

CHINOOK

COMMUNITY FOREST

December 9, 2025 Public Record of Meeting – 10:00 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

Ken Nielsen,
General Manager

Valerie Anderson
Executive Assistant/Accounting

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Next meeting: January 13, 2026, at 10:00 am


Shannon Haizimsque, President


Ken Nielsen, General Manager

OLD BUSINESS

The K4R Licence renewal is ready for signing.

NEW BUSINESS

The board of directors is in the process of approving a policy to establish a new fund, the Chinook Emergency Response Fund.

The Chinook Community Forest video, in partnership with the BC Community Forest Association, is available for viewing. A link to the video is on the Chinook Community Forest Facebook page. It has been viewed over 3,400 times.

The Governance Committee will meet on January 13 to begin work on the organization's new strategic plan.

The board voted in favour of becoming a sponsor of the LBN initiated effort to bring two BCHL games to Burns Lake, Feb 13 - 15. The last time BCHL games were held in Burns Lake, there was an uptick in youth hockey participation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank-you letters were received from the Lakes District Fall Fair, Lakes District Senior 4-H, and the Burns Lake Curling Club. Each organization received financial contributions for projects.

DONATION COMMITTEE

At the November 28 Donation Committee meeting, \$6,000 was awarded to six local organizations.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Pinkut area, knock down and burn contract is completed.
- The 2026/27 Annual Operating Plan (AOP) has been submitted.
- The Pinkut-Hanney, CP300 is half completed.
- Growth and Yield data have been received from Norway, and the General Manager expects the full report soon.
- Cheslatta Carrier Nation completed the fence extension at the Chinook-Ootsa recreation site.
- The General Manager continues to participate in the FLP Planning Table.
- The General Manager is working with Rec Sites and Trails BC to determine how the Walk-a-Dab trail can be reopened due to large amounts of blowdown.
- The North-Coast Transmission Line construction will result in a loss of area and tenure. The General Manager has met with Hydro to begin compensation negotiations.