

CHINOOK

COMMUNITY FOREST

April 8, 2025 Public Record of Meeting – 9:00 am. BLNDC Board Room

PRESENT

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

Rilla Middleton, Vice-President
RDBN Area B, Representative

Kieran Broderick, Treasurer
Nee Tahi Buhn Nation Representative

Paul Davidson, Secretary
Village of Burns Lake Representative

Duane Crouse
Lake Babine Nation Representative

Greg Hill, Director
RDBN Area E Representative

Katie Nesbitt, Director
Ts'il Kaz Koh Nation

Skin Tyee Nation – vacant

Ken Nielsen,
General Manager

Valerie Anderson
Executive Assistant/Accounting

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.


Shannon Haizimsque, President


Ken Nielsen, General Manager

New Business

The General Manager attended the meeting at the Heritage Church regarding the partnership between the Village of Burns Lake and Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation to construct a community golf course.

Committees

The Donation Committee approved a total funding of \$14,500 to the following groups: **Ride Burns** – Wee Piggy Skills Park, **Village of Burns Lake** – Summer Programming at Multiples, **Lakes District Arts Council 2025** programming, **LDSS** – Project Forest Management, **Yinka Dene LP** – Healthy Living Program, **Lakes Literacy** – purchase of books to giveaway at events, **LD Volleyball Association** – jersey purchase, **Tweedsmuir Recreation Commission** – 100th anniversary celebrations

Finance Committee recommendations regarding the transfer of GICs from Dominion to Aviso were approved.

General Managers Report

Forest for Tomorrow: awaiting project approvals. Will be planting a minimum of 160,000 trees through this program.

2023 Wildfires Pinkut and Hanney, CP 404 is spring decked, and CP300 will be harvested this summer.

FESBC, no official letter has been received. Due to the high number of applicants, we are not expecting to receive full funding for Chinook Comfor's application. FESBC received \$60M in requests for the \$20M program.

Chinook is waiting to receive the new cut control for January 2026. Two salvage blocks from last year are being audited for waste.

Chinook's General Manager will let his name stand for Treasurer of the BC Community Forest Association for a second term.

The General Manager is participating in the Lakes Planning Table. Consideration is being given to event-sized cutblocks.

David Andison will make a presentation to the board on June 10 regarding the lack of biodiversity in the Lakes TSA.