



Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

Place: Valemount Industrial Park Office 3300 Highway 5 South

Date: Monday, November 1st, 2021

1. Call to Order: 3:03 pm
Present: Ainslie Jackman, Gordon Carson, John McGuire, Ray Mikolash, Gerry Piper, Vern Mickelson, Craig Pryor, Janey Weeks
Regrets:
Guests: Valemount Ski Society, Joe Nusse, Debbie Iorn, Sherri Malone.
2. Adoption of Agenda
R170-11-21 Motion: To adopt November, 2021 agenda
Moved By: Ray Mikolash
Seconded By: Vern Mickelson
3. Adoption of Minutes
R171-11-21 Motion: To adopt minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting for October 5th, 2021
Moved By: Gerry Piper
Seconded By: Gordon Carson
4. Financial Reports
Discussion to clarify monthly activity in the miscellaneous expenses with a detail from the book keeper
R172-11-21 Motion: To adopt September monthly Financials
Moved By: Gordon Carson
Seconded By: Vern Mickelson
6. Presentation-Valemount Ski Society (VSS)
The Board reviewed maps where ski runs are up to Est 1 km in length. The VSS would like the VCF to harvest the runs for a local ski hill.
The ski runs would be targeting self-propelled ski touring and may also use snowmobile assist (as at Crystal Ridge) included in the map is the 800' tow rope. Access could be from the top of the area from one of the closer harvested blocks of VCF (W10).
When the VCF harvested the Valemount Glacier Destinations runs before (2016), the VCF had to follow the Visual Quality Objectives and silviculture obligations. Joe Nusse said that the Resort Branch will trump the rules and regs of the MOF and has permission from the District Manager John Huybers.
Because the VCF has tenure over the area (it is part of the operational forest) he expressed interest in keeping the VCF as an 'overlapping' area-based tenure and at the 'table'. Rather than taking the area completely out of the community forest area-based tenure. Resorts Branch have not had 'overlapping' tenure before usually area is removed.



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VSS is requesting a Letter of Intent to send to the Resorts Branch.
'confirming VCF is interested in harvesting as per layout on the Community Ski Hill map with the understanding that all the 'permitting to cut' would be covered by the Resorts Branch'

Further discussion:

Bridge at 11.5km on the Westridge requires upgrading. Steel and mods are coming. Contractors are busy and unavailable at this time. Discussed options.

Ice bridge:

The VCF does have concern for liability, VCF Manager has asked an opinion from the VCF Lawyer.

Questions:

Who is maintaining and reviewing the ice bridge (condition)?

Joe Nusse and the Valemount Ski Society.

Joe suggested that the Ice Bridge is out of the VCF operating area, (however the west side of the bridge IS in the VCF operating area).

The Board deferred any Motion on the Ice bridge to a later date after receiving further liability information.

7. Correspondence Received/ items of interest

a)

7. Regular Reporting

a) CF General Update (VCF operations activity)

8. Old Business

a) Company Articles- to review company purpose that was changed by Lidstone and Co. to the Articles

b) Policy 81-discussion- implications, requires transparent community consultation, loss of long-term visioning. Action plan: to inform public to further understand and decide communication strategy.

9. New Business:

a) Stumpage rates- as of November 1st 2021 stumpage rates for Balsam, Fir, Spruce and Pine. have nearly doubled and tripled. Current provincial government has concerns regarding the TAB stumpage rate system. Changes to Provincial TAB stumpage system may have future implications to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

b) Old Growth- the current Government announcement is tomorrow. The forest industry is very concerned. For the VCF it means there may be a complete shut down of all areas on the West Canoe and Dave Henry. Concerns voiced that it is primarily a political decision. Will wait and see what is in the NDP



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Government announcement. The government says that there will be a 'revitalization strategy'.

- c) VCF Community Grants- Committee will be sent/given applications for their review and decision. Ready for next meeting. This is to allow successful applicants to be notified for the new year 2022.

10. In camera- time: 4:45pm

- a) Identifies individual job description and rates
- b) Changes to directors

11. Next Meeting

Reg Monday December 6th, 2021

12. Adjournment

Time: 5:25 pm

R173-11-21 Motion: to adjourn the meeting

Moved By: Vern Mickelson, AIF