



Dunster Community Forest Society 8252 Dunster Croydon Road, Dunster, BC V0J 1J0
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MINUTES: the September 19, 2016 DCFS Board of Directors Meeting
September 19, 2016 Board of Directors of Dunster Community Forest
Society Meeting beginning at 7:00 PM, Dunster School.

Directors present: Larry Stamm, Archie McLean, Chuck McNaughton, Donna Hampson,
Richard Chambers, Eric Gauthier.

Manager present: Ray Thiessen

Meeting started with reading of the agenda printout.

1. **Motion:** by Eric, 2nd by Donna, that we adopt the agenda. Carried.
2. Treasurer's Report: \$250K coming in (and going back out) since August. Spreadsheet from Dec 1/15 up to Sept 14/16 printed copies distributed. Discussion on the treasurer's report followed; Larry opined that the DCF would require \$15,000/year to keep things going without any revenue from logging. Ray commented that the Forest District (John Pousette) said there is no need to produce the inventory (promised in the original application) within the 10 years mentioned in the Timberline analysis. The question to the MOFLNR should be.. can we get a reduction in the Land Rent, currently \$5,598.64/year.
4. **Motion:** Donna moved, seconded by Archie, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. All in favour, Carried.
5. Manager's Report: VQOs are being applied to the Dunster area which will lead to no logging action, vs. some logging action (with relaxed VQOs). This is being presented to Regional MOF staff as the rationale for us to be granted exemptions. LBI (Land Based Investment) grants: Dave Salayka is working on it. Ray will meet with him soon to go over results. This is to do with NSR (Not Sufficiently Restocked) areas in DCF. Ray reported on his trip to meet with the licencees and government, wherein information sharing and reporting processes were being proposed. Donna Stapely (ex McBride resident and MOF employee) is sending results of the next meeting to Ray.
 - 5a. Michaelyn resigned from the Board of Directors of DCFS due to personal issues unrelated to the Society. We hope she is able to return when things are cleared up.
 - 5b. Letter received from Kim McNaughton thanking the DCFS for \$500 bursary which she used to attend the United Church Anglican college.
 - 5c. New Societies Act: DCFS will be a publicly funded society. We need to have a new Constitution for this, and a Purpose Statement.

5d. Community Consultations: to get public acceptance (social licence) to reduce the extent of VQOs in the DCF area, suggestions are: a) get viewpoint posters with varying % retention, b) find “vaguely interested people” to go on tours of the DCF operating areas.

6. Ray is taking a Silviculture Survey course - Seven Days in Sorrento - course fees are \$1100 and test after is \$630. DCFS is contributing this to get the capability to do our own silviculture surveys, now costing \$1.5K to \$3K annually.

7. a) Secretarial Position - will be advertised on Pete’s List for a DCFS secretary, someone local to write up minutes, a volunteer position.

7b) Community Grants must be advertised as the application due date, Jan. 31st suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. Next meeting will be October 17. See You There!