

## **VCF LP - General Update**

February 26, 2025

### **Harvesting:**

#### **AAA Logging:**

W30 (12.5 km Westridge) – bunching skidding completed; processing in progress; hauling in progress

W36 (20.5 Westridge) – bunching, skidding in progress

#### **Plummer Logging:**

W57 (3.5 km Westridge) – All phases active – will be working on this block until the break-up

#### **Shapansky Logging:**

W35 (20.5 km Westridge) – all phases active

#### **Spaz Logging (Cedar Leading Blocks):**

CV02 (CVH block) at 55 km on the West Canoe – partly logged since last winter; all wood shipped. No further activities.

### **Roads:**

#### **Jackman:**

W35 – road construction completed

W36 – spur to be constructed within next couple of weeks

W52 W53 W53 – (km 22 Westridge) – Right of way construction in progress. Blocks planned for winter 2025 and 2026.

**Bridges:** temporary bridge at 55 km on the West Canoe will be pulled weather permitting and before the break-up.

**Planning/Other:** Layout activities off Dave Henry FSR and A road.

**Woodlot:** Done until 2032 – over harvested in 2023 by 189%. Approximately 14,000 m<sup>3</sup> were logged in 2023. The AAC for the woodlot is 1700 m<sup>3</sup>. Penalties for overharvest are pending.

**Forest Licence:** no planned activities

**Community Forest Agreements:** K2T expires December 20, 2025; K5Q expires September 5, 2025. No decision as of yet from DM regarding continuation of one Cutting Permit or changing to multiple permits. For time being once CP will be approved for one year.

**Sort Yard:** Clean up loads only

**Silviculture:** N/A

**Other:**

Mediation between VCF and CVH took place on February 13, focusing primarily on the future relationship between the two parties. During the discussions, VCF proposed a "first right of refusal" contract, which their legal team is currently drafting. Once finalized, the proposed agreement will be presented to the board for approval. Our legal counsel advises against any volume-based contract, given VCF's comments regarding the scarcity of cedar timber and related long-term supply concerns.

I have concerns about the long-term sustainability of VCF given the timber availability within our tenure. I recommend conducting a comprehensive timber inventory to assess what is accessible for future logging. Until the inventory is completed and appropriate plans are in place, I suggest reducing the AAC to ensure responsible resource management and long-term viability of the community forest. My recommendation is to cut back to 60,000 m<sup>3</sup> per annum starting 2025-2026 logging season.