



Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

Place: Valemount Industrial Park Office 3300 Highway 5 South

Date: Monday, February 3rd, 2020

1. Call to Order: 3:05pm

Present: Ainslie Jackman, Gordon Carson, Vern Mickelson, Gerry Piper, Peter Reimer (phone), John McGuire, Ray Mikolash, Craig Pryor, Janey Weeks

Regrets:

Guests: Curtis Pawliuk, Mac Cochrane Swift Creek trails plan.

2. Adoption of Agenda

R071-02-20 Motion: To adopt February 3rd, 2020 agenda

Moved By: Gerry Piper

Seconded By: Peter Reimer

3. Adoption of Minutes

R072-02-20 Motion: To adopt minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting for December 2nd 2019

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Vern Mickelson

4. Financial Reports

KPMG audit is starting soon for 2019

R073-02-20 Motion: To accept November 2019 Monthly financial VCF LP as presented.

~~**R07—02-20 Motion**~~: To accept November 2019 Monthly financials as presented for VCF Co. Ltd. (not in package to view)

Moved By:

Seconded By:

5. Presentation: VARDA Curtis Pawliuk and Mac Cochrane

Curtis reviews the Swift Mountain Trail Design. (SWTD) He is glad for logging as it opens up new area; the plan is to build new trails for primarily hiking, biking, running, skiing etc. and to connect in some places to existing trails/skids and roads. The new built trails will have a surface of 1m and width of 2m and are limited to hiking, biking, running, skiing etc. The existing trails and roads have continued use for vehicle and horse use. This is a long-term building plan as funding becomes available. He is looking for a letter of support.



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The Board discusses with Curtis and Mac regarding forest health and trail construction. Importance of the Swift Creek mainline area to the VCF as a managed working forest and will continue to be so into the future. The VCF has tenure over the area and recognizes that it can have shared uses. However, it is important for all users to understand the dynamics of a managed forest and that this forested area will change; area will be logged, planted, stand tending etc. as in a managed forest. Signage and education are important at the parking area.

There is concern that with the increase in Fir Bark Beetle in the 5-mile Bike Park; there was comments about the logging and the large Fir being harvested (from public). These bike trail systems are built through Valemount Community Forest tenured area.

Curtis (VARDA) in the future is to meet with the VCF at the 'concept' stage of development before a plan is presented.

Curtis mentioned CN may want to close the crossing- discussion

Craig and Curtis are to develop 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MOU) that reflects the relationship between the VCF and VARDA and expectations within trail development and that there "will be logging".

Curtis and Mac leave at 3:45pm.

Discussion continues; the Board feels that this is workable and there is interdependence on recreation, industry and forest health. It is good to see easier trails. re: the MOU it should include a protocol for trail building and monitoring for forest health; which includes to reduce spread of insects.

R074-02-20 Motion: To support VARDA for the Swift Mountain Trail Design.

Moved by: Ainslie Jackman

Seconded by: Gerry Piper

AIF

6. Correspondence Received

a) Clarify Motion R049-09-19 re: VV Woodstove exchange program

It is \$15,000 dollars over three years as assumed by the Village of Valemount and shall be reviewed for extension at that time.

b) Lawson Lundell the Board signed the documents to be scanned and sent

c) Email from VARDA in response to the letter from VCF



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7. Regular Reporting

- d) CF General Update (activity/mill site)

8. Old Business

- a) Review and decision from VCF community grant committee

R075-02-20Motion: To accept decision and recommendations of committee for VCF community grant program.

Moved By: Vern Mickelson

Seconded By: Gerry Piper

9. New Business:

- a) Set date for AGM same as VIP for Tuesday, April 7th 2020
Location is at the VCF office and VIP.
- b) The updated policy binder is almost done for the Directors on Committee to review.
- c) 2013 ford truck tends to be unreliable for staff working alone in the bush. This is a heads up as the truck continues to be used and maintained.
- d) Woodlot Inventory and Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) update- Ecora has information that is transferable from adjacent areas and the inventory is expected to be less than \$5000. The WLP can be submitted via a 'portal' to First Nations.
The bridge over the Upper Canoe River is a 24m span and about \$250 thousand. This gains access to the W0277 (Woodlot south). The silviculture is all good.
- e) Investments paperwork is almost finalized and waiting for confirmation from WoodGundy
- f) Scaling Course- discussion
R076-02-20Motion: To support VCF staff Brian Shawara to attend the Scaling course at the Fraser Lake Learning Centre
Moved By: Gerry Piper
Seconded By: Ainslie Jackman
- g) Simpcw Resource Group meeting update- Craig met with Glen Foss RPF. The RV First Nations Woodland Forest Licence has an AAC of est 25,000m³.
Discussion
The Wells Gray Community Forest is run by an Association which uses a model that is similar to MCFC. Discussion.
The Simpcw forestry office is in the old Fisheries office north of Clearwater. The VCF application for the existing Land lease was mentioned and they were unaware of the application to purchase.



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10. In camera- time: 4:49pm

R077-02-20 Motion: To Move In-Camera

Moved By: Peter Reimer

Seconded By: Ray Mikolash

11. Next Meeting

Monday, March 2nd 2020

12. Adjournment

Time: 5:02pm

R078-02-20 Motion: To adjourn RB meeting

Moved By: Ray Mikolash