

**Report to Derek Lefler, District Manager, Sunshine Coast  
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Management and Rural Development**

Dear Mr. Lefler,

As required by FLNRO, Sunshine Coast Community Forest (SCCF) submits our annual report pursuant to Section 2.04 (b) – Other Conditions and Requirements of the Community Forest Agreement K3F, as stated below:

*2.04 - The Agreement Holder, in conducting a formal public meeting(s) under Paragraph 2.03 will*

*(b) report on the Agreement Holder's performance in relation to the values, principles and goals referred to in Subparagraphs 6.02 (i), (j) and (k) of this Agreement.*

Section 6.02 (i), (j) and (k) of the Agreement states that

*(i) include the values or guiding principles to be applied to the management of the Community Forest Agreement area,*

*(j) contain the broad social, economic and resource management goals proposed for the Community Forest Agreement area,*

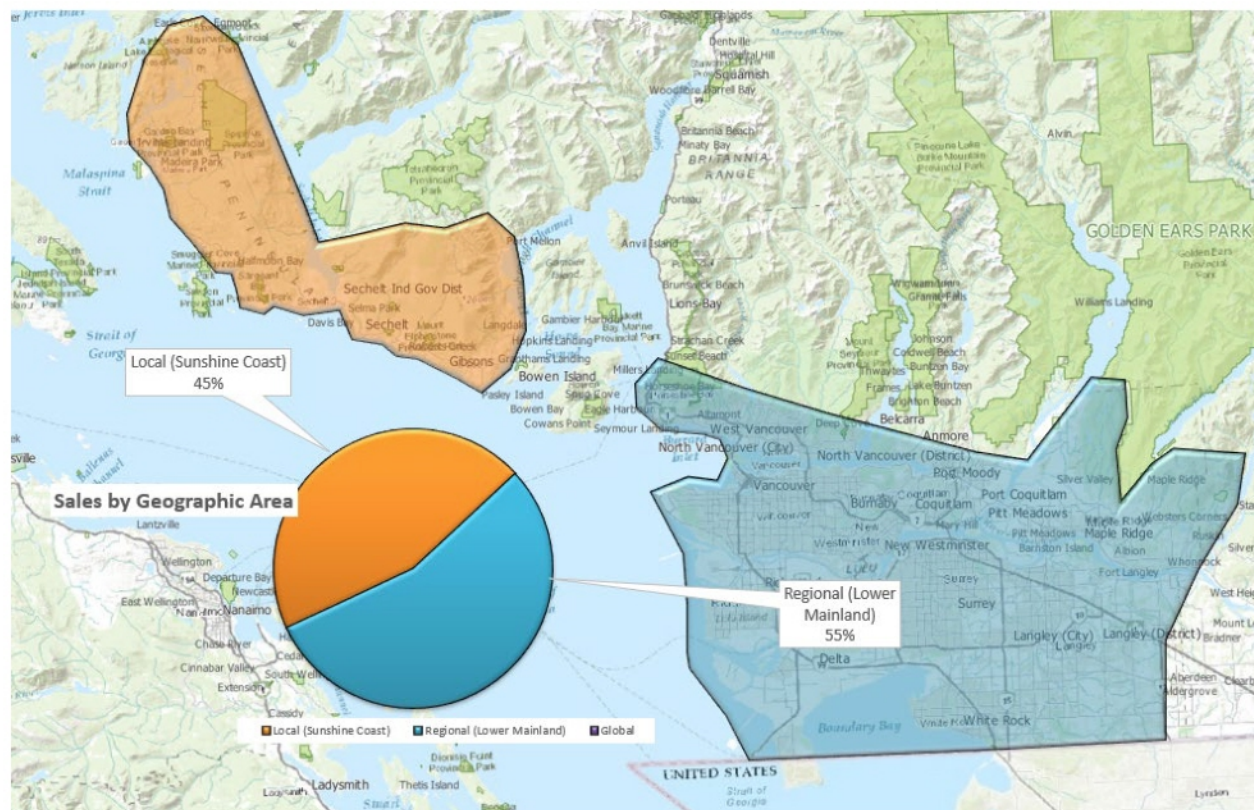
*(k) identify the linkage between the Agreement goals and the goals set by the Province for Community Forest Agreements*

Sunshine Coast Community Forests submits the following report on 2020 activities, presented at our Annual General Meeting on May 31, 2021.

