

CCBAC Board Update October 2016



The CCBAC Board of Directors met on October 17, 2016 in Williams Lake at the Cariboo Regional District's (CRD) Boardroom from 10-1 pm.

Funding

CCBAC reviewed the response letter from the Cariboo Cattlemens' Association regarding how information for the *Cariboo Regional Research Alliance Project* would be stored online past the project end date (2017). CCBAC motioned to approve funding in the amount of \$13,250 based on the understanding that the information database will be hosted in the most appropriate location to be determined as the project develops.

A grant application from the Community for Veterans Foundation was received as a late submission to the Board meeting. Staff will work with the proponent to have a completed application submitted prior to the November meeting.

CCBAC received a presentation from Amy Thacker and Jason Ryll from the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association on their project *Reputation Recovery of the Cariboo communities and businesses*, which is in relation to the Mount Polley TSF breach. This project was partially funded through a \$100,000.00 contribution from CCBAC.

Communications

Contractor Jane Wellburn presented to the Board the recent updates to the CCBAC website including the addition of: CCBCC's renewed funding policies, media releases, and past CCBAC funded projects. The Board reviewed the contents of the website and decided to add a new page for "current projects" to ensure that website visitors can easily access the most up to date information.

The Board discussed the best option for storing CCBAC's archival information (meeting notes, media releases, research, reports etc.). One option is storing information on the website itself, however concerns over the longevity of this method were expressed. Staff will work to determine the best method of storing information in perpetuity and present findings for discussion at the AGM in November.

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The BAC's

OBAC is in the process of determining a strategy to obtain funding after recent news from the Province directing the BAC's to Rural Dividend funding. A meeting between the Chairs of SIBAC, OBAC, and CCBAC will be organised in the near future and the Chairs of OBAC and SIBAC will be invited to the CCBAC AGM to discuss future funding strategies.

Rural Dividend and Forest Enhancement

It is possible for an organisation like a Beetle Action Coalition to apply for project funding through the Rural Dividend by working with an eligible project partner. CCBAC is well positioned to initiate conversations with proponents and enable project development through CCBAC's funding and initiative streams.

The Forest Enhancement Program (FEP) is solely for Crown land therefore proponents would only be eligible if the municipal lands or Crown lands in the application meet the requirements. The CCBAC Board discussed the potential to update Community Wildfire Protection Plans utilising FEP funding. Updating Community Wildfire Protection Plans would involve identifying the: municipal, provincial, first nation territory and private land and creating a plan to account for the overlapping or nested jurisdictions.

CCBAC will invite Jason Fisher to the January CCBAC Board meeting to discuss both the Rural Dividend and the Forest Enhancement Society funding.

Fibre Supply - Special Presentation

CCBAC received a presentation on Fibre Utilization from Victoria Groves, Scaling and Billing Manger and Rick Ranger, Scaler of FLNRO's Scaling and Billing department.

The CCBAC Board requested this presentation because of concern over fibre waste on the land and the current stumpage fees that discourage full fibre utilisation.

The presentation focused mainly on the newly created "pre-harvest waste assessment" policy. As a result of the Forest Fibre Working Group's Forest Fibre Action Plan, the pre-harvest waste assessment has been created to enable more utilisation of the waste fibre.

The pre-harvest waste assessment encourages fibre utilisation strategies such as "one pass" harvesting where less desirable wood ("waste") is harvested concurrently with primary harvesting. For all of the information on pre-harvest waste assessment visit <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/competitive-forest-industry/timber-pricing/forest-residue-waste/pre-harvest-waste-assessments>.

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New Business

The Board discussed concerns over the outbreak of Douglas fir bark beetle in the Region affecting old growth areas and mule deer winter range. CCBAC will lobby for access into restricted areas for Douglas fir bark beetle trap programs to mitigate the forest health concern. CCBAC will draft a letter and have the local government regarding the Cariboo Chilcotin Landuse Plan and how to access the restricted areas.

Future Meeting Dates	Location and Time
November 21 <i>AGM – November 21 (prior to Regular Meeting)</i>	To be announced

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