



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC Board Meeting March 6, 2023

Board Members Present: Carrie Saxifrage, Aaron Ellingsen, Nick Gagnon, Mark Braaten, David Shipway, Sadhu Johnston; Maureen Williams for second half.

Also Present Rami Rothkopp and Oliver Scholfield for first half; Bruce Ellingsen, Mark Lombard

Meeting Called to Order @ 7 pm

Agenda Items

1. Value Added Roadmap - Rami and Oliver

- a. interim report was presented to the board for feedback
- b. discussion
 - i. creation of a central business may facilitate sale of diverse products
 - ii. there is no appropriate zoning for a value added commercial facility.
 - iii. Zoning would need to be created with SRD support
 - iv. interest in evaluating feasibility of crown lease in an appropriate location where 3 phase power is available and machinery noise level would not disturb neighbours
 - v. private land vs public land - investment in infrastructure is incentivised on private land
 - vi. develop strategy that supports rent to own on private land options
 - vii. explore funding opportunities
 - viii. clarify CCFC role in value added

2. Partnership Report Mark Lombard

- a. GH1 - Falling for firebreak has been completed adjacent to Highways Yard
- b. Culvert will be installed as per Ministry of Transport request
- c. Partnership received paperwork for a 25 year renewal of tenure

3. 5 Year Plan

- a. maps of the community forest have been published on the CFGP website at the following address
<http://www.cortesforestrypartnership.com/news/five-year-planning-update/>
- b. These maps illustrate the "Art of the Possible". They show the range of constraints that management considers in building a 5 year plan.

- c. 5 year plan will include rationale behind each area that is proposed to be included in the 5 year plan
- d. Discussion
 - i. advise CFGP on a plan for Public Consultation, which we suggest include
 - 1. publishing boundaries of proposed areas in context of mapping
 - 2. encouraging public review of maps on website by publishing notices on Tideline
 - 3. first public consultation where maps are presented and explained
 - 4. second public consultation for informed feedback
 - 5. finalizing of the 5 year plan
 - ii. mapping data considered in decisions includes:
 - 1. contributing and non-contributing areas of the community forest landbase,
 - 2. priority old growth deferral areas
 - 3. big tree old growth recruitment area
 - 4. legal old growth management areas
 - 5. sensitive ecosystem inventory is considered in context of onsite observations

4. GH1 neighbourhood concerns

- a. The majority of feedback has been positive.
- b. Land owners whose property is adjacent to the GH1 operating area have expressed concerns about environmental impacts.
- c. CCFC responded to emails from concerned community members addressed to the directors.
- d. A petition has been launched on Change.org to oppose operations in GH1
 - i. it is unclear whether many locals have signed the petition, and how many were CCFC members
 - ii. comments indicate misunderstandings persist
 - iii. petition contains inaccurate information
- e. For clarity - currently planned operations in the GH1 area adjacent to Anvil Lake do not enter the Anvil Lake watershed

5. Annual General Meeting

- a. Proposed dates May 6th ,7th, or 13th pending presenter availability
- b. request Suzanne Simard give a brief presentation on *The Mother Tree Network - Activities on Cortes*
- c. request Rami and Oliver to present *Final Report - Value Added Roadmap*
- d. Board Elections:
 - i. Aaron and David are both willing to stand for re-election for 3 year terms - approved unanimously
 - ii. Carrie announced she would like to resign - the board accepted her resignation
 - iii. 1 board position is available for re-election for a 1 year term to complete

Carrie's 3 year term

iv. nominations requested

6. Next Board Meeting first or second Monday in April

7. Meeting adjourned 9pm