**2020 Operations Report**

Understandably 2020 was a slow year due to the Covid pandemic. Our Forest Stewardship Plan prepared in Summer 2018 finally received approval in March, 2020 allowing for two cutting permits to be approved during the summer.

After two years of no harvesting, operations commenced in November, 2020 within our Angus/Burnett operating areas. Approximately 3,000m<sup>3</sup> was sold in 2020 with 45% of our sales sold to local mills. The rest of our volume was sold to sawlog or veneer mills around the Lower Mainland. We did not export our logs to global markets.



Despite the Covid restrictions, we were able to keep on top of our silviculture commitments. Over the year, we were able to declare 4 blocks (26 hectares) as free growing, 37 hectares of block monitoring surveys, 6.9 hectares (3600 seedlings) of planting and 35.7 hectares of manual brushing.

We continued with many community outreach opportunities throughout the year including:

- Earth Day – giveaway of fire resistant/drought tolerant plant including information on invasive species on the coast. We selected Choke Cherry, Indian Plum, and Kinnickinick based on drought tolerance, fire smart properties, and consideration for our native pollinators.
- In September, we organized our sixth annual WoodExpo, showcasing our local wood artisans on the Coast. We had 27 woodworkers including the Suncoast Woodcrafter Guild presenting their exceptional skills and crafts with 300 visitors coming to the event.
- The Community Forest free firewood permit program continues to be very popular with residents from all over the Coast. Please call our office if you would like a permit. On the other hand, the illegal harvesting (poaching) of standing green trees by illegal firewood cutters has reached the epidemic level. We estimate that over 1000 trees (some up to 3 to 4 ft in diameter) have been felled by firewood poachers over the last couple of years. The RCMP, the Conservation Officer Service and the Ministry of Forests are trying to deal with this continuing problem.

#### 4. Management Objectives for the Sunshine Coast Community Forest Agreement, K3F Area

Within the Management Plan, the following objectives are stated. **Note: that not all objectives are to be achieved during any given year if they are long-term to mid-term goals, but measured progress towards a particular objective/goal should be reported.**

The Sunshine Coast Community Forest is to be managed to accomplish the following general goals:

Management Objective	2020 Achievement of Objectives/Goals	Plan for 2021
Provide long-term opportunities for achieving a range of community objectives, values and priorities	- Educational outreach – Covid made it difficult to continue an outreach program.	- SCCF plans to engage with educational programs with Field Walk initiatives and collaborate with the Elder College programs, and school tours
	- Firewood Permit – We have issued over 200 permits during the year.	- As Covid made it difficult issue permits in person, we plan to move the Firewood Permit program to be online. - To develop a community firewood program for improved access to needy family and fixed income households
	- Logs available to local mills – In 2020, 45% of our harvesting volume was sold to local mills.	- Continue to provide local source of logs and look for opportunities to provide logs for community use and support timber products made from SCCF.
	- Community collaboration – Two wetland ponds were built with the Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project with financial support from SCCF <a href="https://www.coastwildlife.ca/">https://www.coastwildlife.ca/</a> -	- Develop a more robust community engagement strategy including better support for citizen science programs and with recreation groups
	- Opportunities to showcase local woodworking projects – In September, we organized our sixth annual WoodExpo, showcasing our local wood artisans on the Coast. We had 27 woodworkers including the Suncoast Woodcrafter Guild presenting their	- Look for opportunities for the community use our trees for local wood projects including community structures.



