

CHINOOK

Community Forest

ANNUAL REPORT

**April 1, 2023 -
March 31, 2024**

Chinook Ootsa Recreation Site



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Chinook Community Forest acknowledges the First Nations traditional territories the K4R Licence area operates in.

Chinook Community Forest operating area includes the traditional territories of the following First Nations:

Cheslatta Carrier Nation

Lake Babine Nation

Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band

Skin Tyee Nation

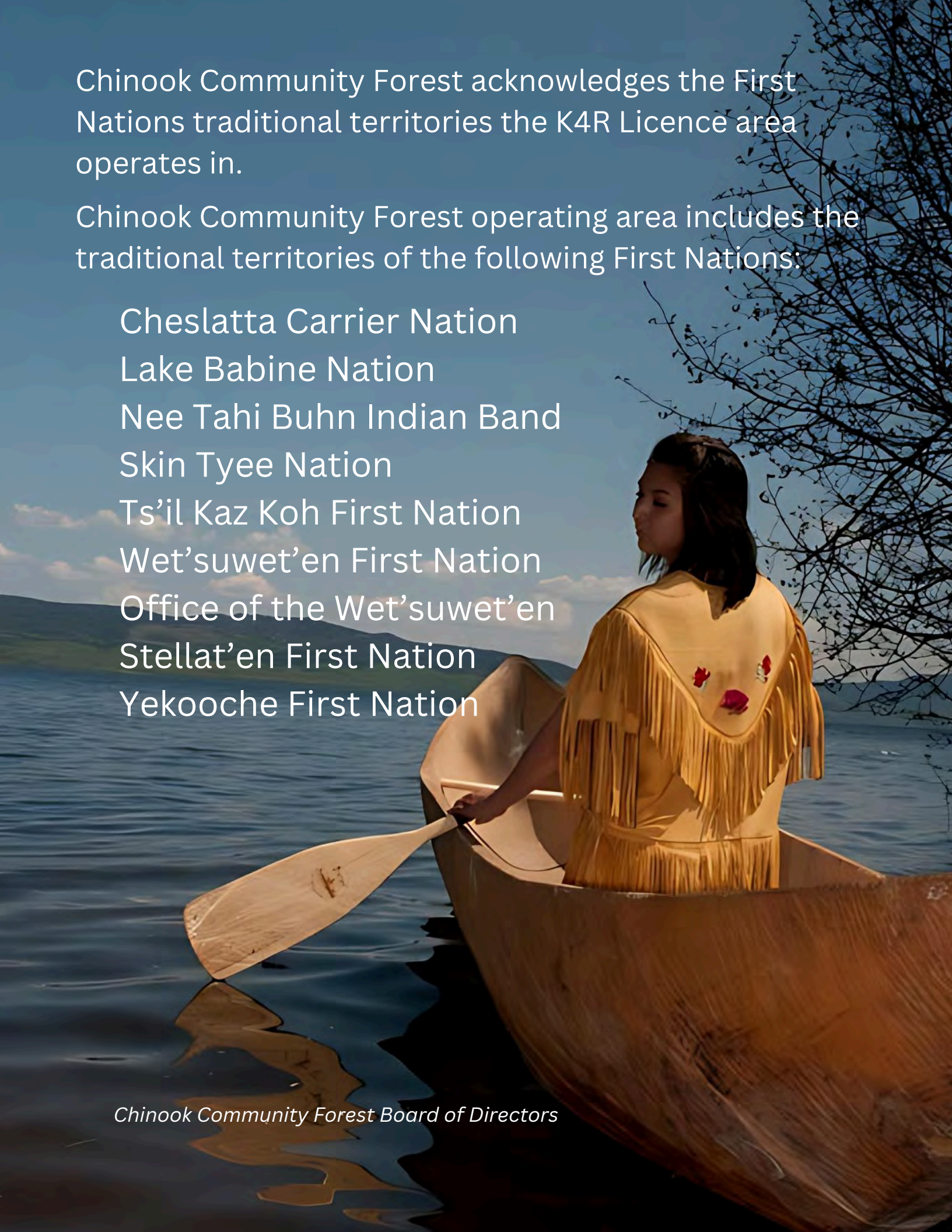
Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation

Wet'suwet'en First Nation

Office of the Wet'suwet'en

Stellat'en First Nation

Yekooche First Nation



CORPORATE INFORMATION

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OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

85% FIRST NATION

Wet'suwet'en First Nation
Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band
Skin Tye Nation
Cheslatta Carrier Nation
Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation
Lake Babine Nation

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Village of Burns Lake combined hold 15% of the shares.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Cindy Shelford, RDBN Area B
Vice President - Shannon Haizimsque, Wet'suwet'en First Nation
Treasurer - Kieran Broderick, Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band
Secretary - Paul Davidson, Village of Burns Lake
Director - Rilla Middleton, Skin Tye Nation
Director - Ryan Tibbetts, Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation
Director - Ben Wilson, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
Director - Duane Crouse, Lake Babine Nation
Director - Greg Hill, RDBN Area E

STAFF

General Manager - Ken Nielsen
Executive Assistant - Valerie Anderson

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Auditors: BDO Canada LLP,
Bank: Royal Bank of Canada, New Hazelton Branch



2022/23 Board of Directors



Cindy Shelford
President



Shannon Haizimsque
Vice-President



Paul Davidson
Secretary



Kieran Broderick, Treasurer



Duane Crouse, Director



Rilla Middleton, Director



Ryan Tibbetts, Director



Ben Wilson, Director



Greg Hill, Director

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Maintain community involvement which is represented by a local Board of Directors derived of First Nation and local government representatives.
- Ensure forest resources are managed in a manner that is environmentally sustainable for the long-term.
- Maintain and enhance a high standard of environmental stewardship through innovative avenues of land base management.



*2024 Natural Resources Forum
Cindy Shelford, CCF President, Mike Robertson, CCN
Senior Advisor, and Rilla Middleton, CCF Director*

MISSION STATEMENT

Chinook Comfor Ltd. is committed to managing our renewable resource by collaborating to build community capacity. We will achieve this by creating self-reliance, through long-term environmental sustainability and social growth.

VISION STATEMENT

Chinook Comfor Ltd. will be a leader in forest practice management, social values and economic development.

VALUE STATEMENT

With our shareholders, we live these values:

- We accept responsibility for our actions. We make and support business decisions through experience and good judgment.
- We recognize the importance of diversity. We are committed to making sure that everyone we interact with is treated fairly, with respect, and dignity.
- We will build open and honest relationships through communication.
- We will pursue growth and learning.
- We will deliver our best in all we do.
- We will respect all individuals and their contributions.
- We will base all our decision making on what is best for our community.



Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership Organizational Chart March 31, 2024

14.8% -1,415 units	Cheslatta Carrier Nation
14.8% -1,415 units	Lake Babine Nation
14.8% -1,415 units	Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band
14.8% -1,415 units	Skin Tye Nation
14.8% -1,415 units	Ts'il Kaz Koh Development LP
14.8% -1,415 units	Wet'suwet'en First Nation
9% -894 units	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
6% -596 units	Village of Burns Lake
0.001% - 1 unit	Chinook Comfor Ltd.

