

## **General Manager Overview of 2024**

### **Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership**

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#### Highlights:

- VCF holds two Community Forest Agreements, one Woodlot Licence, and one Forest Licence.
  - K2T has an annual allowable cut (AAC) of 48,000 m<sup>3</sup>
  - K5Q has an AAC of 47,000 m<sup>3</sup>
  - FL A93987 has an AAC of 2,300 m<sup>3</sup> and will be operated primarily in Carrier Lumber's operating areas in the Robson Valley
  - Woodlot 0277 has an AAC of 1,700 m<sup>3</sup>
  - Total combined annual cut: approximately 99,000 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Harvesting:

- VCF harvested a total of 83,000 m<sup>3</sup> in 2024 from its two community forest licences, using three local logging contractors
- An additional 7,000 m<sup>3</sup> was harvested under our Forest Licence in 2024. We currently have two active cutting permits with three remaining blocks totaling approximately 18,000 m<sup>3</sup>, targeting both local and export markets
- VCF sold nearly 20,000 m<sup>3</sup> of low-grade pulp logs in 2024
- No commercial thinning blocks were completed in 2024, but development in potential areas continues
- During the summer and winter of 2024, harvesting occurred in the West Canoe, Mica Mountain, and Westridge areas. The Westridge blocks consist mainly of spruce and balsam for export to markets in Prince George and Kamloops. The West Canoe and Mica Mountain blocks include timber designated for both export and local processing
- Log prices for spruce were low in spring 2025. Shifting to higher-value timber areas has been challenging
- Harvesting will continue in Westridge, Croydon, and West Canoe throughout the summer and fall of 2025

#### Roads:

- In winter 2024/25, we built access roads in West Canoe and Westridge to support future harvesting
- Bridge decking at the 1 km mark was upgraded in spring 2025
- Road deactivation work was carried out in West Canoe in the fall and winter of 2024, with more scheduled for summer 2025

#### Silviculture:

- Roughly 300,000 trees were planted in spring 2024, and 200,000 more in summer 2024
- As of now, another 300,000 spring trees have been planted in 2025

#### General:

- Local contractors completed the majority of 2024's work, including: loggers, truck drivers, road builders, road maintenance crews, scalers, surveyors, tree planters, slashers, brushers, and block development contractors
- Approximately 40 local contractors were involved in total

#### Recreation:

- Improved road systems have led to increased public use of our operating areas
- We are pleased to see recreational areas thriving—great work to the local rec groups for continuing their success
- VCF is collaborating with YORA, VARDA, and the Valemount Ski Society to ensure recreation remains safe and enjoyable, even in active harvesting zones
- We are happy to support recreation groups where possible, and encourage them to apply for our fall grant intake

#### Community:

- \$50,900 in grant funding was distributed in 2023 to various local organizations
- As of July 2025, we have donated... *(Insert latest figure if available)*
- We are co-hosting a BBQ with Columbia Basin Trust on July 24 at Centennial Park—we hope to see you there!

#### Staff:

- VCF currently employs two full-time staff
- We lost our long-time General Manager, Brian, in 2024—he is greatly missed
- We have since hired part-time contractor Ray Thiessen to assist with harvest supervision
- Kalina was hired as General Manager in October 2024 but left for another opportunity in early 2025
- We aim to keep our website updated, but if you need information or clarification, feel free to call, email, or visit us. Office hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

#### Financials:

- Total revenue: \$9.0 million
- Total expenses: \$8.9 million
- Net earnings for 2024: \$239,000
- Net loss for 2023: \$180,000
- 2024 harvest volume: approximately 90,800 m<sup>3</sup> (compared to 104,000 m<sup>3</sup> in 2023)
- Markets were weak during the winter of 2023/24, but improved during the fall and winter of 2024/25