



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC Board Meeting –March 14, 2022

Board Members Present: Carrie Saxifrage, Maureen Williams, David Shipway, Sadhu Johnston, Nick Gagnon

Meeting Called to Order @ 7 pm by ZOOM

Most of the meeting was general discussion. Agreement that board development session with Kristen Schofield Sweet was very helpful.

Agenda Items

1. **Check-in:** An issue came up during check-in that initiated further discussion: regret, in hindsight, that there was not an opportunity for on-the-ground community consultation before the Von Donop cut, and a hope CCFC will be more diligent in helping this to happen in the future. (Noted that COVID and limited private road access played a role). Confidence in the Von 1 cut was also expressed.
2. **CFGP - CCFC Board relationship:**
 - a. Kristen's comment for going forward: Is it possible to build trust through the way partnership work is reported to CCFC members? For example, a discussion of what shared interests can we speak to? Are there topics that the CCFC does not choose to share at a partnership level? Why not? (What questions does the board have for reps to take to CFGP if/when directors meet?)
 - b. Regarding CFGP rep reports to CCFC board, the following questions came up:
 - i. Can confidential agenda items for in-camera discussion be clearly delineated as apart from the rest of the meeting?
 - ii. Would it be possible for all CFGP directors and CCFC Board to get together, socially or otherwise
 - iii. Would Georgina be willing to attend CCFC's next meeting to talk about Klahoose representation on the CFGP board being in flux?
 - iv. Can we get more clarity from Mark Lombard re how financial accounting process works? how long do we wait for payment on our logs? Transparency – point by point how it works. Concern that brokers in the past have used market fluctuations in their favor?
 - v. Would CFGP be interested in a CCFC update as part of their next

meeting? - Brand work, Ellingsen woods roll out. Looking for funding for value added map/plan. What is next for the community forest? Next cut, planning, rationale, public consultation.

3. Mosaic discussion

- a. Kristen's comments re Mosaic: Is it possible to go deeply into Mosaic situation in the same way we discussed "What Good..." That is, what bad, for which people, at what cost? From such an examination, the board may be able to think of strategies that turn the challenges of this situation into opportunities. In the same way that when we concluded with "What works? What does not?" These became opportunities for more clear communication and board unity.
- b. The board felt this conversation, while interesting, goes beyond CCFC's mission
- c. Lead by example: small cuts, field trips, public consultation, local log sales, neighbor consultations, local work teams, etc.
- d. Direct concern if Mosaic is using CF social license in misleading way
 - i. Stating they will emulate our practices when plans indicate they will not.
 - ii. Doing small cuts over 20 years has a different impact than doing them all in 3 years.
 - iii. Consider comment to them if misrepresentation continues.

4. Forest Growth Modeling - review whether it makes sense for CCFC to formally adopt a number:

- a. Just do the right thing. This is a different kind of tenure than a TFL, very small scale with the obligation to do what is right at the scale of the island.
- b. Modeling can be used to educate members about consequences of different cut rates without stating future intentions.
- c. Support our logging team!
- d. Combine modeling with financial forecast – Sadhu and Carrie will create spreadsheet to inform re consequences of various future scenarios.

5. AGM

- a. Questions for Mark Braatan: who is up for reelection? Suggested date to meet requirements?
- b. Presentations: modeling and value-added sequence
- c. Nick will contact Lorei re falling, Sadhu will contact Elijah and Henry re milling, and Hannu re woodworkingC

6. CFGP update - financials not available yet. A Partnership meeting is planned for once they are. At Von Donop site, work continues - scaling, tree planting, and firewood retrieval.

7. Value added

- a. Sadhu: Kate Madigan continues her search for a grant to map how to build this economic sector on the island.
- b. Intermediary step: an on-line directory of wood workers who use CF wood would help connect people with wood services was proposed. Sadhu will ask Kate to look for money for this project.

- c. Ellingson Woods support request for \$7,500:
 - i. Aaron Ellingsen, principal of Ellingsen Woods, is on the boards of both the Co-op and the Partnership. We want to avail ourselves of the opportunity to promote the Community Forest Brand IF we can avoid conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest. Aaron has not been present at any of the discussions.
 - ii. We do not have the funds at this time, but may have them soon.
 - iii. The project involves multiple layers: the funding would support grants (through Mitacs) for two Emily Carr U students who will develop an exhibition with the help of UBC School of Forestry and through the 1stPlace venue using Ellingsen Woods hemlock products. The exhibition would take place in Vancouver and Victoria.
 - iv. This appears to be a unique opportunity for high profile exposure which could reach people at a broader level than we have dreamed.
 - v. The timeline has been delayed so a decision tonight is not required.
 - vi. To avoid conflict of interest, Maureen will continue to explore: Can our money go directly to students at ECU or Mitacs rather than to Ellingsen Woods? Can the Cortes Island Community Foundation help with funding? If needed to ensure our ability to support other projects, we could contribute less than the full \$7,500. How do we structure agreements to ensure the Community Forest story receives excellent placement in the exhibits?
 - vii. David Shipway will provide the board with CCFC conflict of interest and disbursement of profits policies for guidance.

8. Treasurers Update - Maureen

- a. Maureen, our treasurer, is not allowed access as signatory to the credit union cheque book.
- b. David Shipway will authenticate his ID with credit union which will enable her access.
- c. David Shipway and Mark Braatan will ensure that Kristen Schofield-Sweet is paid this week (total less than \$200)

9. Next meeting: April 11

10. Meeting adjourned 9pm