

CHINOOK

COMMUNITY FOREST

January 13, 2026 Public Record of Meeting – 9:00 A.M. BLNDC Board Room

PRESENT

Shannon Haizimsque, President
Wet'suwet'en Representative

Rilla Middleton, Vice President
RDBN – Area B Representative

Paul Davidson, Secretary
Village of Burns Lake Representative

Kieran Broderick, Treasurer
Nee Tahi Buhn Nation Representative

Greg Hill, Director
RDBN Area E Representative

Duane Crouse
Lake Babine Nation Representative

Ben Wilson
Cheslatta Carrier Nation Representative

Skin Tyee Representative
vacant


Ts'il Kaz Koh Representative
vacant

Ken Nielsen,
General Manager

Valerie Anderson
Executive Assistant/Accounting

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.
Next meeting: March 10, 2026 at 9:00 am


Shannon Haizimsque, President


Ken Nielsen, General Manager

PRESENTATION – The Foundry

Representatives from Carrier Sekani's Foundry in Burns Lake gave a presentation to the board detailing their programming. The organization was seeking funding for their Nourish Program. The board approved funding for the program

OLD BUSINESS.

The Chinook Emergency Relief Policy was given final approval for implementation in the 2026-27 fiscal year.

The Forest Licence renewal document should be ready for signing before June. BC Community Forest Association is making final edits to the video highlighting Chinook.

CORRESPONDENCE

Burns Lake Basketball Association provided a year-end report, another successful season. The Lakes District Seniors Society sent a card thanking Chinook for providing the food for their Christmas luncheon. The Omineca Ski Club invited Chinook representatives to the Grand Opening of the Wax Cabin. Chinook provided funds for each of these organizations through Chinook's donation program.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- Pinkut site prep project is completed.
- Data from Norway has been received, the CMI data plots are being compiled, the new inventory is on track for the end of March.
- Wildfire Risk Reduction work around Duncan Lake is ongoing. To date, culturally modified trees (CMTs) pre-1846 have been found in this area. Community meetings will need to be scheduled once the final report is received.
- A consultant has been hired to assist the General Manager in supervising contractors as the blocks are scattered throughout the Lakes District.
- The General Manager continues to participate in FLP Planning Table discussions.
- BC Community Forest AGM is being held in Vernon, June 3-5.