

CCBAC Board Update March 2016



The CCBAC Board of Directors met at Quesnel City Council Chambers from 10 am – 3:30 pm on Monday March 21, 2016 for a special presentation followed by a regular board meeting.

Fibre Supply

As part of CCBAC's work plan to provide information about fibre supply analysis to MPB affected communities, CCBAC invited Jim Snetsinger and Murray Hall to deliver a regional fibre supply seminar for the CCBAC Board of Directors and guests. The purpose of this seminar was to discuss how CCBAC can play a role in potentially disseminating fibre supply information at the community level.

Members of Forest Lands and Natural Resources, Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and the Cariboo Regional District, along with CCBAC Board members, attended the seminar. Information from the seminar that could be used for community sessions may include:

- 1) Existing and potential AACs for TSAs and TFLs within the Cariboo Region,
- 2) BC Fibre Supply Model forecasts for the region with emphasis on the known and predicted fibre supply and demand dynamics that will influence the sustainability of the solid wood, pulp and paper, pellet plant and bioenergy segments of the forest sector, and
- 3) Existing legislation and potential regulatory changes relative to forest fibre utilization.

After the seminar portion was concluded, the regular CCBAC Board meeting took place.

Policies

At the CCBAC Board meeting, the members discussed amending the funding policies including developing a self-evaluation checklist for proponents incremental release of funds and funding distribution in-tune with the renewed strategic direction. The CCBAC Board will review and comment on the funding policy revisions at the April 2016 Board meeting.

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New Partnerships

A drafted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CCBAC and the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) has been approved in principle. The purpose of the MOU will be to direct information, make recommendations, and facilitate information sharing between the organisations. This MOU will be finalized soon.

Economic Development

As part of the outcomes from the January 25 Economic Development Officer meeting, the potential formation of sub-regional tables was presented. The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) has decided to convene sub-regional tables using the Community Development Institute with the assistance of an intern from Northern Development Initiative Trust.

The CRD will be submitting a plan to CCBAC outlining how the creation of sub-regional tables will be formalised. The creation of a collective strategy with partners from: the CRD, the local First Nation bands, Chamber of Commerce, community groups, politicians and CCBAC will feed the ideas from the sub-regional tables into a regional strategy.

Funding

CCBAC approved funding in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the Cariboo Mountain Bike Consortium for their project “Desous Mountain Trail Project”. A press release will be made available in early summer 2016 about this project.

For additional information on any of the items discussed above please contact Erin Robinson, Program Coordinator, CCBAC at erobinson@fraserbasin.bc.ca.

Future CCBAC Meeting Date	Location and Time
Monday April 18, 2016	TBA