wide range), up to 10 members on committee, with each organization providing a representative.
 - 3) It was suggested that Adv. Comm. request a representative from the Nuxalk Nation.

- 4) Some Adv. Comm. members no longer represent organizations that they were affiliated with so some discussion about having “Members at Large” on committee.
 - 5) Criteria for selecting new members would have to be developed; as BCCFL and BCRS developed original criteria both organizations should take the lead in that process with suggestions from the BCCF Adv. Comm.
 - 6) Suggestion made to update TOR – H. Granander will draft document for review by BCCFL and BCRS and Adv. Comm.
3. Relationship between Adv. Comm. and BCRS:
- 1) Concerns raised that BCRS is not being informed about Adv. Comm. meetings – appointee of BCRS is receiving the minutes.
 - 2) Suggestion made that minutes be posted on webpage.

Next Meeting: Tentatively set for June 23 or 24

Meeting adjourned: 9:05

Recording: Heather Ross

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 Group not interested in meeting.	GM	TBA
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New Action Items:

	Draft revision of TOR re: membership	GM	Next meet
	Prepare map showing low elevation old growth areas	GM	July