

Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation Annual General Meeting November 23rd, 2021

Hosted via Zoom

Present

Gary Hanson, Lindsay Lange, Colin MacLeod, Greg Wacholtz, Kira Westby, Margaret Olmstead.

In Attendance

Jay Baker – General Manager, Dave Louwerse – Operations Manager, Michael Mehr – Accountant (Edmison Mehr), Crystal Trembelas – Recording Secretary, Laura Stanton – Enhanced Stewardship.

Community Members – Anne Hetherington.

Regrets

David de Wit

Call to Order

Co-chair, Gary Hanson, called the meeting to order at 12:03pm welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Gary reviewed the Agenda for the meeting as presented.

- Greg motioned to approve the agenda
 - None opposed

MOTION PASSED

The 2021 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 through PowerPoint collaboratively by both Board Members and supporting attendees. (see attached)

After concluding the Annual Report, Gary invited those in attendance to present any questions or comments at this time, the following questions were presented;

Anne Hetherington: Applauded WCFC for the work they do and for their presence in the community. A recent discovery while visiting the recreation trails in the Community Forest was a winter wren, which is indicative of old growth forest and successful forest management. Although most of the enhanced stewardship projects observed were for recreation, Anne expressed interest in discussions and sharing ideas on, innovative forest management and partial cutting operations for wildlife mitigation in old growth stands to help preserve old forest structure. Anne has identified two goshawk areas on HBM which could benefit from innovative management in areas along recreation trails and riparian zones.



Jay thanked Anne for her contributions and for innovative operation suggestions. WCFC is currently planning for maintaining areas as suggested with partial cutting to encourage wildlife habitat, managing for old growth structure and innovation in forest enhancement. Planning is still in the early stages and open for further discussions and perspectives on current operations.

Gary expressed thanks to everyone for attending the 2021 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 1:35pm.