



Valemount Community Forest Co. Ltd.  
General Partner of the  
Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership  
Annual General Meeting  
**Minutes 2021**

**Date: Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Place: Valemount Community Hall, Valemount BC V0E 2Z0**

1. **Call to Order: 6:10 pm**

**Present:** Ainslie Jackman, Gordon Carson, John McGuire, Ray Mikolash, Craig Pryor (Manager) Janey Weeks (Assistant Administrator)

**Regrets:** Vern Mickelson, Gerry Piper

**Public present:** see attached attendance sheet for signing

**HOUSE Keeping and Covid19 protocol review-Janey Weeks**

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

1) Welcome and Opening Remarks: President Ainslie Jackman

2) Introduction of VCF Board of Directors  
Condolences: For the late Peter Reimer

Ainslie Jackman  
Gordon Carson  
Gerry Piper-regrets  
Vern Mickelson-regrets  
John McGuire  
Ray Mikolash

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 015-09-21:** To adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved By: John McGuire

Seconded By: Gordon Carson

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion 016-09-21:**

To adopt Minutes of the VCF Annual General Meeting of Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 as presented.

Moved By: Ray Mikolash

Seconded By: Gordon Carson



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5. **Financial Status Report**

2020 Year End Financial *Audited* Draft Report of Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**Motion 017-09-21:** To accept Financial *Audited* Draft Report of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: John McGuire

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

**Motion 018-09-21:** To re-appoint KPMG of Prince George as the auditors for VCF.

Moved By: Ray Mikolash

Seconded By: John McGuire

Carried

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

**Motion 019-09-21:** To Appoint Lawson Lundell as the registered and records offices for VCF Co. Ltd and VCF LP.

Moved By: Ray Mikolash

Seconded By: Gordon Carson

8. **Special Resolutions:** N/A

9. **Village of Valemount**

A message from the shareholder Village of Valemount.

i. His Worship Mayor Owen Torgerson

Thank you to this dedicated Board of Directors for their sound and steady growth.

10. **Appointment of Directors**

- 1) Ainslie Jackman
- 2) Gordon Carson
- 3) Vern Mickelson
- 4) Ray Mikolash
- 5) John McGuire
- 6) Gerry Piper
- 7) Vacant

Ainslie Jackman asked Mayor Owen Torgerson about Policy 81 which has not had been brought to the attention of the public or asked for public input and review. Mayor Owen Torgerson suggested that there will be imminent changes to the Board of Directors through the implementation of Policy 81 and it is to mean



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that no Board of Director for any corporation held by the Village of Valemount shall have any 'Conflict of Interest'. This Policy 81 will take place on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022; however, Mayor Owen Torgerson says that existing Board can stay on until the next AGM which is expected near Spring 2022.

To some of the public in the room it was a surprise. Much of the room was Village Council and CAO.

Ainslie Jackman points out that this move would remove at least four of the Board of Directors and would leave the community forest with a change to Directors that will have little experience to understanding the scope of the corporation and it would not bridge the experience between the Directors as a whole.

She further explains that it is important that the general public is clearly informed about the impending changes and expresses concern for the lack of communication and transparency between the Village Council with the VCF Board and with the public in general. She suggests there can be other configurations of Board make up that certainly can be considered and that a public consultation should be part of the process.

**11. Overview and Highlights 2020**

VCF Manager, Craig Pryor RFT, Community Forest Operation Highlights

ii. See attachment

**12. Questions from the Public-**

Note: The VCF and VIP offered a tour earlier today of the Valemount Industrial Park the scale area and shared the activity of different businesses.

- Why the difference in Gross and expenditures from 2019 to 2020?  
Markets! Fir is great for price right now that will make 2021 Gross look good. Compared to last year with Covid in the first part of 2020 there was a collapse in markets but then they recovered. In 2019 it was very wet and hard logging; everything took longer and also the purchase of a \$300,000 dollar bridge accounts for large expenditures. Also there has been the inventory increase of 15%. These all affect the gross and expenditures.

- What size do you take for commercial thinning?  
Focus to smaller wood anything that will make a 2x4 and leaving bigger diameter healthy trees with good form and health. Community forests are a fixed area, you want to maximize potential. We have some good areas that are good sites. It is labour intensive and provides jobs. In the long run getting better value.



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13. **Adjournment** Time: 6:49pm

**Motion 018-09-21:**

To adjourn the Annual General Meeting of the VCF Co. Ltd. General Partner of the VCF LP for 2021.

Moved By: John McGuire

Seconded By: Ray Mikolash

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair Ainslie Jackman