



Valemount Community Forest Co. Ltd.  
Annual General Meeting  
**Minutes 2018**

**Date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Place: 99 Gorse Street, the Public Classroom, Valemount BC.**

1. **Call to Order:** 6:33 pm

**Present:** Ainslie Jackman, Gordon Carson, Vern Mickelson, John McGuire, Gerry Piper, Owen Torgerson, Peter Reimer, Craig Pryor (Manager), Janey Weeks (recording secretary)

**Regrets:** none

**Public present:** Nine people in attendance at the VCF AGM. See attached attendance sheet.

2. **President Ainslie Jackman:** Chairing the meeting.

1) Welcome and Opening Remarks:

2) Introduction of VCF Board of Directors

Ainslie Jackman

Gordon Carson

Gerry Piper

Vern Mickelson

John McGuire

Owen Torgerson

Peter Reimer

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 26-09-18: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved By: Gerry Piper

Seconded By: Owen Torgerson

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Motion 27-09-18: To adopt Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as presented.

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Vern Mickelson



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5. **Financial Status Report**

2017 Year End Financial *Audited* Report of Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Motion 27-09-18: To accept Financial *Audited* Report of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.

Moved By: Gerry Piper

Seconded By: Vern Mickelson

6. **Appointment of Auditors** – KPMG, Prince George

Motion 28-09-18: To re-appoint KPMG Prince George as auditors for VCF.

Moved By: John McGuire

Seconded By: Gordon Carson

7. **Appointment of Lawyers** – Lawson Lundell, Vancouver

Motion 29-09-18: To re-appoint Lawson Lundell of Vancouver as the Lawyers for VCF.

Moved By: Gerry Piper

Seconded By: Vern Mickelson

8. **Special Resolutions:**

Motion 30-09-18: To adopt Village of Valemount Regular Council Meeting of August 28, 2018 resolution #266/18 as presented.

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: John McGuire

Res #266/18 That the Valemount Community Forest Company Limited (VCF) Annual General Meeting be held on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Motion 31-09-18: To adopt Village of Valemount Regular Council Meeting of August 28, 2018 resolution #267/18 as presented.

Moved By: Vern Mickelson

Seconded By: Owen Torgerson

Res#267/18 That the VCF extend the term for the existing VCF Board of Directors for up to one year.



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### **9. Village of Valemount**

A message from the shareholder Village of Valemount.

1. Her Worship Mayor Jeannette Townsend- gives an overview of the inception of the VCF and the pride that the VCF brings to herself and the diversity of economy to the community.
2. Councillor Peter Reimer- Thanks Her Worship for appointing him to the VCF Board, it has been a terrific experience. For the Manager Craig Pryor and VCF Board of Directors to keep on doing what they are doing.  
The work done by VCF is recognized as a positive example in the whole of British Columbia
3. Councillor Owen Torgerson- Thanks everyone for the opportunity to serve on the VCF Board as well.

### **10. Overview and Highlights 2017**

VCF Manager, Craig Pryor RFT, Community Forest Operation Highlights

### **11. Appointed Village Ex-officio and Councillors**

- 1) Ex-officio Mayor Jeannette Townsend
- 2) Councilor Peter Reimer
- 3) Councilor Owen Torgerson

Motion 32-09-18: To adopt the appointment of Ex-officio Mayor Jeannette Townsend

Moved By: Gerry Piper

Seconded By: John McGuire

Motion 33-09-18: To adopt the appointment of Councilor Peter Reimer

Moved By: Gerry Piper

Seconded By: Gordon Carson

Motion 34-09-18: To adopt the appointment of Councilor Owen Torgerson

Moved By: John McGuire

Seconded By: Vern Mickelson

### **12. Questions from the Public:**

*Sandy Salt*- Thanks to the Board and staff of VCF

*Rashmi Narayan*-Is excited on the Valemount Industrial Park spin-offs and secondary industry and agrees with the direction the VCF is going diversity being the key to success.



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*Ainslie Jackman-* adds that waste fibre is the biggest challenge moving forward when adding new diversified small saw mills. We are going back to the model of small mills.