Hunust'ot'en Investment Corp
Chinook Comfor Ltd. Ownership Structure

14% - 1,415 shares	Hunst ot'en Investment Corp
14% - 1,415 shares	Lake Babine Nation Forestry
14% - 1,415 shares	Natanlii Development Ltd.
14% - 1,415 shares	Noot'senay Enterprises LP
14% - 1,415 shares	Ts'il Kaz Koh Development LP
14% - 1,415 shares	Yinka Dene Economic Development LP
8.96% - 894 shares	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
5.97% - 596 shares	Village of Burns Lake

14.18%

**Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership
Revenue Sharing March 31, 2024
\$1,000,100.00**

\$141,800	Wet'suwet'en First Nation
\$141,800	Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band
\$141,800	Skin Tye Nation
\$141,800	Cheslatta Carrier Nation
\$141,800	Lake Babine Nation
\$141,800	Ts'il Kaz Koh Development Limited Partnership
\$89,600	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
\$59,700	Village of Burns Lake

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present this report which outlines the activities and operations of Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership for the fiscal year of April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

The 2023-24 fiscal year started with a very successful spring planting, followed by a very hot spring into the summer. This contributed greatly to the first of the 2023 wildfires within the Lakes Timber Supply Area and the Chinook Community Forest tenure area. The wildfires impacted the Chinook tenure area on the south side of Francois Lake, the Hannay FSR area, and the Pinkut Fisheries area to the tune of 2,100 hectares.

Through the summer and into winter, Chinook continued engaging with the Tenures Branch regarding Chinook's Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) determination and Management Plan to support Chinook's AAC determination. This was a lengthy 3-year process as no other Licensee has ever used LiDAR and HRIS for inventory purposes. Chinook received a letter from the Regional Executive Director on March 27, 2024, approving our AAC determination and supporting the Management Plan. Chinook's annual allowable cut is 65,720 m³ per year, with a partition of 45,720 m³/year of green conifer volume. Additionally, there are conditions on the harvest of non-conventional and low-volume stands, with a second partition of 20,000m³/year for volume from stands less than 80 years of age and less than 140m³/ha. Chinook Community Forest is the first licensee to have an AAC determination approved using LiDAR/HRIS in the province.

Chinook was able to continue the Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) south of Francois Lake in the Treatment Units (TU) of Indian Bay and Hamre Road. With the early hot weather, BC Wildfire Service shut down the bush to any industrial activities, which impacted our operations. Operations ceased until October of 2023 when the WRR area harvesting started. Hamre (TU) was completed in late February 2024 and is ready for planting in 2024. Indian Bay (TU) is 80% complete and will be completed in the spring of 2024. The Danskin (TU) started in November 2023 and achieved 80% completion, with completion in the spring of 2024. From all three WWR treatment units, Chinook delivered approximately 12,000 m³ to Babine Forest Products and Decker Lake Sawmill. The treatment units are in the Old Growth Deferral map area, so Drax would not take any volume from these areas, resulting in all brush piles being burned. Chinook continues to find ways of salvaging fire-impacted stands, whether through cutting permits, the Forest Investment Program (FIP) or the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC).

Chinook completed Wildfire Risk Reduction assessments around Rose Lake and Sheraton. Of the 900 hectares surveyed, 200 hectares were identified, and risk reduction prescriptions have been developed for some form of hand or mechanical treatment.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chinook salvaged all the fireguard decked wood within the Tintagel and Pinkut 2023 wildfires, 7500m³ was delivered to Babine Forest Products and Decker Lake. Chinook also took on a role for the Ministry of Forest by completing fireguard rehab prescriptions and stream assessment prescription development within the Pinkut, Tintagel and Old Man Lake fires. Chinook also completed fireguard rehab within our Haney area, which was impacted by the Tintagel fire. We also addressed the safety concerns along Weir Road, which accesses the water flow gate for the Pinkut spawning channels.

Chinook continues to find ways to salvage wildfire stands. We developed another permit, CP 508, within the 2018 Verdun and Nadina wildfires. Chinook was also successful in obtaining funding from FESBC for fibre utilization from this permit, to deliver the bio-log component to Drax's pellet plant. Chinook is developing a cutting permit for salvage within the 2023 wildfire areas with the goal of harvesting in the summer/winter of 2024.

In a testament to our commitment to community and environmental stewardship, Chinook broke ground on a new Recreation site on Ootsa Lake in the fall of 2022. This site, which we proudly opened on the September long weekend in 2023, boasts fifteen spacious camping spots and three well-maintained outhouses. We are particularly pleased to offer a wheelchair-accessible outhouse, located next to a designated accessible campsite, ensuring that our facilities are inclusive and welcoming to all.

Ken Nielsen, General Manager



Fireguard Rehabilitation
Tintagel Wildfire

FIP/FFT Funded Projects

- o 65 ha of wildfire surveys completed
- o 90 ha of site prep completed in the 2018 wildfires
- o 349 ha of planting, 700,000 pine, spruce, larch and fir

FESBC Funded - Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) Southside

- o 60 ha completed, ready for planting in 2025
- o 900 ha of WRR surveys were completed, and 200 ha were identified for treatment. Nine prescriptions were developed covering 200 ha. Work on the 200 ha will begin in 2024 operational year.

FESBC Funded - Fibre Utilization Project

The Verdun and Nadina fibre utilization projects began in February 2024. Fibre will be utilized from the 2018 wildfires, it is expected that 20,000m³ will be delivered to Drax's pellet plant in Burns Lake.



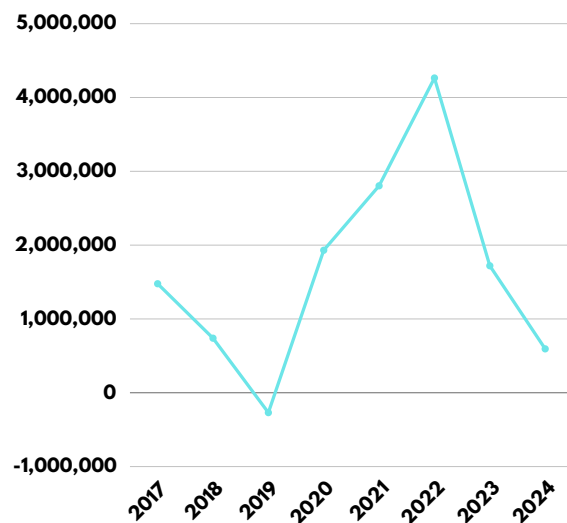
Fire fighting crews on the Southside



Start of Oknianski Wildfire 2023

CHINOOK COMFOR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

NET INCOME 2017-2024



Economic Impact

April 2018 to March 2024

Forestry Operations

Logging - \$20,994,870

Trucking - \$10,574,369

Silviculture - \$3,320,130

Consultants - \$2,402,546

Block Layout - \$2,134,789

\$39,426,704 million dollars

has been infused directly into the community from Chinook Comfor logging operations.