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Diversify the use of and benefits derived from the Community Forest Agreement (CFA) area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We modified a cutblock to defer part of the block for continued mushroom foraging area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SCCF will be supporting our recreation groups with sustainable funding on signing trails and maintenance</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Provide social and economic benefits to British Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8554 person hours were generated by our management and harvesting activities.</li> <li>- A dividend of \$200,000 will be shared with the community and half of this amount will be disbursed as grants through the Legacy Fund grant process.</li> <li>- Over \$500,000 in revenue was received in 2020 with \$414,000 of expenses spent primarily in the community.</li> </ul>	
Undertake community forestry consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that reflect a broad spectrum of values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fill-planted one block due to extensive elk damage</li> <li>- Supported a wetland restoration initiative near Phare Lake – including construction of a kiosk</li> <li>- Supported Broom Buster citizen group to eradicate invasive species around Phare Lake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue supporting citizen science groups involved in research, inventory and eco-system restoration</li> <li>- Continue to monitor our plantations to ensure that issues are noted and managed accordingly.</li> </ul>
Promote community involvement and participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initiated a Facebook page and Instagram social media platforms for better community outreach</li> <li>- Started a newsletter and have 170 subscribers</li> <li>- Seedling giveaway of local drought hardy plants to promote climate change awareness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use Zoom more for better community outreach including webinars and virtual tours</li> </ul>

Promote communication and strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Putting more operational information on our website</li> <li>- Meeting with Shishalh Nation on a periodic basis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued and improving relationships with the community associations and Shishalh Nation</li> </ul>
Foster innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to Covid 19, activities involving person to person engagement were severely restricted. Innovative activities including using Zoom for meetings and connection with the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to push a virtual platform to communicate</li> <li>- Purchase a drone to monitor forest health</li> </ul>
Advocate forest worker safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to support Safe Company certification for contract eligibility</li> <li>- No safety incidents during our operations</li> <li>- Contract crews completed powerline awareness training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue operating at a high standard of safety awareness and meet all the WorksafeBC requirements</li> </ul>
To manage the forest resources within the CFA area to the highest standards possible and to maximize the economic and social benefits to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deer Winter Range review with Biologists</li> <li>- Community Watershed Assessment of Milne Creek (Trout Lake)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete Terrain Ecosystem Model to support EBM initiatives</li> </ul>
To manage the CFA to a high degree of forest management excellence.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Look for opportunities for research, support/improve the community use and knowledge of our community forest</li> </ul>
To meet all legislative and regulatory requirements of the tenure through management strategies developed with consultation with the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No FLNRO investigations/regulatory compliance issued</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to meet and exceed the government commitments and regulations</li> </ul>
To provide local employment opportunities for all aspects of the administration and management of the tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to support local business's with preferred local contracting procurement initiatives throughout our business operations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to support local business's with preferred local contracting procurement initiatives throughout our business operations</li> </ul>
To make wood available, to a degree that the harvesting profile will allow, to local industry for primary breakdown, value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 45% of our sales was to local mills. Out remaining sales was to regional mills located on the Lower Mainland.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support our local millers on the Sunshine Coast.</li> <li>- Look of opportunity to support value-added initiatives or enterprises.</li> </ul>

