



CORTES FORESTRY

GENERAL PARTNERSHIP



Cortes Forestry General Partnership Board Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2018

Present: Kathy Francis

Georgina Silby

Aaron Ellingsen

Corry Dow

Bruce Ellingsen

Mark Lombard

Agenda:

- Welcomes
- Green Mountain (GM1) Update
- Community Firewood
- CFOP Review
- Miscellaneous
 - Log dump

Discussion:

- Welcomes
 - To Aaron Ellingsen as new CCFC representative to the CFGP Board
 - To Georgina Silby in her new position of representative to the CFGP Board for KF2LP
 - Appreciation to Kevin Peacey for his work with the CFGP Board as rep. for KF2LP since the signing of the CFA and best wishes to him in his current and future endeavors.
- Green Mountain Update
 - Mark has provided the board with ongoing email updates on the progress of the GM1 operation
 - Local log orders have been delivered
 - ENFORM Level 1 chainsaw bucking course held on-site (7 local & 1 off-island participants)
 - Hauling on-going – completion estimated mid-June depending on weather
 - Road in excellent condition thanks to dry weather

- Appreciation to Buttle Lake for yarding techniques that protect soil and reduce fire risk by breaking up limbs in the skid trails – a very tidy job!
- Silviculture implications of small openings created in harvests is an ongoing question
- Community Firewood
 - Suggestion for CFGP to host a community firewood day to distribute firewood using volunteers to volunteers and to folks who aren't able to make use of the free-use permit for reasons of age, health or other (to be specified).
 - Firewood would be distributed by the pick-up truck load. One load per household. No cost.
 - Recipients in need will be selected by lottery if demand exceeds supply or capacity to deliver
 - Volunteers will be recruited to buck, load and haul.
 - There is approximately 113m³ of firewood available (~45cords or 112 truckloads assuming 1/3-1/2 cord per truckload)
 - The aim is to distribute firewood widely, acknowledging that this is only a small portion of a household's annual firewood requirement, but wanting more residents of Cortes to realize a direct benefit from the community forest
 - Suggestion approved – Corry to be CFGP Board Liaison
- CFOP Review
 - Planning timeline of CFOP review process:
 - Mid-June post CFOP Review Co-ordinator position
 - Early July – hire co-ordinator, CFGP Directors provide review direction
 - Mid-July – publish current CFOP with synopsis of CFGP activities since original CFOP was released and list of amendments suggested by CFGP, solicit written input from community
 - Early August – mail out questionnaire to determine community satisfaction, concerns or changed values for the CF
 - Early September – host public meeting
 - Early-October – deadline for questionnaires, and all written submissions
 - November – publish revised CFOP
- Miscellaneous
 - Log Dump
 - Heads-up from Operations Manager re: need for log dump overhaul
 - Discussion ongoing between Storey Creek Trading and log dump owner

Action Items:

1. Mark or Matt to walk GM road under agreement with John Drew to document condition post-haul
2. Corry to circulate draft CFOP Review Co-ordinator Job Description by end of this week – aim to post position Mon. June 11. CIBATA possible networking connection
3. Mark to complete synopsis of CFGP activities for CFOP review by early July
4. Bruce to write up clarification for what is meant by “sustainable” to submit to the CFOP review by early July

Tabled: Communications budget
Seedlings

Next meeting: July 9, 2018