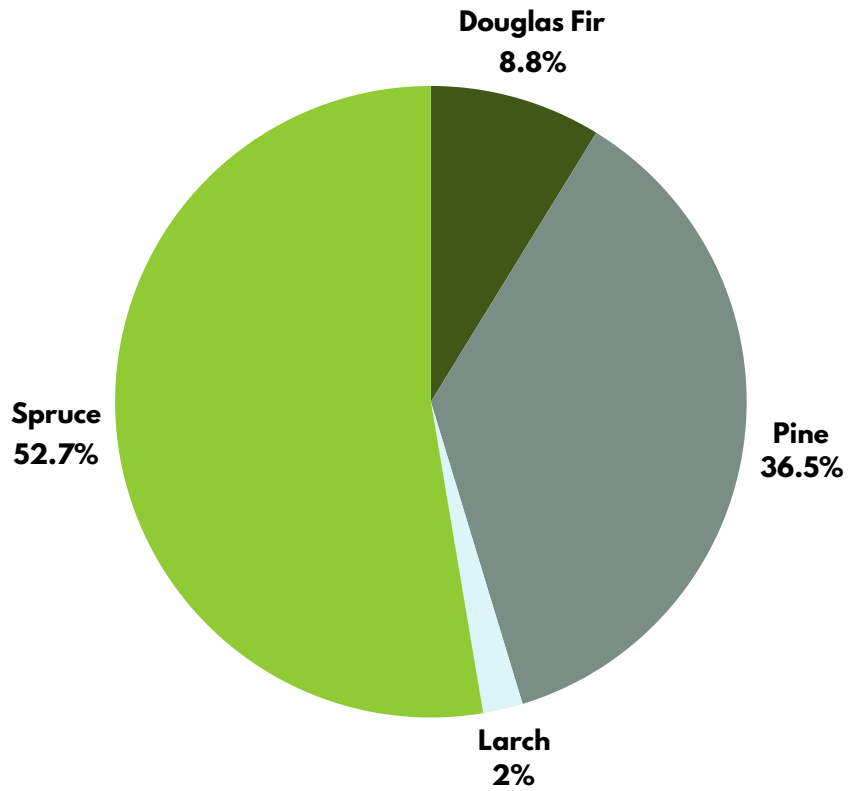
First Nation Contracts - \$2,612,202

Stumpage and annual rent - \$1,631,314

Since Chinook's inception, cash payments to Unit Holders totals

\$4,998,600.71

Seedlings Planted by Species 2017 to 2023



Total seedlings planted to date
6,059,897



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I want to congratulate the Chinook Board of Directors and staff on another successful year. We navigated many operational issues during this fiscal year. We saw the closure of the bush to operations over the summer and fall due to the wildfire risk. During this time Chinook lost 2,100 ha of forest to two wildfires within our tenure. Operations returned to normal by November. I am incredibly proud of the fibre utilization and wildfire mitigation project work initiated and overseen by our general manager during this fiscal.

My term as the RDBN Area B representative is coming to an end. I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve on this knowledgeable and innovative board for the past five years.

Cindy Shelford, President

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Once again, the Governance Committee had a busy year. Directors Paul Davidson, Rilla Middleton and myself worked to refresh several sections of the Board Governance Manual, which was originally approved in 2017. Each year, the manual is reviewed and the committee makes recommendations to the board for any changes. This year, the most significant changes were to board executive and staff roles and responsibilities. The revisions were made to better reflect current staffing levels.

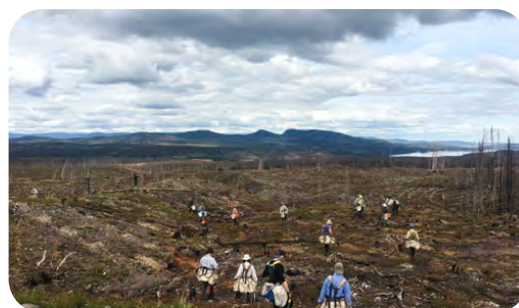
The committee developed the first online Board Assessment survey. The board preferred the online survey, which provided information regarding board dynamics and areas for improvement.

Cindy Shelford, President

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Operations committee members Ben Wilson, Greg Hill, Shannon Haizimsque and General Manager Ken Nielson had a challenging year regarding log sales. Logging operations were curtailed during the 2023 wildfire season and the closure of Fraser Lake Sawmill also affected log sales for this fiscal. Operations continued smoothly in the late fall. The fireguard rehabilitation and wildfire mitigation project, which were funded through provincial programs, were completed this fiscal.

Ken Nielsen, Chair



2018 Southside Wildfire Area Planting

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee members, Kieran Broderick, Shannon Haizimsque and Ben Wilson reviewed finance policies and made recommendations to the board for final approval. The committee recommended annual funding to Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society and Chinook Emergency Response Society.

The committee reviews and approves the audited financial statement and provides guidance for log sales, investments and silviculture liabilities.

Kieran Broderick, Chair



DONATIONS COMMITTEE

Giving back to community organizations operating in the Lakes District is a cornerstone of Chinook Community Forest’s mandate. The board feels strongly that robust community organizations who provide programming and events in our area make this an amazing place to live. Once again the board budgeted to donate \$100,000 this fiscal, and we reached the \$100,000 goal by supporting thirty-eight organizations operating within the Lakes Timber Supply Area (TSA). A complete list of organizations receiving funding is on page 14.

The Donation Committee includes directors, Rilla Middleton, Greg Hill, Duane Crouse, Kieran Broderick and staff member, Valerie Anderson.

Donations April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	DONATION
Burns Lake Native Development Corp.	Indigenous Peoples Day	10,000
Burns Lake Youth Soccer Assoc.	Refurbishing of Clubhouse	3,500
Johnny Johnson - Fall Fair Ball drop	Purchase of 4-wheeler - Hospital Auxiliary	5,000
First Responders Cafe Society	Leadership Training	4,800
B. Klassen	Grassy Plains Cemetary Upgrades	1,000
Lakes District 4-H Senior Council	Programming	4,950
Lakes District Fall Fair	Logger's Sports Sponsor	1,000
Northwest District MHA	Gear and Apparel	3,425
Skin Tyee Nation	Annual Culture Camp Out	2,000
St. Lukes on the Lake Society	Purchase of Lawnmower	2,888
Lake Babine Nation Youth	Travel - Cultural Awareness Events	5,000
Nis Ts'edih Elders and Youth	YLP Annual Golf Tournament Sponsorship	10,000
Karen Ogen	Elder's Event	3,000
Lake Babine Nation	Youth Event	992.07
Spirit North	Cross-country Skis for Grassy Plains School	3,600
Tchesinkut Watershed Society	Water Testing	1,500
North West District Minor Hockey	Female Hockey	1,000
Burns Lake Youth Softball	Youth Softball Programming	2,000
Burns Lake Youth Basketball	Youth Basketball Programming	2,000
BL Aboriginal Youth Sports Group	Youth Hockey Tournament in Prince George	2,000
Francois Lake Elementary PAC	Trips to Omineca Ski Club	1,000
Grassy Plains Elementary PAC	Trips to Omineca Ski Club	800
Burns Lake Minor Hockey	U18 Hockey Team	1,500
Eagle Creek Recreation Commission	Western Days	5,000
SD 91 Snowboard Team	Trip to Provincials	1,000
Lakes District Arts Council	2024 Programming	2,500
Lake Babine Nation	Graduation Trip to Europe	1,000
Lakes Literacy	Purchase of Indigenous Books	1,000
BL Army Cadets	Trip to Haida Gwaii	1,000
Lake Babine Nation	Youth Conference	2,000
Lakes District Festival of Performing Arts	2024/25 Programming	2,000
Decker Lake Recreation Commission	Purchase of Furnace	2,000
William Konkin Elementary PAC	Purchase of Cross-country Skis	5,000
Burns Lake Saddle Club	Arena Repairs, Audio Equipment and Timers	1,000
Burns Lake Community Garden	Garden and Greenhouse Maintenance	1,000
Hundiyyin Indigenous Girls Group - SD91	Travel to Albuquerque	1,000
LDSS 2024 Grad Class	Grande Marche & Dry Grad	1,000
WFN Youth Council	Programming	544.93
	Total Donations for Fiscal	\$100,000

Chinook Comfor President, Cindy Shelford presented
BURNS LAKE YOUTH BASKETBALL
 with a "BIG" Donation cheque for
\$2,000



Chinook Comfor Board Member, Greg Hill presented
GRASSY PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 with a donation to cover travel
 expenses for the students
 to ski at the Omineca Ski Club!



