

## 2016 Accountability Meetings

### **McLure Meeting**

Thursday, February 4, 2016, McLure Fire Hall

Catered Dinner Provided by Bob Sorenson

13 People in attendance including 4 from the board of directors & 2 staff members

Mike presented a slideshow showing various activities and developments of the LNTCFS over the last 2 years

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Regarding Environment and investment/expansion

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Harley also mentioned to the group that it would be really great to have some representation on the board of directors from McLure.

The comments from the community were:

- They asked about Mountain Pine Beetle
- They said it was nice to see that we are so open
- The hall in McLure is the only public space in McLure

## 2016 Accountability Meetings

### **Squam Bay Community Meeting**

Thursday, February 11, 2016, Squam Bay Hall

Catered Dinner Provided by Bob Sorenson

25 People in attendance including 5 from the board of directors & 2 staff members

Mike presented a slideshow and explained various activities and developments of the LNTCFS over the last 2 years

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In summary Harley told the group that community forestry is basically taking revenue from managed forestry and putting back into the communities we represent. We need your input.

Wim Houben mentioned to the group that it would be really great to have some representation on the board of directors from Squam Bay/Louis Creek.

The comments from the community were:

- They asked if there was any help available for weed control.
- They said trails for riding adjacent to the road would be great.

## 2016 Accountability Meetings

### Barriere Community Meeting

Thursday March 3, 2016, Barriere Lions Hall

Catered Dinner Provided by Bob Sorenson

35 People in attendance including 6 from the board of directors & 2 staff members

Harley introduced the Directors present along with staff members.

Mike presented his slideshow and explained various activities and developments of the LNTCFS over the last 2 years

Harley advised the group that Bill Kershaw was here as our TNRD director and explained how we contributed \$ 10,000 toward the installation of the boat launch and washroom at Squam Bay.

Harley Wright explained all the categories of our fund accounting and how we set aside funds each year for the different categories of restricted funds.

Expansion:

- He advised we are looking at some small scale salvage
- We need to expand our revenue and work base
- Perhaps purchase land
- Regarding job creation he advised that Clearwater and Barriere are working together each supply seed \$ to create jobs.

He explained the \$150,000 committed to help with building a splash pad in Barriere.

Regarding Environment and investment/expansion

- Harley advised the group how we rehabilitate lower volume stands and reforest them
- He advised how we are working on economic development in the NT Valley, partnering with the District offices, Chamber of Commerce, hopefully Simpcw and various other Community Forests. With the other groups we are hoping to host an economic development summit in Little Fort in June. Will look at agriculture, mining, tourism and forestry.
- Possibly put in seed money and perhaps leverage more funds in this area for the North Thompson Valley.

We need your input. He asked those in attendance to put any comments/suggestions on the papers laid out on the tables.

Questions and comments from the community were:

- Someone asked if our tenure has a time limit? Harley, advised that it's a 25 year licence that is re-established every 25 years.

- It was asked when our single cutting permit expires. Mike advised that it expires in March of next year. Harley advised that we do intend to keep the single cutting permit.
- It was asked what the biggest challenge was over the next few years? Harley advised that it was economic development. We need to increase our ability to create jobs.
- It was asked if we have any free to grow areas yet in the community forest. Harley advised that we are close to free to grow in the NRFL. He also explained how we set \$ aside each time we log to cover reforestation.
- It was asked if we see the community forest going on for the long term or could it end?  
Harley advised that we cannot speculate. We do have a 25 year license.
- Harley advised the group that he is also on the Board of Directors of the BCCFA and advised that the Barriere Community Forest is one of the best community forests in BC.
- Colleen Hannigan asked Harley to explain the \$ 1,000.00 donation given to the District of Barriere.
  - o He advised the group that we donated the \$ 1,000.00 to help the district purchase a plaque honouring all from our area that have lost their lives in the forest industry. They aren't going to put names on to avoid the possibility of missing someone. There will be a ceremony on April 28, 2016 which is the National Day of Mourning for those who have lost their lives.
  - o Ward Stamer suggested that the families could put the names on through a link to a database that could be created and updated.

