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## Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Town Hall

Wednesday, March 28, 2019

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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Present: Doug Beale, Director & Chair  
Marsha Dufresne, Director  
Al Kangas, Director  
Stacey Lajeunesse, Director  
Chris Norbury, Director  
Jonathon Howe, Secretary

Absent: Rob Mackay, Director & Co-Chair

Contractors Duncan McKellar, Operations Manager  
Dianna Gies, Bookkeeper

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**1. Call to Order**

Doug Beale, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Chris Norbury made motion to approve the agenda, Al Kangas seconded.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the Tumbler Ridge Community Forest approve the minutes for the TRCF meeting held December 19, 2018. Moved by Jonathon Howe and seconded by Chris Norbury.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes – none noted**

**5. Hear any public input to CF activities or plans – none noted.**

**6. Presentation from RBC Investments**

Rob Wilson gave an investment presentation to the board. The board asked Rob Wilson and Duncan McKellar to provide additional information. When the information is received, the board will discuss investment options.

**7. Reports**

- a. **Financials** – Duncan McKellar made an error on budget figures, he only budgeted \$25,000 when it should have been \$40,000. Marsha Dufresne made motion to make an amendment to the 2019 budget – add \$15,000 to budget, Chris Norbury seconded

**CARRIED**

b. **Operational**

- i. **Expansion Update** – Duncan is still waiting on government to expand area. He will talk to someone once again.

- ii. **FSP** –has gone forward and hopefully close for approval.
- iii. **Website** – Duncan is working with Primal Tribe on the development of the Tumbler Ridge Community Forest website. Duncan will be presenting a draft of the website to board at the end of April.
- iv. **Lidar** – Duncan has received information on 66% of the area due to them being smoked out last year. The rest of the information will be received this summer.
- v. **Community Forest Wild Fire readiness** – Duncan would like to update the CF’s wildfire plan with information that would be very useful to outside stakeholders if an emergency should occur. The board asked him to get more info on this and also cost projections of what this would cost. Board will make a decision once information is received.
- vi. **Caribou Meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. – Duncan advised board to attend the meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> so they can give feedback to the officials at meeting.

#### 8. Grant and Community Support Presentations

- a. **Murray River Aquatic Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework** – Brandon Lewis did a presentation on water quality objectives for the Murray River. He requested \$15,000 to go towards further studies for their water quality objectives. Chris Norbury made motion to give the Murray River Aquatic Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework \$15,000, Stacey Lajeunesse 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
4 yes – 1 no. MOTION PASSED
- b. **Tumbler Ridge Search & Rescue** – Steve Tory did a presentation on the Tumbler Ridge Search & Rescue Society. He requested \$30,000 towards the purchase of a Command/Rescue Vehicle. They anticipate the initial cost of this unit to be \$250,000. They have secured funding of \$185,000 at present. Jonathon Howe made motion to approve \$30,000 for Command/Rescue Vehicle, Al Kangas seconded. CARRIED
- c. **Fish Farm** – Stacey Lajeunesse is looking for information on past discussions with the District. Stacey was referred to the District of Tumbler Ridge for more information.
- d. **Emperors’ Challenge** – Correspondence was received regarding sponsorship for the upcoming Emperor’s Challenge. Marsha Dufresne made motion to support the Bronze Level for \$350, Chris Norbury seconded. 4 yes – 1 no. MOTION PASSED

#### 9. Expand First Nations role in the Community Forest

A partnership with the First Nations can be very beneficial to the Community Forest. Before exploring this further, the board needs to define what kind of partnership they want the First Nations. Matter is tabled as more information is needed on how current Community Forests/First Nation partnerships exist and how it works out between the two parties. Duncan will get further information regarding these relationships and will forward to board.

#### 10. Governing Effectively

Duncan will find out more information regarding governing through Susan Mulkey, CF.

**11. Bursary & Scholarship Process**

A bursary is money given to student that has no stipulations attached to it whereas a scholarship has stipulations attached to it. The CF requires “proof of registration” before releasing monies to the student. Marsha Dufresne made motion to give three scholarships out at \$2000 each. Al Kangas seconded.

**CARRIED**

**12. Wolverine Forest Service Road Update**

The ministry is still taking everything out.

**13. BCFFA Conference – Mission BC**

Rob McKay, Doug Beale, Al Kangas and Stacey Lajeunesse with Duncan McKellar will be attending the conference. Marsha Dufresne made motion to make travel reimbursements costs same as last year. Jonathon Howe seconded.

**CARRIED**

**14. Grant Decisions**

Marsha Dufresne made motion to make grant decisions in “in camera” meetings. Jonathon Howe seconded.

**CARRIED**

**15. Adjournment**

Marsha Dufresne made motion to adjourn. Al Kangas seconded.

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment 9:26 PM**

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Tumbler Ridge Community Forest Regular Board of Directors meeting held on Wednesday March 28, 2019.

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Doug Beale, Chair

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Jonathon Howe, Corporate Secretary