

CHINOOK

Community Forest

September 10, 2024, Public Record of Meeting – 1:00 pm. YLP Board Room

PRESENT

Ken Nielsen,
General Manager

Shannon Haizimsque, President
Wet'suwet'en First Nation Representative

Rilla Middleton, Vice-President
RDBN Area B Representative

Paul Davidson, Director
Village of Burns Lake Representative

Kieran Broderick, Director
Nee Tahi Buhn Nation Representative

Vacant
Skin Tyee Representative

Greg Hill, Director
RDBN Area E Representative

Ryan Tibbett - regrets
Ts'il Kaz Koh Nation Representative

Duane Crouse
Lake Babine Nation Representative

Valerie Anderson
Executive Assistant/Accounting

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Next meeting: October 8 2024, at 9:00 am.

Old Business

The board is considering changes to the scholarship allocation; it was decided to leave the funding level the same for the 2024/25 fiscal year. The policy will be reviewed once additional information is received from LDSS.

Correspondence

The board was given access to the UNBC Thesis paper regarding wildfire fuel loading in north-central BC forests.

The Uncha Overstory Removal contract was awarded to the Natanlii-Tahtsa partnership.

Board members and staff will attend the Ts'il Kaz Koh Wildfire Risk Reduction Forum on October 23-25. The Chinook Board voted in favour of being a forum sponsor. President Shannon Haizimsque will speak on behalf of Chinook Community Forest at the forum.

General Managers Report

Forests for Tomorrow

All Forests for Tomorrow projects are complete. Under this program, Chinook will place a sowing request.

FESBC

The General Manager shut down industrial operations in July due to the high fire risk, even though contractors could have worked the early shift.

BC Community Forest Association

General Manager, Ken Neilsen was appointed treasurer for the BCCFA.

Forest Stewardship Plan

The amendment is awaiting District Manager approval.

Tour with Ministry Staff

Chinook's General Manager toured Jillian Rouselle, ADM and Jessica Ruskin, Executive Director of Forest Landscape and Planning, to old growth deferral areas to show them what old growth looks like in the north-central part of the province.

Chinook-Ootsa Barbecue

At the Chinook annual open house on August 30 at the Ootsa Lake recreation site, 405 meals were served. In total, 274 steaks, 100 burgers and 72 hot dogs were served. The chinook board thanks the staff and the many volunteers for delivering such a successful event!


Shannon Haizimsque, President


Ken Nielsen, General Manager