

Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee

January 20, 2022

7:00 – 9:00 pm Via Zoom

Call to order 7:07 pm

Meeting Chair – Jeff Black

Item 1 – Jeff opened the meeting. He welcomed everyone and asked for additional agenda items. Mac identified three items/events that he felt should be discussed during the newsletter report for inclusion in the next edition.

Approval of Agenda: Mac moved for the approval of the agenda, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021, meeting was made by Ron and seconded by Peter. Motion carried.

Item 2 – Business Arising from the Minutes

Action Items:

Draft letter to the Premier re: poplar and low-grade wood utilization (Jeff & Steve) – Jeff reported that the letter was a work in progress. When a draft of the letter is ready, it will be shared with the committee. Item will remain as an action item for the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM #1: Steven and Jeff will draft a letter to the Premier regarding poplar and a market for low grade fibre and will circulate the letter to the committee.

CFAC Sign and possible re-location (Ron) - No design work on the sign yet.

ACTION ITEM #2: Ron will continue to work on the design of a new sign.

Student survey update. (Mac) A very limited number of people provided suggestions for survey questions. Looking to have a survey of 10 (ten) questions for grades 3 – 5. The committee discussed example questions for the survey and people committed to send in their suggestions within the next 7 days.

ACTION ITEM #3: Committee members should submit possible questions to Mac / Ron and they will be shared at the next meeting.

CWF presentation to CFAC re: Teachers Tour (Kevin). Kevin reported that Peter is very interested and will provide a presentation at a future CFAC meeting. Potentially Feb. 16 if available. If not Feb. then at a future meeting

Legislature document focusing on forestry status (Elizabeth) – Elizabeth reinforced what she had brought up at the previous meeting when she asked the people to consider how in her role as MLA for Cumberland North she could support the industry through bringing, issues, ideas or legislation before the Province. Murry reinforced the unique position that we are in because of the work of CFAC and the strong representation of Elizabeth and Tory to spend the time to consider what is important.

There was additional discussion around clarifying the results of our meeting with the Department of Highways last summer, as there were a number of initiatives that were considered but it's not at all clear what has or hasn't happened from those talks.

ACTION ITEM #4: Elizabeth indicated she would check in with the Dept. of Highways to see where things stand following the summer meeting.

Land Acquisition as Education tool for CFAC – Elizabeth provided maps of the tracts and categories of Provincial land within Cumberland County. But as she had to leave the meeting for another appointment, and our agenda time was short there was limited discussion on the possibilities and potential for land acquisition.

Work on CFAC funding (grants etc?) (Kevin) – Kevin is looking at a number of options for accessing funding and discussion included potential sources and projects that might work for our objectives. We're looking forward to more information on what's been found at the next meeting. A number of Committee members pledged that when it came to putting together proposals they would help how they could.

Reports: Financial Report (Ron) – Ron provided an update of the financials for the CFAC. See statements below. In response to a personal tragedy experienced by a member of the committee CFAC purchased a flower arrangement and invited the members to participate. The net result was that members repaid the arrangement to an excess of \$1.80.

**Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee
Income Statement 2022-01-01 to 2022-01-31**

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Balance Sheet As at 2022-01-31

REVENUE

Sales Revenue

Sales 100.00

Net Sales 100.00

TOTAL REVENUE 100.00

EXPENSE

Program Costs

Program A Cost 320.00

Total Programs Cost 320.00

General & Administrative Expenses

Interest & Bank Charges 1.99

Miscellaneous Expenses -1.80

Total General & Admin. Expenses 0.19

TOTAL EXPENSE 320.19

NET INCOME -220.19

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ASSET

Current Assets

Cash to be deposited 200.00

Chequing Bank Account 749.81

Total Cash 949.81

Accounts Receivable 1,050.00

Total Receivable 1,050.00

Total Current Assets 1,999.81

TOTAL ASSET 1,999.81

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable 2,840.00

Total Current Liabilities 2,840.00

TOTAL LIABILITY 2,840.00

EQUITY

Retained Earnings

Retained Earnings - Previous Year -620.00

Current Earnings -220.19

Total Retained Earnings -840.19

TOTAL EQUITY -840.19

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 1,999.81

Item 3 – New Business

CFAC Newsletter Update (Emily) Emily provided an update on the stats for the newsletter. We are currently at 206 subscribers, and Eastern Hemlock was identified as the tree of the month for February. The three events that Mac had identified as additions to the agenda were discussed to be added into the newsletter:

- 1) National Research Project survey for landowners - current**
- 2) Forest NS / Canadian Woodland Form – online Feb. 8th**
- 3) Forestry Operators training program – March 14th**

Committee of the Whole

Item 4: Education and Relationship Building with the general public (Pathway # 5)

(a) General Discussion on education initiatives – item were covered during discussion on signage, potential land tracts as demonstration forests, and possible educational video(s).

Item 5: Next Steps (Pathway # 5 initiatives) Continue with the discussions and work to move forward on the treatment signage the Policy Committee have created. Brand the CFAC sign and the treatment signs similarly.

Item 6 – Closing Comments Jeff thanked everyone for participating and commented that group had covered a lot of topics and great progress had been made.

Next Meeting- Thur. February 16, 2022, at 7pm Virtual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm