



Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

Place: Valemount Industrial Park Office 3300 Highway 5 South

Date: Wednesday, August 11th, 2021

1. Call to Order:

Present: Ainslie Jackman, Gordon Carson, John McGuire,
Vern Mickelson, Craig Pryor, Janey Weeks

Regrets: Peter Reimer, Ray Mikolash

Guests:

2. Adoption of Agenda

R153-08-21 Motion: To adopt August 9th, 2021 agenda
add 8 b) Policy 81 Joint Working Group, remove 9 b) add 9 h), i) j

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Vern Mickelson

3. Adoption of Minutes

R154-08-21 Motion: To adopt minutes of the Regular Board of Directors
meeting for July 12th, 2021

Moved By: Vern Mickelson

Seconded By: Gordon Carson

4. Financial Reports

Discussion for opportunity lost due to GIC low interest rates and
restrictions on investment. Get a second opinion on investment rules.

R155-08-21 Motion: To adopt June monthly Financials

Moved By: Vern Mickelson

Seconded By: Gordon Carson

6. Correspondence Received/ items of interest

7. Regular Reporting

a) CF General Update (VCF operations activity)

8. Old Business

a) Joint working group (JWG) and Policy 81- The CAO informed VCF
Manager that the Village Council did not want to have a Joint
Working Group as agreed upon on May 18th Zoom meeting. The



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meeting included Susan Mulkey (Manager of Communications and Extension) from BC Community Forest Association as facilitator.

This JWG was to address communication and the determination of this Council to go back to the Board make-up of the earlier Valemount Community Forest model.

(The previous Council followed the recommendation with KPMG and Lawyers to protect the Village from liability and taxes.)

This Council wants to assign two Councilors on the Board and the CAO wants to be an observer and amend the Limited Partnership Agreement.

The VCF/VIP Board of Directors already is losing two successful business people.

9. New Business:

- a) Ski Hill- re: VARDA has offered their Crystal Ridge Bridge that had crossed the Canoe River to the Ski Hill Society. Discussion
R155-08-21 Motion: The Board *is not* supportive of an ice bridge due to safety issues, changing weather trends and liabilities.
The Board *is* supportive of the Ski Hill Society to use the VARDA bridge.
Moved By: Gordon Carson
Seconded By: John McGuire
- b) Commercial Thinning-Contractor Freya went up the A Road to view the older stands from the 1970's. It looks good for commercial thinning and once done would provide long term benefits such as an increase to the AAC. Consider trial area. (5,000 to 10,000m³/year).
Logging Contract-contractor evaluation minimum once per year to include all signed off blocks. Information stays with contractor profile and is a measurement of success.
- c) Logging contracts: discussion re: holdback
- d) Fire-in consideration of extreme wildfire risks; review of implementing broadcast burning methods by doing 'guarding' and/ creation of fire breaks in certain valleys of the community forest to mitigate complete burns. (as what happened in Hugh Allen drainage)



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Options of Silviculture treatments vs fire breaks. Low risk vs No risk; there is always risk. Discussion carried forward to next meeting.

- e) Swift Ck Slide-Craig went with the Geotech from Kamloops (hired by the village) to review and assist with the survey.

Determination: Water did NOT set off the slide. There is a fault line where new and old rock meet at the top of the slide area with evidence of recent movement. The slide will keep sluffing.

- f) Sisco Institute for 3 community forests Sept 22 & 23 discussion to attend in Barriere.
- g) National Forest Week- September 19-25-education component/ideas Reach out to VSS and Principal D Shaw to consider tour that profiles job opportunity.
- h) AAC update control statement for MOF K5Q is right on target with 188,500m³ cut out of 189,000m³ allowable cut.
K2T has +/-70,000m³ left in the current 5-year cut control ending Dec.31 2022.
This is a good measurement of success and reflects well on the VCF.
- i) Firewood- two loads donated for use by community volunteer groups for those in need.
Discussion regarding liability for firewood getters. Create employment to hit targets and clean the bush.
Woody debris on the ground; the MOF is NOT dealing with it.
For ex. In the Yukon they give fixed area for people to get fire wood.
- j) BBQ-BoD for volunteer appreciation

10. Next Meeting

Reg Monday September 13th, 2021

11. Adjournment

Time: 5:45pm

R156-08-21 Motion: To adjourn RB meeting

Moved By: Gordon Carson