Chinook Donation - \$1,000

The Burns Lake Army Cadet Troop 3080 members are travelling to Haida Gwaii and will meet up with other northern troops for a cultural and outdoor learning experience. The Burns Lake troop has 22 members who participate the local Remembrance Day event and they volunteer at other community events.



CHINOOK COMFOR WINS 2023 ROBIN HOOD MEMORIAL AWARD



Richard Manwaring, Deputy Minister of Forests, Chinook Directors, Shannon Haizimsque, Greg Hill, Rilla Middleton, Paul Davidson, Chinook General Manager, Ken Nielsen and Jennifer Gunter, BCCFA Executive Director

The Robin Hood Memorial Award was established in 2016 to honor community forest pioneer Robin Hood. This award is presented to a community forest that shows leadership, provides local and socioeconomic benefits, demonstrates innovation in forest management, and displays a commitment to excellence in forest management.

The award was presented by the Deputy Forest Minister in Mackenzie at the annual BC Community Forest Conference. During the presentation, the Minister highlighted Chinook's leadership in sustainable forest management, wildfire risk reduction around communities, the use of LiDAR technology, and its research collaboration with UNBC. The Minister also emphasized its community support through Chinook's donation program and the development of the Chinook-Ootsa Recreation Site.



Chinook General Manager thanking the Deputy Minister of Forests for recognizing Chinook's efforts to excel in community lead forest management and wildfire mitigation.

A Burns Lake community forest group has been honoured by the Province for excellence in forest management and wildfire mitigation. Chinook Community Forest was presented with the 2024 Robin Hood Memorial Award on June 12, 2024, in Mackenzie.

“The people who manage and operate the Chinook Community Forest provide a great example of how community-based forestry enriches rural towns and economies,” said Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests. “By making their community safer from wildfires and their rigorous sustainable forestry practices, the Chinook Community Forest has truly showcased excellence in community forestry.”

Chinook Community Forest has taken a leading role in sustainable forest management and wildfire mitigation in the Burns Lake area. In 2023, it completed 200 hectares of wildfire risk-reduction treatments around the community, along with surveying another 1,000 hectares for wildfire risk-reduction projects. A partnership with the University of Northern British Columbia led to Chinook Community Forest’s advanced LiDAR technology being used to track old-growth trees in areas prone to wildfire or pests. Chinook Community Forest’s commitment to sustainable forest management resulted in the reforestation of one million trees in 2023.

As an involved member of the Burns Lake community, Chinook Community Forest has supported events and organizations with \$600,000 in donations during the past five years. Outdoor enthusiasts have Chinook Community Forest to thank for building 15 new recreation spots along the shores of Ootsa Lake.

Members of Chinook Community Forest were pivotal in the local response to the 2018 wildfires. Ken Nielsen, community forest manager at Chinook Community Forest, spent 10 weeks helping BC Wildfire Service respond to the Nadina wildfire. Once the fires were out, members of Chinook Community Forest jumped straight into wildfire salvage planning, wood salvage and forest rehabilitation. Following this wildfire, Chinook Community Forest put forward the idea of community forests taking a greater role in wildfire mitigation on the official agenda at the 2018 Community Forest Association Conference and Annual General Meeting.

“Despite their land base being severely impacted by beetles and wildfires, they are committed to resilience in their forest management and governance,” said Randy Spyksma, president, BC Community Forest Association. “The Chinook Community Forest board and their manager, Ken Nielsen, exemplify the innovation and dedication required to govern a partnership between six First Nations and two local governments. This award is well deserved.”

Chinook Community Forest is a partnership of six First Nations and two municipalities:

- Lake Babine Nation
- Wet'suweten Nation
- Tsil'k'az'koh Nation
- Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band
- Skin Tyee Nation
- Village of Burns Lake
- Regional District Bulkley Nechako

Community Open Houses

Unfortunately, Chinook's annual open house was cancelled in 2023 due to the wildfire events in the area. The annual open house encourages community members to learn about this unique community forest. Chinook has a one-of-a-kind ownership structure, which includes six first nation bands and two local governments. The photos are from the very successful 2022 open house, which was hosted at Burns Lake Native Development Corporation's Burns Lake office. We look forward to hosting once again in 2024.



Annual Open Houses are very successful even the Mayor of Burns Lake attended!



Gurpreet kept everyone hydrated!



The Rose Lake Fire Mitigation Plan Open House was a resounding success with 45 community members attending. The event was filled with good discussions and staff followed up on two concerns voiced by community members. Overall the community is supportive of any measure to reduce wildfire risk, which is at the top of everyone's mind this year.

Included in this report are maps for Chinook's tenure areas, the maps depict work proposed and completed in Chinook operating areas, see pages 19-21.

Chinook Ootsa Recreation Site Grand Opening Community BBQ

The construction of the Chinook Ootsa Lake Recreation Site was a collaboration between the Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society (LORS) and the Chinook Community Forest.

Financial Contributors:

Chinook Community Forest
The Rotary Club of Burns Lake
Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund
Michels Canada
Coastal Gas Link
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Bulkley Valley Credit Union

In-kind Contributors:

Chinook Community Forest
Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society
BC Timber Sales
Cheslatta Carrier Nation
BC Wildfire Service
Burns Lake Community Forest
Shinedown Entreprises
Ootsa Lake Cattle Company



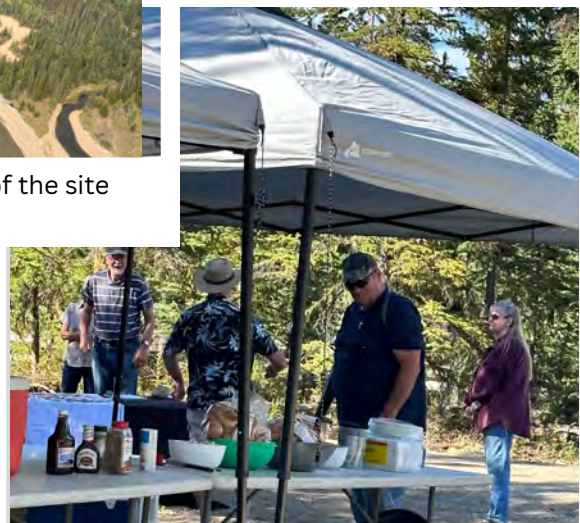
Director Paul Davidson, but we call him GORDON!



Drone shot of the site



Master Chef Ken and flunky Cody



Community members enjoying a fabulous day at the rec site!



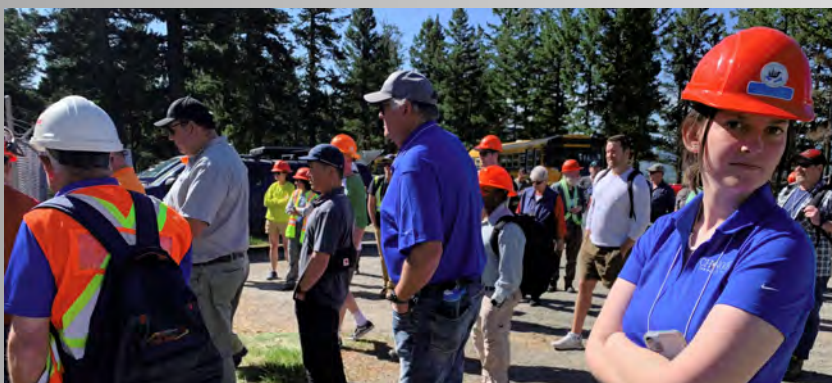
Chinook Directors and staff attended the 2023 BC Community Forest AGM and Conference in Kamloops.



