

CFGP Directors Meeting April 14, 2022

Commenced, 10:35 am

Present:

Klahoose Directors:

Steven Brown (until 12), Johnny Haneuse, Georgina Silby

CCFC Directors:

Bruce Ellingsen, Carrie Saxifrage, Aaron Ellingsen

Staff:

Ione Brown RPF, Mark Lombard, Forest Manager

1. Operations Update - Mark Lombard

May 2021, the CF coordinated with the Klahoose re road into respective cut blocks. Falling started after migratory bird nesting season at the end of June. Training was provided for new fallers, so the CF cut block was increased in size to accommodate the training, from 4,000 m³ to 7,000 m³. The project was complicated by Mosaic not repairing the log dump when anticipated and a long fire season. Cutting resumed in September. In December, some logs were barged before the log dump skidway was repaired. The rest was sent over the skidway.

- There was 6,600 m³ merch and 600 m³ went to local mills, which were still well supplied by earlier cuts.
- 2 loads of firewood went to KFN. 4 loads went to local firewood contractor.

Falling was completed in late February, the day before the province increased stumpage rates. Tree planting was completed in March.

Challenges:

- new faller training – reliability issues with two of the three new fallers.
- sloppy yarding contractor with subpar machine that failed worksafe visit

Successes:

- CFGP netted \$230,000 more than anticipated due to high timber prices
- The coffer is now replenished for past liabilities, future obligations and the possibility of disbursements to the partners.
- Having a log dump makes a big cost difference. Barging is just shy of \$20/m³, using the log dump is \$.7.66/m³
- Two of the three faller trainees are competent for hire by the CF.

Mark noted that on-island scaling costs much less than sorting and scaling with the barge (difference from \$7/m³ and \$12.90/m³)

Aaron: Mark glossed over a lot of serious challenges in this report. Thanks very much a job well done.

Georgina: Mark has not submitted an invoice since June, 2018. CFGP owes him \$190,000 in back pay, less a \$25,000 advance, plus about \$1,000 he spent on his credit card.

Ione: Board should set money aside for silviculture costs. Vancouver Island averages \$2.50/m³ stays for whole obligation of tenure to free growing. On Cortes it might be \$4/m³

Mark: We got lucky, the economic forecast may indicate a downturn in the global economy resulting in lower wood prices. We are challenged by remote location and small volumes. If prices drop below average of last 20 years, it costs us to log.

Recommendation: Leave \$350-400K in bank after paying Mark. This could leave about \$150K for each partner. Final numbers not yet in.

Discussion: Does current operations structure work or is it too much weight on one person?

Faller training: Bruce and Johnny will meet with the two fallers who did not meet CF expectations in May, when Johnny is back on island.

2. RPF Report by Ione Brown

The current cutting permit just expired. The CP applied for in December is waiting for a response from T'sliammon and is likely to be approved this week as there are no real concerns. T'sliammon wants preliminary field recognizance archeology for Anvil Lake and Von2 and fire mitigation projects. Ione will talk with Kathy Francis to see what Klahoose needs for this to move forward. (Steven: This is core territory for Klahoose. T'slammin might defer. to Klahoose.)

New Marbled Murrelet (MAMU) regs in January – each landscape unit (Cortes is one) sets aside a certain number of hectares and there is also an aggregate amount in the Straight of Georgia. Our submission for set asides is due June 1. Ione will advertise in the tideline and paper the day before. Federal and provincial governments have modelled suitable habitat polygons. On map, MAMU overlaps with old growth deferral (Purple crosshatch above Gorge). CFGP made a decision earlier to not log in proposed suitable MAMU habitat. Some habitat is spatialized - designated. Some habitat is non-spacial – will be identified later.

No update on provincial government's climate/forest research. Staff are immersed in old growth deferrals, reconciliation, so no one has responded to Ione's inquiries. Nothing is likely to happen until after new forest legislation comes out, probably in the fall.

3. Klahoose Partner Update:

Steven will act as interim director until someone else is appointed as he holds the forestry portfolio.

Klahoose would like Josh Hiebert RFT to attend CFGP for synergy between KFLG and woodlot. He'd be an observer, not a Klahoose rep. All directors agree.

Steven: Klahoose is moving its mapping in house so contractors can access servers to work on it.

Mark: CFGP uses Silvacare in Comox for the last 4 or 5 years. They are doing a good job, with lots of data accrued through time.

4. CCFC Partner Update:

Carrie: CCFC Board requests opportunity to meet with CFGP board under social circumstances, such as a meal together.

Carrie: Suzanne Simard is considering Cortes Island for inclusion in her Mother Tree Network. This would involve graduate students research on different harvest

prescriptions that protect Mother Trees. The CCFC is strongly in favor. Looking for an expression of interest in pursuing this opportunity.

Ione: Simard's research is well-respected.

Aaron: In accordance with CFOO's objective to encourage research.

Bruce: Strongly in favor.

Johnny: Well-known forest research coming out of UBC.

Georgina: Has contacted the First Nations representative for the network.

Directors agree that we should explore this possibility.

5. Treasurer update:

- Only Bruce can sign cheques on the CFGP account. Past directors have not been removed.

MOTION by Georgina: To remove Corry Dow, Kathy Francs and Kevin Peacey from the CFGP account.

Seconded by Carrie.

PASSED

MOTION by Georgina: That Carrie Saxifrage, Johnny Haneuse, Steven Brown, Georgina Silby and Aaron Ellingsen become signatories with all necessary authority to make decisions regarding the CFGP account.

Seconded by Carrie.

PASSED

Georgina will inform the Board of the exact language required by the bank to fulfil this intention of the board and further motions will be made by email if required.

- Cheques intended for the CFGP account from the Government of Canada are made out to different names. Georgina will clarify what the bank needs to be willing to cash these cheques.

6. Public Meeting - Date set for May 14, 2022, location and time TBA.

7. Looking ahead – Mark Lombard.

- We only got wildfire funding for the area around the recycling centre, not for the residential interface at CAR 1 or Anvil Lake. The recycling centre area is 3rd growth, very little merchantable timber, so the funding will help.
- The mitigation regs don't work well on Cortes because wood has to be chipped and removed, or cut into 1.5-2.7 m chunks and placed at roadside.
- Mitigation harvest at Anvil and Carrington will have merchantable wood.
- CAR 1: thin 11 ha border between CF and private residential lands. Rare age class on Cortes so big trees will be left, as they usually are.
 - Several years ago, CAR 2 was presented as 5,000 m³ plan. This got completely changed to a 40% thinning. Also, new wildfire info has changed the circumstances.
 - This thinning is the new "Phase 2," a 150 m³ buffer
 - Part of this area has age class 8, rare on island.
- Anvil: 2 or 3 ha openings of hemlock to thin the boundary with Thunder Bay residential area and build access to future CF operational areas.
 - This is a wild area with no roads and big trees which the community uses to access Anvil Lake.
 - Road issues: steep existing road through wet area across from highway shed or possibility to bring road in from the north, although this area is thick with trees that are large for Cortes.
 - Neighbors need to be asked about a road as this has been a wild area.
 - T'lammin have not done their archeological reconnaissance for this area yet. They can do this once we get our new CP.
- Mark will pursue consultation, engineering and mapping for Anvil Lake and CAR mitigation.
- Klahoose, CF, Richard Lawton agreed that Lawton would build steel bridge for access for all three parties into the Von Donop area. Lawton now prefers to build wood bridge. Partners agree with this.

Meeting adjourned, 12:30 pm