

McBride Community Forest Corporation

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting July 12, 2010

Meeting Called to order at 7:02 pm

Members Present: Director Irene Rejman
Director Mike Frazier
Director Rick Thompson
Director Eliana Clements

Staff Present: Marc von der Gonna – General Manager & Secretary

10 members of the general public were in attendance.

1. Approval of Agenda

Frazier/Rejman
Motion to approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2. Reading and Approving of the Minutes.

Frazier/Clements
Motion to adopt the minutes from the June 2, 2010 board meeting.
CARRIED

3. Introduction of Late Items:

None.

4. Delegates:

None.

5. Unfinished Business:

1. List of issues – TBOF: Marc reported that he received the list of issues compiled by the TBOF group at our last board meeting and that he met with Al Birnie on June 18th to get clarification on a number of points. Issues regarding governance are being address by the Village. Others are related to utilization, access to work/fibre, and trust. Hopefully by getting more information out to the public we will help clarify our policies and accomplishments, which will either clear up the issues or lead to more specific criticisms that can then be addressed. For example, there is a concern that we are not doing enough silviculture, and yet we have planted hundreds of thousands of seedlings for the past 5 years and this year passed the 1 millionth tree mark.

2. Tax Liability issue: Marc reported that our accountant was asked to revisit his recommendation regarding our tax status in light of the concern raised at our May

public meeting. He reported that his professional opinion still stands and that we are in compliance with Revenue Canada regulations.

6. Reports:

- Report on in-camera items: Chair Thompson reported that the board met in-camera on June 2, 2010 following the regular board meeting. The monthly financial statements were reviewed. The board also met in-camera earlier on July 12, 2010. He reported that on June 17, 2010 MCFC, TRC and our small market loggers (SMLs) came to a fibre supply agreement. Under this 1 year agreement MCFC will deliver 15,000 tonnes of grade 4 cedar to TRC at a rate of \$30/tonne through our SMLs. There is a provision to have a second year to the agreement as well. As an incentive to the SMLs to harvest and deliver this grade 4 cedar MCFC is investing \$225,000 by paying the SMLs an additional \$15/tonne for grade 4 cedar landed at TRC under the agreement. This is a direct investment in jobs in McBride and area, and will facilitate utilization of wood that might otherwise be left in the bush. The issue of the tax liability question was also discussed, as were a review of the monthly financial statements.
- Committee Reports: None.
- Operations - Marc reported that we currently have 6 small market loggers moving minor amounts of wood. We had a landing fire last week that is now out. We had one concrete picnic table smashed at La Salle Lake but it has been cleaned up. Our planting program is now complete – over 300,000 seedlings planted this year.
- General Manager's reports – Marc reported that he attended the BCCFA annual conference and AGM in Kelowna in early June. He is starting the 2nd year of a 2 year term as director. He spent the balance of June working on the agreement with TRC, list of 58 issues, tax liability issue, and planting program. He also met with Prof Greg Halseth, UNBC and will be presenting a joint paper with Prof Halseth at UofA in October.
- Issues (Directors) – Chair Thompson noted that he had sent a letter to the Valley Sentinel stating that he would like MCFC to address the issue of transparency though greater communication, and that he would be presenting a report on grants and donation, and that the GM would be reporting out in August on how to get work with MCFC. He then presented his report on grants, sponsorships and dividends made by MCFC. This report will be available to the public, in hard copy from our office and on our website. He also reported on his meeting with the TBOF group (Al Birnie, Don Smith, Mike Monroe, Phil Marsh, Wes Phillips, regrets – Lorraine Martin, Leonard McCarty). Issues raised can be lumped into 4 main areas: sustainability, management, governance, and economic development.

7. Correspondence:

Scotiabank letter: Information only. Thanks for our participation in their BC Children's Hospital BBQ fundraiser.

P. Marsh letter (outgoing): Information only.

8. New Business

None.

9. Adjournment


Rejman/Clements

Motion to adjourn the meeting.


CARRIED

Adjournment: 7:36 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Secretary



Chair