

CHINOOK

Community Forest

June 10 2025, Public Record of Meeting – 9:00 A.M. BLNDC 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, Secretary
Village of Burns Lake Representative

Kieran Broderick, Treasurer
Nee Tahi Buhn Nation Representative

Greg Hill, Director
RDBN Area E Representative

Katie Nesbitt
Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation Representative

Duane Crouse
Lake Babine Nation Representative


Ben Wilson
Cheslatta Carrier Nation Representative

Skin Tyee Representative
vacant

Valerie Anderson
Executive Assistant/Accounting

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.
Next meeting: July 8, 2025, at 9:00 am.


Shannon Haizimsque, President


Ken Nielsen, General Manager

Presentation

Dave Andison, a member of the Lakes Biodiversity Working Group, gave an overview of the group's work to date. He highlighted concerns over the unhealthy state of the overall landscape, due to fragmentation, functionality of OGMAS and several other factors. The group is striving to suggest changes that would return the area to the state of Natural Range of Variation (NVR), which is based on preindustrial landscapes, taking into consideration climate change and other current considerations.

New Business

The draft financial statements were approved by the board after a presentation by the auditors.

The Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership AGM was set for July 23 at 10:30, to be held in YLP's boardroom.

The board approved the 2024/25 Annual Report for distribution

The date for Chinook's annual Open House was set for August 22.

The board approved funding of \$5,000 for the BC Community Forest Association's film project to promote community forests around the province.

Correspondence

A thank-you letter for the donation from the LDSS Class of 2025.

A support letter from Chinook Comfor was provided for the Ts'il Kaz Koh Guardian program.

Committees

The Donation Committee provided a report for \$28,062.50 in donations to 12 local organizations. The tradeshow survey results were provided.

General Managers Report

Chinook received funding from the Forests for Tomorrow program. Planting is roughly half completed. Received confirmation from FESBC for two years of funding. The GM continues to sit on the Forest Operations Planning Committee (FOP) and the Forest Landscape Planning Committee (FLP). Cut-control, fire salvage and waste assessments continue to be topics at the forefront of Chinook operations. WRR RFPs are being developed and will be advertised for submission in early June. The GM provided an overview of the 2025 BC Community Forest Conference and AGM.