Chief Wesley Sam, Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation, GM Ken Nielsen, and Reg Ogen, Yinka Dene Limited Partnership, President

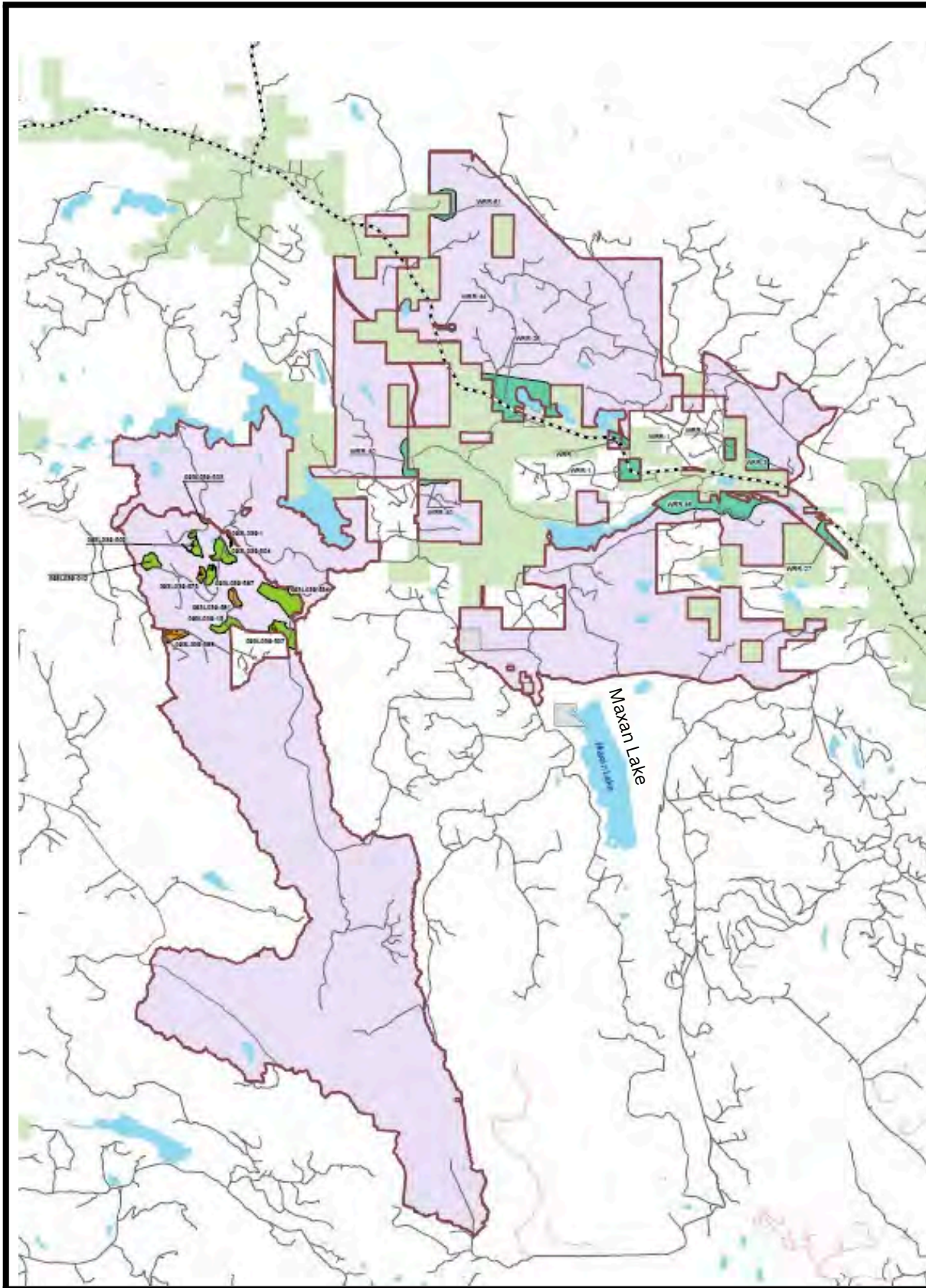


Director Davidson participating in the field tour.



Director Paul Davidson, Kevin White, Village of Burns Lake Councillor and Zoey Lucy, CCF Communications

