

BELLA COOLA COMMUNITY FOREST LTD.

Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Mar 8, 2021, 7:00 pm / Virtual Zoom Meet

Representatives Present:

Watershed Society:

BC Valley Tourism: Tom Hermance

Snootli Hatchery: Haakon Hammer

Arts Council/BCVRR: Heather Ross

Rod & Gun Club:

Trails Alliance:

BCCFL: Hans Granander (Regrets Rod Krimmer)

Nunamus Dev Corp: Keith Hamilton

Nuxalk Forestry:

CCRD:

Ag Society: Nicole Kaechele

CCCS:

BCRS:

Meeting Call to Order: 7:15

Review Agenda: No additional items – adopted as circulated

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes of March 10, 2020: Adopted as circulated

Minutes of Nov 2, 2020: Adopted as circulated

Safety: No operations, no incidents

Status of BCCFL Operations:

1. No operations, shutdown for winter
2. Prepping for start-up in April

2021 Operations:

1. Noomst – complete remaining block
2. East Sallompt - complete roaded block, Lost Lake block, potential new road/blocks
3. Nookliklonnik - west

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

Forestry Plans:

1. Forest Management Plan - update in progress, timber supply analysis commenced
2. Opportunity for public engagement for feedback on broad operating areas and management.

Public Relations:

1. Updated web page – bellacoolaforest.com
2. Posted new development plan maps
3. Christmas gingerbread house contest – good response
4. Covid donations to several local non-profit organizations

Communications: On-going discussion.

BCRS Update: Nothing at this time.

Forest Management Plan Updating: Opportunity for community engagement.

1. H. Granander stated that the BCCF Forest Management Plan is being updated (ten years since original plan developed) and that the Board is looking for community input.
2. He further stated that the FMP is the overall plan for this community reflecting forest management and the objectives of this community.
3. It needs to include areas of sensitivity/interest to the community, data on growth, habitat, analysis of watersheds, and to incorporate all land use, risk levels and so forth.
4. BCCFC has hired a data management company to help with developing FMP.
5. Discussion followed as to how to engage the community in this process; suggestions included:
 - virtual meetings
 - having outdoor sessions (COVID concerns)
 - holding information sessions on specific topics, e.g. old growth forests
 - making YouTube type informational videos to share with the community (T. Hermance willing to help with this project)
 - use of facilitator for public meetings
6. The BCCFC will be developing this plan which it will then share with the Resource Management Society for input in order to finalize updated plan.
7. The BCCF Advisory Committee was supplied with draft version of ~~new plan~~ **FMP Public**

Discussion document for Committee's feedback – the hope is to have new draft ready by early April.

On-Going Discussion Topics

Governance: Structure, roles, intent, accountability, participation

Community Engagement:

- Broader engagement with community.
- Process to update community values
- Collaboration between BCRS and BCCFL
- How to engage with Nuxalk leadership?
- Advisory Committee interested to meet with BCRS

Old Growth Management: Definition, status, strategies,
September issue of Wood Post focused on Old Growth on Community Forest

Next Meeting: Tentatively set for April 14th at 5:00 (Zoom)

Meeting adjourned 6:45

Recording:

Old Action Items:

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY WHO	ACTION BY WHEN
1	Consider public tours, school involvement	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	GM	Winter
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	Nov 30
7	Place information sign at start of Lost Lake Trail regarding nearby logging plans	GM	Nov 30
8	Inform BCRS board that Adv Committee is willing to meet if BCRS would like.	GM	Nov 6
9	Determine ways to engage broad community on updating Forest Management Plan	AC	Next meeting

New Action Items:

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY WHO	ACTION BY WHEN
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