



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC Board Meeting - November 20, 2023

Board Members Present: David Shipway, Mark Braaten, Maureen Williams, Kate Maddigan, Sadhu Johnston, and Bruce Ellingsen. Also Present - Mark Lombard
Meeting Called to Order @ 7 pm

Agenda Items

1. Mark Lombard CFCG Updates

- a. Mother Tree Network was here working on island for 12 days. Cortes Island Academy students joined in for some of the time, collecting data for National Forest Inventory plots
 - i. Collection of baseline data in sample plots to measure:
 1. soil carbon content
 2. tree species and health
 3. other species of vegetation
 - ii. Data collected focused on retroactive study of historical harvest areas in the community forest that have been completed to date.
 - iii. Study also included control points in areas of Von Donop marine park
 - iv. Further study will include other harvest techniques and future areas.
- b. Carbon offset market
 - i. our community forest is too small to work alone
 - ii. if we collaborated with other regions, we might meet the requirements to participate on some level.
- c. purpose to study the effect of various harvesting techniques on forest carbon and plant biodiversity.
- d. goal to do remediation work in 3 of the overgrown plantations that predated the community forest.
 - i. in the next 5 year period
 - ii. evaluate older unhealthy overgrown plantations and strategize around how to improve their health.
- e. There is currently no additional funding available to our region for wildfire mitigation
 - i. Standard practices require chipping or burning
 - ii. Local experience demonstrates that consolidated "chop and drop" has worked well to reduce fuel loads and retains forest biomass longer, and

- therefore may be more advantageous
- f. VonDonop Operating areas (VON 2 and 3) will require road access. The CFGP has contacted Mark Lombard to ask if the CF could direct operations to develop the road across the Klahoose woodlot tenure to mutual advantage
 - i. local contractors are interested
 - ii. winter conditions, water and mud well delay commencement
 - iii. The existing road is in poor condition on the community forest land base north of Von 1
 - iv. Future access needs to pass through the Klahoose woodlot to avoid a steep area in the CF
 - v. Until the road is built we cannot work in that area
 - g. Kirstie Overhill and Ian King launched a formal malpractice suit against RPF lone Brown
 - i. Investigation found that the concerns were frivolous
 - ii. lone Brown is resigning by the end of 2023
 - iii. She does not feel that more community consultation is needed before engineering is completed on future areas of the 5 year plan
 - iv. She does not want Mark L to do any more layout for the time being
 - v. Final engineering will be done after the road is built
 - h. Management is currently planning another operation early 2024
 - i. Next projects in the 5-year plan will most likely be in the Green Mountain or Larson's Meadow operating areas and building more roads in Gorge Harbour or Von Donop areas
 - ii. Additional thinning in Larsons meadow is needed to become compliant with requirements for regeneration
 - i. David recommended that the CCFC take on a larger role in community consultation
 - i. What role will the CCFC take?
 - ii. What do we think CCFC should contribute?
 - iii. How do we avoid surprising the community with short term planning?
 - iv. Nick, Bruce, and others offered to participate in this endeavour
 - j. Georgina will do community consultation with the Klahoose
 - k. Discussion Summary
 - i. wait for for feedback from community consultation with Georgina
 - ii. walking tour would be beneficial after engineering is completed
 - iii. host 5 year plan meeting include to inform with more detailed information about the next steps when plans clarify
 - iv. officially adopted plans by the partnership would increase clarity
 - v. the community needs to be reminded again of the reasons why we have not been able to log as much as planned in the previous years and the possible contrast compared with future operations

2. Value Added Committee Report CCFC VA Plan Discussion - what are our primary

objectives to grow jobs in the VA sector

a. **link to document**

3. Grant Update Kate - Manufacturing Jobs Fund

a. The grant application focuses primarily on cost of developing infrastructure **Link to Kate's email**

b. grant application requirements

i. more detail upfront

ii. there is no current deadline

iii. need to involve local millers in the process

c. what are the objectives of the fund

i. funding for planning stream

ii. funding for equipment stream

d. With reference to the **Value Added Roadmap** document

i. the document is not specific enough to provide for the requirements of a grant application

ii. does not identify what equipment we want to own and who will own it

e. Potential advantages of a Forest Advisor

i. identify and develop specific projects and raw materials needed

f. Kate will rework the grant application again to draw out scenarios

Agenda Item CCFC Board needs to develop a job description for forest advisor

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm

Next meeting - January 2024 TBD