Rose Lake - Maxan Chart Area Fire Mitigation Plan Map



Survey Blocks within the 2014 China Nose Fire



K4R Tenure - Chinook Comfor Boundary

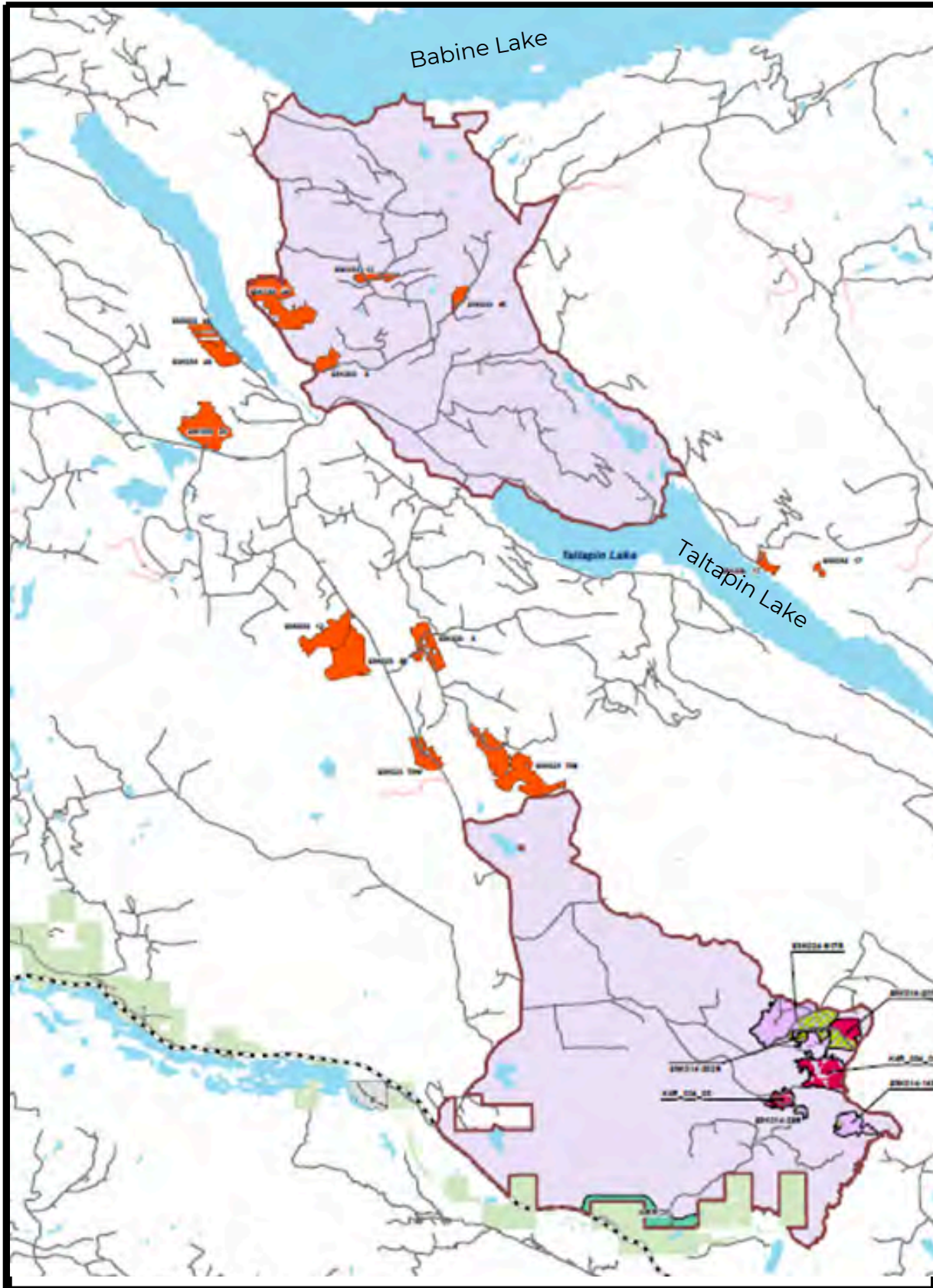


K4R Wildfire Mitigation Tactical Plan



Forests for Tomorrow - Silviculture Funded Project

Sheraton Chart Area Fire Mitigation Plan Map



2017 Fertilization Blocks



K4R Wildfire Mitigation Tactical Plan

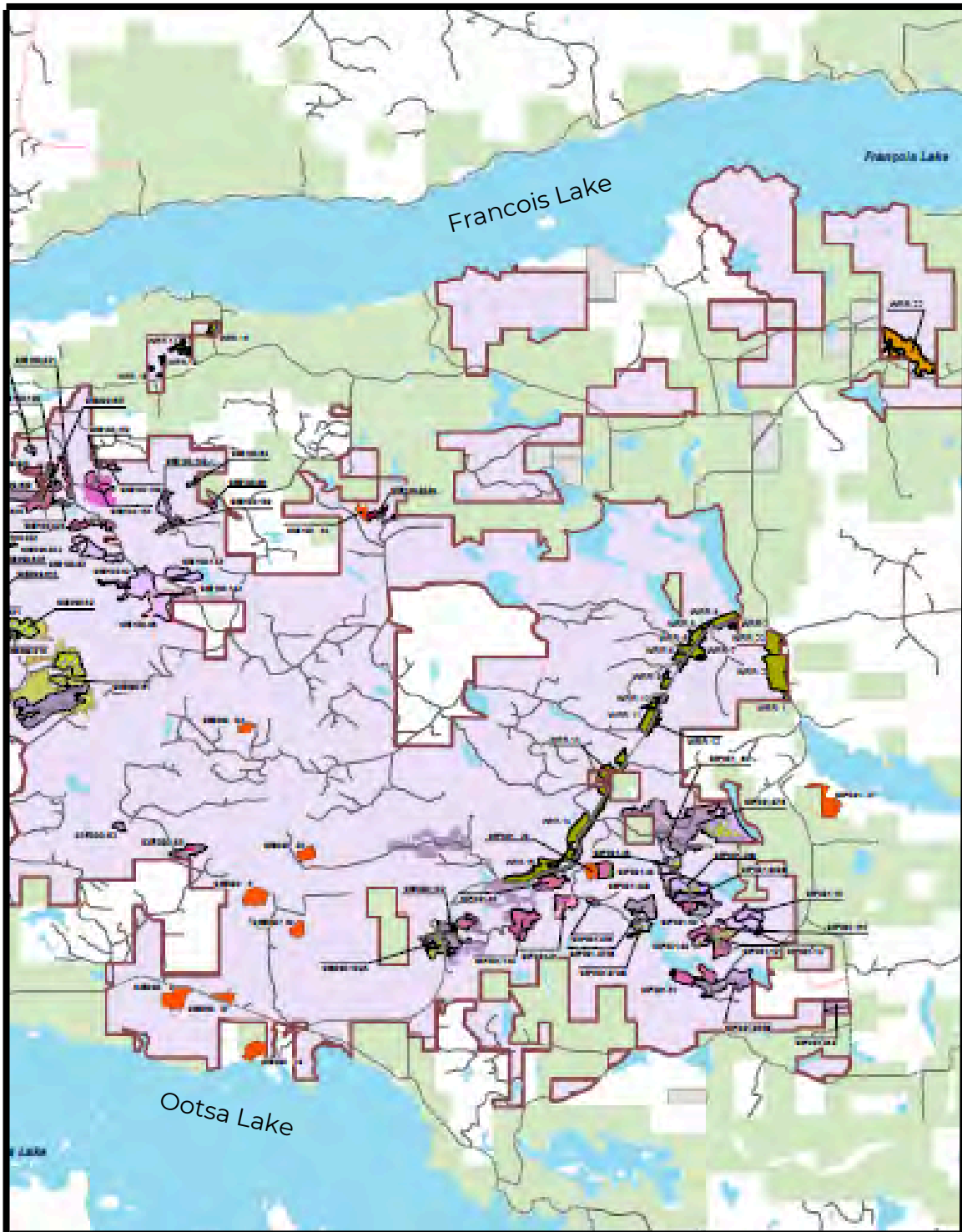


K4R Tenure - Chinook Comfor Boundary



2023 & 2024 Planting

Southside Chart Area



2017 Fertilization Blocks



2018 Post Wildfire Blocks



K4R Tenure - Chinook Comfor Boundary



2022 Planting



Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership Objectives Report
April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Chinook Comfor LP is committed to managing our renewable resource by collaborating to build community capacity. We will achieve this by creating self-reliance through long-term environmental sustainability for economic and social growth.

SAFETY - Safety will be the highest priority for Chinook, its directors , staff, contractors and consultants.

Community Forest Agreement K4R Licence	Chinook Comfor Management Plan Commitments	Chinook Comfor Achievements 2023/24
Identify areas of high wildfire risk within the BC Wildfire Tactical Plan and create a plan to mitigate issues	Hire Forest Safety Council-certified contractors or contractors that have become registered and are in the process of becoming safe certified. All contractors will be registered by the end of the 5 - year management plan. Host an annual community wildfire smart event.	All Chinook logging and silviculture contractors were Safe Company Certified or registered. Chinook completed and passed the Forest Safety Council audit review and received safe company certification.
BC Community Forest Association Indicators	Host two safety seminars within a five year period for its contractors.	Chinook hosted the Rose Lake Wildfire Risk Reduction Plan open house in March, 45 residents attended. the Rose Lake Wildfire Risk Mitigation Plan was approved by MOF.
#14 Forest Worker Safety	Maintain a high standard of safety so that operations are conducted in a safe manner.	Chinook hosted the S100 and S185 fire suppression courses, 22 people including directors, staff and contractor personnel were certified.
Province of BC Community Forest Program Goals	Prioritize fuel loading reduction strategies and harvest priorities across the CCF area by identifying fuel loaded sites. Explore opportunities to harvest within scenic areas if they pose a threat and risk to public safety or infrastructure because of wildfire hazards, such as dead timber causing increased fuel loading.	There was no time lost for contractors, directors or staff during this fiscal.
Advocate Forest Safety		Fuel loaded sites within the tenure area were identified, wildfire risk reduction prescriptions were completed for Rose Lake and Sheraton. WRR prescription development was completed for the area around the Southside transfer station and along Keefer Landing corridor to Ootsa Lake. 200 hectares of Wildfire Risk Mitigation work was completed in the Hamre, Danskin and Indian Bay Treatment Units on the southside of Francois Lake.

Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership Objectives Report
 April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

INNOVATIVE - Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership will pursue growth and learning

Community Forest Agreement K4R Licence	Chinook Comfor Management Plan Commitments	Chinook Comfor Accomplishments 2023/24
Complete three studies suitable for publishing in a professional journal	Generate revenues through a financially viable business model.	Chinook changed its investment policy, increasing interest income to replace income lost when operations were curtailed during the wildfire season.
Complete LIDAR inventory of the K4R area and update the inventory by the same or improved method every ten years	Encourage and initiate innovative forest practices to help sustain or increase AAC over the long term.	Chinook proudly led the way as the first licensee in the province to receive AAC determination approval using LIDAR. This pioneering achievement has resulted in a revised AAC allocation of 65,720 m ³ /year, with a partition of 45,720 m ³ /year of live, green conifer volume and an additional 20,000 m ³ /year of low-volume stands of 140 m ³ /ha or less.
BC Community Forest Association Indicators	Establish a sufficient number of plots over the next 5 years to support a sound sampling program.	Chinook Comfor has successfully completed and received approval for its Comprehensive Management Plan for the next five years (2024 - 2028). This milestone underscores our commitment to sustainable forest management and sets a clear direction for our future operations.
#2 Total Economic Activity #6 Distribution of Log Sales #8 Economic Diversification #16 Management of Sensitive Areas #17 Forest Stewardship	Post completed studies, papers to the website. Use LIDAR data to aid in the planning of timber and non-timber values. Continue as a BC Community Forest Member.	Three research papers have been completed through UNBC: two on establishing old growth management using LIDAR and a third on using LIDAR to manage wildfire risk.
Province of BC Community Forest Program Goals	Continue research on the potential for NTFPs product viability. Collaborate with persons and other resource groups and stakeholders within the Community Forest area.	Chinook continues to be a member of the British Columbia Community Forest Association. The General Manager sits on the executive of the BCCFA. Chinook is the recipient of the Robin Hood Memorial Award for 2023-24.
Foster Innovation	Sponsor the Innovation award through the Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce.	Chinook provided local employment through timber harvesting and related operations. Chinook supported efforts to diversify the local economy by financially supporting the continued development of the tourism industry. Chinook Comfor was a Bronze Level sponsor of the Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

ENHANCE THE FOREST RESOURCE - Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership will strive to continually enhance all forest resources, including timber, wildlife, cultural, recreational, aquatic and aesthetics, within CCF tenure. CCF will make and support business decisions through experience and good judgement.

**Community Forest Agreement
 K4R Licence**

Achieve and maintain an independent third party forest certification.
 Maintain BC Community Forest Association membership
 Maintain and update growth and yield information on the agreement area.

**BC Community Forest Association
 Indicators**

#5 Cut Control
 #7 Investments in Intensive Silviculture

**Province of BC
 Community Forest Program Goals**

Diversify the use of and benefits derived from the community forest area.
 Provide long-term opportunities for achieving a range of community objectives, values, and priorities.

Chinook Comfor Management Plan Commitments

Complete an Access Management Plan, update annually.
 Focus on the utilization of dead pine in the short term.
 Collaborate with the province to ensure habitat to support key wildlife without unduly affecting timber supply.
 Complete LiDAR inventory to aid in the planning of timber and non-timber values. Develop a growth and yield monitoring program.
 Focus on total chance planning in an area to maximize harvesting of dead pine stands and avoid isolating timber.
 Maintain the aesthetic quality and scenic values within the CCF. Strive to be consistent with riparian management objectives.
 Access mitigation options where species or their habitat has been identified to reduce the risk of incremental mortality and maintain future habitat supply and connectivity.
 Reforest areas promptly following harvest completion consistent with the approved stocking standards under the FSP.

**Chinook Comfor Accomplishments
 2023/24**

Chinook has completed the second stage of the Road Access Management Plan.
 Chinook continues to focus on Mountain Beetle Stands along with wildfire salvage.
 Chinook continues to maintain Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certification.
 Chinook remeasured all 105 CMI plots established for growth and yield projections. In 2024, Chinook will re-fly the area to update its High-Resolution Inventory System.
 Chinook is currently developing a total chance plan using its LiDAR to mitigate the loss of green timber to wildfire.
 Fireguard wood was harvested and brought to local sawmills.
 To ensure key fish habitat in the Hanney area, Chinook completed the assessment of stream crossings with an RP Bio. Rehab prescriptions were written, and the work was completed as per the prescription.
 Chinook planted 700,000+ trees in 2023 for a total of 6,059,897 trees planted to date.

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 April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

INTEGRATED USE: Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership will strive to consider and incorporate other forest uses within our tenure when conducting its activities. Chinook will respect all individuals, value their contributions, and base our decision making on what is best for the community.

Community Forest Agreement K4R Licence	Chinook Comfor Management Plan Commitments	Chinook Comfor Achievements 2023/24
<p>Create a Recreation Plan and maintain the ministry established recreation sites within the CCF agreement area.</p> <p>Improve or create at least three recreation sites during the first 5 year term.</p> <p>Complete an Access Management Plan describing the roads within the CCF. The plan will include accessibility options for different types of vehicles, road conditions and maintenance levels and restrictions for public use.</p>	<p>Practice forest management that balances land-based resource usage.</p> <p>Maintain and enhance current recreational sites and features in the Chinook tenure.</p> <p>Complete an access management plan with consultation with First Nations and the public.</p> <p>Ensure First Nation cultural heritage resources are maintained.</p> <p>Focus on the balance of social and economic factors to diversify resource uses.</p>	<p>CCF partnered with Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society (LORS) to construct a new recreational site located on Ootsa Lake. The site has 15 campsites and provides free access to the lake. Chinook hosted a grand opening event at the site in September.</p> <p>CCF provided annual funding to LORS for the maintenance of several free campgrounds within the K4R tenure area in support of our commitment under the K4R agreement. Chinook also took over the book keeping for the society in early 2024 as an in-kind contribution to support their efforts.</p> <p>Chinook provided funding to BLNDC for the delivery of Indigenous Peoples Day Celebrations in Burns Lake.</p>
<p>BC Community Forest Association Indicators</p> <p>#9 Community Accountability</p> <p>#10 Public Engagement</p> <p>#12 Investments in Recreation</p>	<p>Coordinate forest resource use to minimize conflicts with timber harvesting activities.</p> <p>Work with and understand tenure holders when Chinook operations overlap their tenure.</p> <p>Develop a recreation plan and identify recreation sites in cooperation with Recreation Sites and Trails, Skeena-Nadina.</p>	<p>Chinook continues to be a member of the Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Chinook continues to work with First Nations Joint Ventures and/or partnerships.</p> <p>Chinook continues to engage and work with all tenure holders within the K4R tenure area.</p>
<p>Province of BC Community Forest Program Goals</p>	<p>Manage the road system under road permits within the CCF. Develop a Road Access Management Plan.</p>	<p>Chinook has developed a recreational management plan.</p>
<p>Promote community involvement and participation</p>		<p>Chinook has completed the second stage of the Road Access Management Plan.</p>

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership will incorporate sound science-based recommendations in its forest management activities.