*Mayor Jeanette Townsend-* Given to the fact that the VCF has land leased to Trans Mountain Pipeline; it is expected that it will take 6-8 months to get back on track.

*Andru McCracken-* By getting the inventory done on the community forest-will this determine the prospect for the kind of mill that could be set up?

*Gerry Piper-* yes, adding that fibre waste is still our biggest challenge and we (the Board) are working on this.

*Craig Pryor-* Since there is a reduction in available fibre particularly in the interior the pellet plants are having a hard go. Companies are looking at smaller areas and remote locations such as Valemount for supply. The situation is changing with different fibre markets on the rise.

*Andru McCracken-* Is the VCF looking at a private enterprise or something run by the VCF?

*Craig Pryor-* We are open to either options; often individual enterprises are missing the financial ability to follow through. Once again, we need to look at how to deal with waste and we are working on this one.

Meanwhile we also make sure our local entrepreneurs have access to the kind of wood they require for value added product.

*Andru McCracken-* He really appreciates the options that have been opened up from a recreational aspect for example easily driving to a recreational area to start the day. Good synergies.

*Ainslie Jackman-* It is a breeze when you get deal with good organizations such as VARDA and YORA. (Valemount and Area Recreational Development Association, Yellowhead Outdoor Recreational Association)

Gordon Carson-As a customer to VCF- I get enough instrument wood, and supply 80% of piano quality sound wood for soundboards. His customer says this is some of the highest quality available. Another example of value added. Sand Salt- firewood for locals- how do people get it? She directs people to the VCF office. (no one has phoned yet)

*Mayor Jeannette Townsend-* Is there a lot of debris in the forest that can cause forest fires?

*Craig Pryor-* the Fire Preparedness Plan the VCF is working on they are looking at the 'high hazard areas' some are in the community forest areas and some are out of the community forest.

*Ainslie Jackman-* These are what are referred to as 'interface areas'; in past fire preparedness plans the VCF has already gone into high hazard areas and logged them. The areas that are left that are outside of the community forest are taking a bit more time because the paper work takes more time. For example; Jackman Flats is a Provincial Park and they have attended our Fire Preparedness meeting along with many other stake holders. Discussion and planning are moving forward; also the private landholders have been contacted as well and require consultation and education to the options for



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fire hazard reduction in close proximity to homes. We are hoping to clearcut log, pile and burn. This is about reducing fire hazard it is not about logging high quality fibre.

*Jerry Plummer-* I would like to see going back to 'broadcast burning' this would help reduce fire hazard and make good breaks (in the forest)

*Sandy Salt-* Does the windblown trees get left in the forest?

*Ainslie Jackman-* We try to pick up everything in the forest.

*Andru McCracken-* It seems like things are super well managed. In the bigger forestry picture with the cash of remaining wood...will value go up?

*Craig Pryor-* Yes, many areas have even been hit with both the Pine and Spruce Beetle. There is more interest in our wood from mills that traditionally have been uninterested in our wood. On our last flight we were looking specifically for Spruce Beetle. In general, at this time our community forest is healthy. This last season of fire has been a big eye opener as we lost about 700 hectares to fire. Therefore, we are working on making sure we have reasonable access to our community forest in order to be able to address health issues or fire.

*Ainslie Jackman-* mentions costs to bridges and roads.

*Gordon Carson-* says that we have some of the highest costs to roads (building) in the Province.

*Craig Pryor-* We have great diversity (in tree species) which is challenging on one hand but in other ways it helps us. A lot of sorts for the contractors to fit the customers we sell to. Pros and cons.

*Sandy Salt-* Regarding Mount Robson Park- How does that get managed?

*Ainslie Jackman-* Jackman Flats to Tete Jaune Cache the Superintendent Elliot Ingles knows they have to deal with it. They are identifying what is really important characteristics. From there the VCF is available if we can help.

13. **Adjournment** 7:35 pm

Motion 35-09-18:

To adjourn the Annual General Meeting of the VCF for 2018.

Moved By: Gerry Piper

Seconded By: John McGuire

Carried