

CCBAC Board Update - March 2017



The Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition (CCBAC) Board of Directors met on March 13, 2017 in Williams Lake at the Pioneer Complex from 10:00 am -12:30 pm.

CCBAC Dissolution

With their commitment toward dissolution by the end of December 2017, the CCBAC Board will be working to allocate their remaining funds to: 1) initiatives, 2) granting, and 3) administration. Prior to December 2017, CCBAC will track grant and initiative spending to ensure all operations and initiatives are completed prior to the dissolution date. A small portion of funds will be set in a trust account for administration costs related to the dissolution.

Cariboo Strong

Through the Cariboo Strong initiative, each of the 3 sub-regions (north, central, and south) will be allocated \$133,333.00 to enable the regional strategy to be fostered from the sub-regional level, the Cariboo Strong organisers are still working on how to structure the process.

Currently, there is an operation committee, a steering committee, and an advisory committee of elected representatives to approve funds that will be allocated through Cariboo Strong.

Until such time that Cariboo Strong is operational, CCBAC will continue to administer funds to projects and initiatives that would otherwise now, be directed to Cariboo Strong. The funds allocated to Cariboo Strong from CCBAC will be subject to CCBAC funding policies.

Grant Updates

Updates or interim reports were received for the following projects:

1. Project 205 “Desous Mountain Trail Project” (contract ends on July 31, 2017)
2. Project 208 CCCTA “Reputation Recovery” (contract ends on March 31, 2017)
3. Project 212 “Tsilhqot'in National Government Economic Development Plan” (contract ends on March, 31 2017)
4. Project 218 “Regional research alliance” (contract ends on July 30, 2017)

Funding Proposal Update

- 1) Quesnel Trail Development – The CCBAC Board approved a grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the North Cariboo Trails Inventory and Masterplan. A letter, dated

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November 14, 2016, was received by the CCBAC Board and then deferred due to the anticipated start-up of Cariboo Strong. Since the Cariboo Strong is not ready to disperse funds at this time, CCBAC will accept requests for funding that would otherwise now, be directed at Cariboo Strong.

- 2) CCBAC received a grant application for the Toosey Tiny Home Project - The Board approved \$15,000 for the Business Plan Development.
- 3) Xat'sull Trail Development – The CCBAC Board approved a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to the Xat'sull First Nation for trail development based on demonstration of the following contingencies.
- 4) Agriculture Advisory Committee –CCBAC recommend that the Agriculture Advisory Committee engage with Cariboo Strong at the sub-regional level as a more appropriate source of funding.

NDIT

The CCBAC Board has made the following recommendations to NDIT regarding the Pine Beetle Recovery Account.

- 1) Lewis Drive Sports Rink – CCBAC endorse the MPB Recovery Account approve this project.
- 2) Quesnel Arena 2 Upgrade - CCBAC endorse the MPB Recovery Account approve this project.

Subcommittee, Update

Wildfire Interface Sub-committee – the letter to communities was sent to all municipalities and First Nation communities in the Region. A follow-up letter will be sent from CCBAC to all municipalities and rural First Nation governments in the Region to determine what is needed for SWPI application and determine a dollar value in each community. If the communities are interested, they will approach Fraser Basin Council to assist with SWPI applications and other facets of creating or renewing Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

Fibre Utilisation Sub-committee – CCBAC will distribute a request for proposals (RFP) for a fibre supply and potential utilisation discussion paper. The RFP will include each forest district in the Cariboo Chilcotin. These 3 sub-regional discussion papers will provide the science-based quantitative and qualitative data needed for municipal and First Nation governments, as well as resource professionals, to:

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- recognize innovative means for accessing and utilizing fibre in the region
- understand all processing and manufacturing options in a forest district
- identify potential constraints to procuring, utilizing, processing, and manufacturing fibre

Each discussion paper must include:

- amount of fibre available on the land
- fibre type
- fibre quality
- access and transportation (or barriers) to processing and manufacturing facilities
- unique processing and manufacturing capacities in each sub-region
- potential synergies for matching fibre-types with innovative uses
- markets for fibre-types previously underutilized

Future Meeting Dates

May 8, 2017 (Location to be determined)