

## CCBAC Board Update January 2016



The CCBAC Board of Directors meeting took place on January 12, 2016 in 100 Mile House directly following the Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Regional Advisory committee meeting.

### CCBAC and NDIT

Janine North (Chief Economic Officer) Dean McKinley (Director, Economic Development) and Sarah Hipson (Manager, Mountain Pine Beetle Recovery Account) from Northern Development Initiative Trust attended a portion of the CCBAC Board meeting to discuss the Mountain Pine Beetle Recovery Account and the Forest Innovation Fund. Both of these funds are in response to the anticipated reductions in fibre supply due to the beetle epidemic and the resulting impacts on traditional forest sector practices.

The Mountain Pine Beetle Recovery Account was created due to the dramatic drops in annual timber harvesting levels resulting in potential layoffs and mill closures in MPB affected communities (see NDIT Briefing Note - *Pine Beetle Recovery Account Policy and Proposed Forest Innovation Fund*). Janine North discussed the potential for CCBAC to make recommendations about the direction of funding from the MPB Recovery Account to projects that fall within the CCBAC area.

The Forest Innovation Fund was also discussed and Janine North requested feedback from the CCBAC Board on this fund (see *Draft Forest Innovation Fund document*). The Forest Innovation Fund provides up to 50% to a maximum of \$50,000 in grant funding for companies (that are not publically traded) and community forests engaged in harvesting, processing, and supply chain activities related to the forest sector. The program will support research and development, innovative technologies, new or improved products and services to optimize the fibre supply in the MPB impacted area.

The group discussed the development a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NDIT and CCBAC (*please note it was decided to create 2 MOU's - CCBAC/NCLGA/NDIT AND CCBAC/SILGO/NDIT*) to direct information, make recommendations on grant applications, and facilitate information-sharing between the organisations. Further, it was discussed that individuals who sit on the CCBAC, NDIT or the RAC boards will broker information between the organisations.

The MOU was referred to as a “handshake on paper” because it outlines the terms and details of the agreement between the parties however, the final say for all policy and

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projects in the context of the MPB Recovery Fund and Forest Innovation Fund, lies with the NDIT Board of Directors.

Janine North talked about how MOUs between NDIT and their regional partners are important because NDIT is not an advocacy organisation, they are a funding organisation. There is an important role to play with other advocacy groups highlighting important initiatives and promoting projects that would benefit from NDIT funding.

All recommendations from CCBAC to the NDIT Board regarding the MPB Account and the Forest Innovation Fund need to be made at least 2 weeks in advance of the 2016 Northern Development Board meetings which fall on: February 17, April 20, July 20 and October 19, 2016.

The process that CCBAC will use to make recommendations to the NDIT Board about grant applications and policy directions will be developed by the CCBAC Board at the February 15, 2016 Board meeting. Due to the tight timeline, NDIT will be providing a package of applications to CCBAC immediately following the January 12, 2016 meeting and the CCBAC Board will have a teleconference to deal with processing these applications prior to February 1, 2016.

### **CCBAC and Fraser Basin Council**

The contract between Fraser Basin Council and CCBAC that outlines Gail Lucier, Erin Robinson and Denise Palmer-Hoskins' employment terms was approved by the CCBAC Board.

### **Communications**

The CCBAC Media Release, Brochure, and Internal Briefing note are complete and ready for circulation. The CCBAC website will be upgraded to "match" the brochure and content will be added. As well, Denise will create an easy "business card" size outreach document with CCBAC's key messaging (enable, advocate, coordinate).

### **Forest Sector Action Items from CCBAC Work plan**

As part of CCBAC's work plan to provide information about fibre supply analysis to MPB affected communities, CCBAC is inviting Jim Snetsinger to collate the information on fibre supply and create a presentation to deliver to targeted communities (both First Nation and non-First Nation). Jim Snetsinger will be invited to the February 15, 2016 CCBAC Board meeting to discuss this initiative.

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## January 25, 2016 Economic Development Meeting

The CCBAC Board reviewed the draft meeting agenda and made some minor changes. David Marshall will facilitate this meeting and will be contacting key attendees prior to the meeting to discuss their input into the agenda.

<b>Future Meeting Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
Monday, February 15, 2016	Williams Lake City Hall, 10am-3pm

*Note- for information about granting and contribution agreements please see the accompanying meeting notes from the January 12, 2016 meeting.*