Community Forest Agreement K4R Licence	Chinook Comfor Management Plan Commitments	Chinook Comfor Achievements 2023/24
Submit a management plans annually that is available for the public to view at the Ministry of Forests District Office.	Maintain and enhance a high standard of environmental stewardship through innovative avenues of land base management.	Chinook completed and had approved its GEN2 Forest Stewardship Plan 2024-2028.
BC Community Forest Association Indicators	Ensure forest resources are managed in an environmentally sustainable manner for the long term.	Chinook consistently monitors logging contractors it ensure their practices fall within legislation and minimize the effect of their activities on water courses.
#17 Forest Stewardship	Promote sustainable harvest practices that are consistent with legislation.	The General Manager sits on the Lakes Resiliency Planning Table. This group is working to change policy and regulations regarding forest management within the Lakes TSA. The group is working to including the implementation of First Nations Cultural Recovery Curves.
#18 Compliance with Environmental Standards	Be consistent with the results and strategies listed in FPPR Sections 35 and 36 regarding soil disturbance, permanent access structures, and rehabilitation strategies.	Chinook completed RP Bio prescriptions for critical fish stream prescriptions within the tenure. Completed danger tree assessment on Wier Road, which DFO used to access the Pinkut Creek Wier.
Province of BC Community Forest Program Goals	Minimize the effects of forest activities that may have detrimental impacts on the quantity, quality or timing of the flow of water supplies to water users.	Chinook has successfully completed fireguard and crossing rehab on the Hannay and Pinkut fires, ensuring the safety and protection of our forested areas. The rehab of crossings has also been instrumental in maintaining proper water flow, further enhancing our environmental stewardship.
Undertake community forest practices consistent with sound principles.	Conduct silviculture surveys to determine forest health, stand densities, and species that reasonably meet the reforestation obligations under FSP and FRPA.	Chinook completed silviculture regen surveys on its 2016 & 2017 harvesting operations to ensure the species and stocking meet its FSP requirements under FRPA.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: First Nations, the province, local governments, stakeholders and the broader community will be consulted regarding proposed activities within CCF area. CCF will build open and honest relationships. CCF recognizes the importance of diversity and will interact with dignity and respect.

**Community Forest Agreement
K4R Licence**

Submit a management plans annually that is available for the public to view at the Ministry of Forests District Office.

BC Community Forest Association Indicators

- #15 First Nations Involvement
- #10 Public Engagement
- #9 Community Accountability

**Province of BC
Community Forest Program Goals**

- Promote community involvement and participation.
- Promote communication and strengthen relationships between aboriginal and non-aboriginal persons and communities

Chinook Comfor Management Plan Commitments

Initiate and sustain partnerships between Chinook, First Nations and the community at large.

Be transparent in all activities.

Provide opportunities for meaningful public involvement, providing open dialogue with the community regarding resource management.

Consult with First Nation elders on what is of importance to their cultural heritage, and develop research surveys around what they want to see.

Share information with tenure holders during the planning stage and prior to harvesting to minimize the impact of operations on these tenures.

Produce and annual report for each fiscal year.

Hold a minimum of one open house for the public each fiscal year and CCF will have an open door policy on any inquiries relating to CCF. AGM will be held annually.

CCF will strive to identify and consult with persons using the agreement area for purposes other the timber harvesting and production of prescribed products.

Follow First Nation information sharing requirements and processes.

**Chinook Comfor Achievements
2023/24**

The Chinook Board of Directors is comprised of representatives of six First Nation bands: Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band, Skin Tyee Nation, Lake Babine Nation, Village of Burns Lake and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Areas B and E.

Chinook held a community wildfire mitigation open house for the Rose Lake area to engage on the plan developed through prescriptions of high risk areas.

Chinook staff regularly update the information in the Chinook display case located in the Lakeview Mall. The general manager engages with the community through meeting in restaurants for breakfast and lunch.

Chinook's Facebook page keeps the public apprised of current Chinook news.

The Chinook website houses current plans and historical information. The News section informs the public of current information and events.

Chinook produces an annual report each year, which is available on the website.

The Chinook Annual Open House provides meaningful community interactions with the public, either through face-to-face conversations or through a survey.

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BENEFITS TO THE PROVINCE; FIRST NATIONS, COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS: CCF will be a leader in forest practice management, social values and economic development. Goods, labour and services will be sourced from the local area to the extent that it is available and cost-effective to do so. We will deliver the best in all we do. Taxes, royalties, rents, disbursements, donations and other benefits will be distributed to the province, local government, shareholders, stakeholders, and the community from profits generated.

Community Forest Agreement K4R Licence	Chinook Comfor Management Plan Commitments	Chinook Comfor Achievements 2023/24
Provide economic prosperity, local management over a portion of the provincial forest and greater community control and management of crownland and community interface areas to the residents in the Lakes Timber Supply Area.	Encourage local job creation and sustainability with increased quality of life within the community. Generate revenue that is sustainable over the long term for the benefit of current and future generations.	Ts'il Kaz Koh Nation, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band, Skin Tyee First Nation, Lake Babine Nation and Cheslatta Carrier Nation will each receive \$141,800 from this year's operations. From operations, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako will receive \$89,600, and the Village of Burns Lake, \$59,700.
BC Community Forest Association Indicators	Support local businesses and build capacity locally for the long-term sustainability of the community.	Chinook is working with a First Nation's joint venture partnership to help facilitate the entrepreneurship of a First Nation member to start his own tree-planting company.
#1 Number of Jobs #3 Community Contributions #4 Funds leveraged by community forest contributions	Support local businesses with expertise in resource management. Promote First Nations and local government relations through economic development opportunities.	The majority of consultant work is completed by local companies. Chinook's commitment to fostering relationships between local contractors and First Nations continues as we facilitate introductions and conversations leading to partnerships.
Province of BC Community Forest Program Goals	Provide an opportunity for grant funding for local groups and organizations. The funds will be derived from a dollar value per cubic meter of log sales.	For a second year, Chinook has proudly provided grants totalling \$100,000 for the fiscal year to 38 local organizations for various community projects, supporting the growth and development of our community.
Promote communication and strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities and persons. Promote community involvement and participation.	Facilitate education and training through funding for local forestry programs such as Project Forest Management and National Forest Week.	Chinook Comfor awards three, one thousand dollar scholarships to graduating students of the Lakes District Secondary School, who want to carry on in the natural resource sector.

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Compilation Engagement Report

To Management of Chinook Comfor Limited

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the balance sheet of Chinook Comfor Limited as at March 31, 2024 and the statement of operations and retained earnings for the year then ended, and notes, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information.

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Prince George, BC
July 9, 2024

Chinook Comfor Limited Balance Sheet

March 31	2024	2023
Assets		
Current		
Income taxes receivable	\$ 226	\$ -
Long-term investments (Note 2)	2,098	3,526
	\$ 2,324	\$ 3,526
 Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity (Deficiency)		
Current		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,301	\$ 1,500
Income taxes payable	-	980
	3,301	2,480
 Shareholder's Equity (Deficiency)		
Share capital (Note 3)	998	998
Retained earnings (deficit)	(1,975)	48
	(977)	1,046
	\$ 2,324	\$ 3,526

On behalf of the Board:

_____ Director

_____ Director

Chinook Comfor Limited
Statement of Operations and Retained Earnings (Deficit)

For the year ended March 31	2024	2023
Operating expenses		
Professional fees	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,500
Interest and bank charges	139	238
	3,439	1,738
Other income		
Partnership income	1,190	3,441
Income (loss) before income taxes	(2,249)	1,703
Income taxes - current (recovery)	(226)	25
Net income (loss)	(2,023)	1,678
Retained earnings (deficit), beginning of the year	48	(1,630)
Retained earnings (deficit), end of the year	\$ (1,975)	\$ 48

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial information.

Chinook Comfor Limited Notes to Financial Information

March 31, 2024

1. Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the financial information is on the historical cost basis, reflecting cash transactions with the addition of:

- accounts payable and accrued liabilities
 - current income taxes payable as at the reporting date
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2. Investments

The carrying amounts of investments are comprised of the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Opening balance	\$ 3,526	\$ 3,024
Advances from	(2,618)	(2,939)
Partnership income	<u>1,190</u>	<u>3,441</u>
	<u>\$ 2,098</u>	<u>\$ 3,526</u>

3. Share Capital

Issued and outstanding shares:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Issued:		
9,980 Class A common shares	<u>\$ 998</u>	<u>\$ 998</u>
