



**Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**  
Hosted via Zoom

**Present:**

David de Wit, Gary Hanson, Lindsay Lange, Colin MacLeod, Steve Howard, Greg Wacholtz, Christine Bruce.

**In Attendance:**

Jay Baker – General Manager, Dave Louwarse – Operations Manager, Crystal Trembelas – Recording Secretary, Michael Mehr – Accountant (Edmison Mehr), Allan Harris – CAO Town of Smithers, Debbie Joujan – CAO Village of Telkwa, Community Members: Bob Mitchell, Allan Cormier.

**Call to Order:**

Co-chair, David de Wit, called the meeting to order at 12:07pm welcoming everyone to the meeting on behalf of the Wet'suwet'en Chiefs. Wet'suwet'en Territory lies between the Endako River and Porphyry Creek.

David reviewed the Agenda for the meeting as presented.

The 2020 AGM was presented over Zoom as the current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted with in-person meetings being cancelled and alternative methods of meetings put in place. Due to this arrangement, the Agenda and Annual Report were distributed prior to the meeting with the financials presented during the AGM.

The Annual Report was presented by both Gary Hanson, Jay Baker and Michael Mehr and is attached for reference. After concluding the Annual Report, David invited those in attendance to raise any questions to the Board or any concerns they may have at this time, the following questions were presented;

Allan Cormier – Extra funds were given out to SCSA, Salvation Army and BV Farmers Market. Could you please provide as to why these funds were distributed?

- David and Jay responded explaining the funds distributed were because of the effects of COVID-19 on the communities and the greater need for resources to families struggling because of the pandemic.

Bob Mitchell – Is WCFC willing to spend funds on Wildfire Hazard Reduction?

- David replied stating WCFC has a long history of information surrounding Wildfire Hazard Reduction and has been researching ways to mitigate the hazards. Jay echoed David's remarks adding further information. WCFC has been working closely with BC Wildfire Services, MFLNRORD, Recreation Sites



and Trails, BCCFA as well as other entities in search of funding and further opportunities for ways to work within protected areas and around trails etc. maintaining the values WCFC holds as well as the best interest of the surrounding communities.

David thanked everyone for attending the 2020 AGM and for the questions and comments presented, concluding the meeting.

### **Wrap Up**

The next meeting will be discussed via e-mail.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.