# Valemount Community Forest Company Ltd. Regular Board Meeting

#### **Minutes**

Date: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Valemount Industrial Park office (3300 Highway 5 South)

#### 1. Call to Order: 3:10

<u>Present:</u> Ainslie Jackman, Mark MacNeill Village CAO, Peter Reimer, Gerry Piper, Vern Mickelson, John McGuire, Craig Pryor Manager, Adrian VanderZwan Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Gordon Carson, Owen Torgerson

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

R383-04-16 Motion: To adopt agenda

Moved By: John McGuire Seconded By: Peter Reimer

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

R384-04-16 Motion:

To adopt minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting, February 1st, 2016.

Moved By: John McGuire Seconded By: Vern Mickelson

#### 4. Financial Reports

R385-04-16 Motion: To adopt January and February 2016 Financial Report

Moved By: Gerry Piper

Seconded By: Vern Mickelson

#### 6. Correspondence Received

- a) Andrew Young- email- time line for AGM and clarify AGM date AGM confirmed for April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Wishbone theatre-Thank you Acknowledged
- c) Meals on Wheels- Thank you card-Janey reminded Marion Farquharson about the importance of the tracking and that the VCF Board had asked for a budget at the end of 2016. MOW was sent budget spreadsheet etc. Acknowledged
- d) Rock and Road Valemount program canceled. \$1250 allocated from VCF Grant Discussed the re-distribution of unused funds to top-up requests that were not fully supported. Grant committee will review.
- e) Tim Nusse-Regrets re: the Senior Girls' Basketball Tournament Funding. They didn't make it to finals this year, however, next year he suggests that the strong juniors (who play as seniors) will now be seniors playing seniors and he thinks they will do very well. Tim hopes that the VCF Board will consider them for the \$2000 allocated this year would be available for them next year. He gives thanks for the support of the VCF.

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R386-04-16 Motion: VCF will reserve the unused \$2000.00 for the basketball team. The monies for Rock and Road are to be redirected to the Wishbone Theatre (\$1250.00). Janey will discuss with Sharon Stearns.

Moved by: Gerry Piper Seconded by: John McGuire

#### 7. Regular Reporting

a) CF General Update (activity/mill site)

#### 8. Old Business:

The new K5Q Community Forest Agreement-update

#### 9. New Business:

a) K5Q Road upgrades on new forest licence (West Canoe)

MOF have approached VCF to take over the FSR or they will deactivate the road. Craig has negotiated to have them replace the 9.8 km bridge and brush an additional 10 km of road beyond 32 km in return for taking over the road liability.

VCF will develop a budget to upgrade the West Canoe to Windfall Creek (approx. 56 km).

b) KPMG- VCF company set up in-progress. Update

Craig asked KPMG if the company should be setup differently. With the acquisition of the BCTS blocks and the FL would this change our non-profit status? Could we re-structure to avoid paying income tax. KPMG will get back to us. We will explore options available to us.

Peter and Mark discussed the non-profit status and felt it would come back into the hands of the village.

c) Mill site infrastructure grant:

NDIT will not support a grant. There may be opportunity with CBT and the new Rural Dividend grant.

Borealis is developing a federal grant proposal for their project and requested we include a cost estimate to clean up the south property and develop our infrastructure.

#### d) Community BBQ:

BBQ could be scheduled for some time in May. Shirley Bond would attend and Minister Thomson may be available as well. Once a date is confirmed, the BarBQ will be advertised in the local papers.

- e) Evening with the Premier:
  - Scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>-Question as to whether all board members should go or perhaps only a few should attend. A request will be circulated to see who would want to attend. Reply to Craig. John objected to the concept of supporting one political party over another.
- f) Christmas tree farm: Mark MacNeil proposed developing a Christmas tree farm. He has experience. Discussed afforestation carbon credits, potential grant

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through Rural Dividend Program and the possibility of have the schools involved. Someone to research the potential of this program.

### 9. <u>In camera</u> yes

R387-04-16 Motion: To go in camera.

Moved By: John McGuire Seconded By: Gerry Piper

### 10. Next Meeting

AGM, Monday April 18th, 2016 6:30 pm at 99 Gorse Street in the Community Classroom.

### **Next Meeting**

Board meeting, Monday May 7th, 2016 3:00 pm at Valemount Industrial Park boardroom.

## 11. Adjournment

Time: 5:20

R388-04-16 Motion: To adjourn RB meeting

Moved By: Vern Mickelson