Harley asked each Director to briefly speak:

- Ward Stamer advised that he was proud to be on the Board of Directors
- Norm Kienitz gave acknowledgement of how much time and hard work Harley Wright puts into our organization.
- Brian Bondar spoke about the longevity of the community forest. The Community Forest is doing very well. There is great dedicated leadership and directors.
- Martin Matthews agreed with Brian advising that when you have dedicated leadership and money in the bank things get done.
- Wim Houben advised that we need to create jobs.

Written comments/suggestions:

- Barriere Food Bank needs to put a roof over their trailer/storage unit. It also needs to run power and heat to this.
- Want to see more value kept in the community from the harvested resources.
- Economic Development
- Utilizing value added & Salvage wood
- Community Forest has helped tremendously with the trails in our area
- Barriere Splash Pad
- Sustainable rural life – jobs, community, outdoor activities – Fishing, hiking trails, canoeing.
- Barriere Community Forest seems very well managed

## 2016 Accountability Meetings

### Chu Chua Community Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016, Chu Chua Spiritual Center

Catered Dinner Provided by Lynn Guitard

18 People in attendance including 4 from the board of directors & 2 staff members

Harley introduced the Directors present along with staff members. He advised the group that this is an opportunity to work together.

Mike presented a slideshow and explained various activities and developments of the LNTCFS over the last 2 years

Lots of questions asked:

- Someone asked if Simcpw can bid on jobs. They were told yes.
- There was a suggestion of putting a fishing dock on Dunn Lake.
- Someone asked if there was a limit of how much grant funds they can apply for. They were advised that any amount is acceptable, but they may not necessarily get the whole amount if funds aren't available.
- It was asked if we have done any surveys regarding other forest values. For example, forest foods? Non timber resources.
- It was asked if we do any regeneration of plants destroyed during harvest? They were told not at this time we haven't.
- Do we have any solutions for invasive weeds? Could we do education on invasive weed? Harley advised that there is possibly something we could do in this area.
- It was asked if we have done anything regarding the medicinal fungus found on Birch trees. It is apparently used by some for cancer. Immune boosting. Harley Wright advised that we haven't done anything yet.

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- Possibly we could put in seed money and perhaps leverage more funds in this area.
- He advised how Cheakamus is working on carbon offset credits.
- Another possibility would be a senior's home.

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The comments from the community were:

- Someone asked if we have done any studies on good carbon?
- A suggestion from the community was under Education we could go into the schools for example they would like to go into the schools to educate on fisheries
- It was asked if we have ever considered Horse logging. It would create jobs.  
Harley Wright advised that we tried this but didn't have any interested contractors. We do have the ability to facilitate this, but would need an interested contractor.
- What are our long-term goals for tree cover etc., eco system management, plants and animals
- Have we looked at the ripple effects in the forest
- Put a fishing dock on Dunn Lake
- It was asked if the Fire Department was eligible to apply for grants.
- It was asked if the youth group was eligible to apply for grants. They don't get any funding.
- Wetland recovery (natural filtration) was a suggested LNTCFS sponsored project.
- Create recreation and job opportunities.

## 2016 Accountability Meetings

### Little Fort Community Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2016, Little Fort Community Hall

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27 People in attendance including 5 from the board of directors & 2 staff members

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Mike advised of our potential JCP project for 2016 that should be starting in April and that will involve trail clearing in the Little Fort area.

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Wim Houben mentioned to the group that it would be really great to have some representation on the board of directors from Little Fort.

Ted Brown explained why he's involved as a Director. There is more value in the forests besides making money from harvesting.

Brian Bondar acknowledged Ted Brown and Duncan McGrath being on the board for 10+ years. He also advised that some essential oils have been extracted from the branches.

Martin Matthews advised the group to get their grant applications in to the Community Forest Office by December 31 each year.

Bill Kershaw from the TNRD advised the group about the partnership with the TNRD for the Squam Bay Boat Launch and Washroom.

The comments from the community were:

- Someone asked if we were able to commit to the smaller log buyers? Mike advised that we do try however, the larger mills often want everything or nothing.
- Expand on environmental projects
- Local agriculture – Farm market expansion
- Handi-dart service for community needs/transport. Perhaps more days.
- Bring the community together and supply seedlings for schools/communities to plant on their own.
- Let's plant trees!!! Inform our children.
- Should fund programs for Barriere's youth like gym, mountain bike trails.
- Viewing tower for wildlife.