



Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

Place: Valemount Industrial Park Office 3300 Highway 5 South

Date: **Monday, January 7th 2019**

1. Call to Order: 3:57 pm
Present: Ainslie Jackman, Gordon Carson, Gerry Piper, Vern Mickelson, Craig Pryor, Janey Weeks
Regrets:
Guests:
2. Adoption of Agenda
R001-01-19 Motion: To adopt January 7th, 2019 agenda
Moved By: John McGuire
Seconded By: Gordon Carson
3. Adoption of Minutes
R002-01-19 Motion: To adopt minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting for December 3rd 2018.
Moved By: Vern Mickelson
Seconded By: Gerry Piper
4. Financial Reports
R003-01-19 Motion: To adopt November VCF 2018 Financial Report
Moved By: Vern Mickelson
Seconded By: Gordon Carson
6. Presentation:
7. Correspondence Received
 - a) Six VCF Grant Applications for the selection committee
 - b) Village of Valemount Letter
8. Regular Reporting
 - a) CF General Update (activity/mill site)
9. Old Business
 - a) New Directors-discussion
 - b) Avalanche Training- discussion successful training for contractors and employees.
 - c) Inventory- Proposed new AAC for K5Q 46,700m3 is set at. A new TSR and management Plan has been submitted to the MOF.
 - d) Presentation to new Village of Valemount Council-working on date that works for council.
 - e) Licensee Meeting re: Waste management in regards to the new Government requirements was very disappointing. Discussion- charge for all waste left on blocks province wide using full 1 plot/hectare surveys. The Government wants the waste



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wood to be hauled. This increases the cost of surveys as they require a scaler...what about the Coarse Woody Debris that is supposed to be left in the bush? This is not law yet. Craig has written a letter to oppose these changes as well as the District Manager has written a letter of support for VCF. Discussion.

A letter coming from the Board would be important to send as well to convey the concerns.

This discussion leads to another concern for the last employee with the MOF office in McBride. The only C & E officer left in the valley is retiring in a few months. Chances of the office being closed is imminent unless pressure or reasons to keep it open are heard. Loss of this office will mean loss of jobs. There seems to be a shift towards 'centralization' with jobs and travel coming from only the large centres. The centralization of jobs creates an atmosphere of disconnect to rural areas. An idea would be to locate the office to the Valemount Fire Base.

It is important for the Mayors of Valemount and McBride to be on board and letters should be sent to support *keeping* an office and important jobs such as C & E in the area. The VCF will be writing a letter.

10. New Business:

- a) Invitation to the McBride Community Forest and Dunster Community Forest sponsored by the Valemount Community Forest LP. To be organized for sometime late Feb/ March.

11. In camera-

12. Next Meeting

Monday, February 4th, 2018

13. Adjournment

Time: 5:40pm

R004-01-19 Motion: To adjourn RB meeting

Moved By: AIF