added and specialty uses in volumes appropriate for their needs.		
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TABLE 1		Specific Public Comment/Issue								24-Jun-21
	Block ID	Operating Plan #	Previously Info-Shared under OP #	Planned Harvest Date	Block Status	Location	5 Yr. Plan Op Area (1:20,000 Grid)	Public Comments	SCCF Considerations based on Public Comment	
1	HM50	2021	2018	2021	Engineered	Trout Lake	Halfmoon Bay	Mushroom deferral; access to trails during harvesting; Milne Community Watershed and impacts to water to Trout Lake; call to defer this block due to Recommendation #6 in OG Report; received 67 form-letter emails calling for the deferral harvesting of HM50 and HM70.	50% of the original block plan has been deferred for continued mushroom gathering; Locomotive trail has been buffered at 25-30m from the trail (both sides); no activity during the weekends to facilitate trail use; completed a Community Watershed Assessment addressing impacts to Trout Lake - there are no streams in the block so water issues are mitigated; commit to overland road construction to preserve the subsurface hydrological function; added more grouped patches within the harvest portion to meet 50% or greater Forest Influence for Variable Retention requirement.	
2	AN27	2021	*****	2022	Proposed	Angus Creek	Angus/Burnett	No specific comments		
3	EW24	2021	*****	2022	Proposed	Chapman Creek	East Wilson	No specific comments		
4	HM70	2021	2019	2022	Engineered	Trout Lake	Halfmoon Bay	call to defer this block due to Recommendation #6 in OG Report; received 67 form-letter emails calling for the deferral harvesting of HM50 and HM70. Trails built within the deferred portioned of HM70 and potential CMT's identified.	Hired Madrone to assess areas for Species at Risk; removed areas of the block and roads. Area removed includes sensitive ecosystems into an Old Growth Recruitment area (Community Stewardship Value). Will include Block HM70A into the final design to offset volume lost. Block will be designed as a EBM block. CMT's identified by ELF was reassessed by Insitu Consulting and concluded that trees are fire scarred and not culturally modified. With all the changes, Insitu/Sechelt Nation will reassess the final block with HM70A	
5	HM70A	2021	*****	2022	Proposed	Trout Lake	Halfmoon Bay	Comments from HM70 included	Hired Madrone to assess areas for Species at Risk; removed areas of the block and roads. Area removed includes sensitive ecosystems into an Old Growth Recruitment area (Community Stewardship Value). Will include Block HM70 into the final design. Block will be designed as a EBM block. As this block is younger stand, SCCF will mark out 12-15 trees/hectare to be retained for future community use (extended rotation).	
6	AN03	2021	*****	2023	Proposed	East Gray Creek	Angus/Burnett	Concerns on slope steepness -see avoidance of clearcutting in Angus Creek blocks AN15B, AN03 and AN3A due to the steep terrain in some areas and the possibility of debris flows affecting water quality into Gray Creek. Claim that age is class 3, but is age class 8 on SCCF 2018-2020 forest cover map	Forestry engineering will ensure that a Terrain Assessment is completed specifically addressing this concern. Confirmation of age class to be completed by SCCF Forestry crews, EBM principles will target AC8 as reserves	
7	AN12A	2021	2018	2023	Proposed	Burnett Creek	Angus/Burnett	No specific comments		
8	AN14	2021	2018	2023	Engineered	Gray Creek	Angus/Burnett	Age class 4 portion immature logged 65 years ago, age class 8 portions required for OG recruitment in the CWHxm, Gray Creek aquifer recharge areas have not been located and mapped yet	This block was engineered in 2019 with concerns from adjacent landowners. A leave strip including AC8 in question, has been deferred as Wildlife Patch. Forestry crews will relook at this layout incorporating EBM principles to the remaining proposed logging.	
9	AN20	2021	2018	2023	Engineered	Gray Creek	Angus/Burnett	immature; highly visible on scenic landmark Mount Richardson, Gray Creek aquifer recharge areas have not been located and mapped yet.	This block was engineered in 2019. Forestry crews will relook at this layout incorporating EBM principles to the proposed logging. The block is not visible from Tuwenek or from the inlet.	
10	AN15B	2021	*****	2023	Proposed	East Gray Creek	Angus/Burnett	Request Avoidance of clearcutting in Angus Creek blocks AN15B, AN3 and AN3A due to the steep terrain in some areas and the possibility of debris flows affecting water quality into Gray Creek	Forestry engineering will ensure that a Terrain Assessment is completed specifically addressing this concern. Forestry crews will relook at this layout incorporating EBM principles to the proposed logging.	
11	AN3A	2021	*****	2023	Proposed	Angus Creek	Angus/Burnett	Request Avoidance of clearcutting in Angus Creek blocks AN15B, AN3 and AN3A due to the steep terrain in some areas and the possibility of debris flows affecting water quality into Gray Creek	Forestry engineering will ensure that a Terrain Assessment is completed specifically addressing this concern.	

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12	EW16	2021	2014	2024	Engineered	Chapman Creek	East Wilson	Says age class 6, but is age class 8 on Ministry of Environment forest cover maps; required OG recruitment. Opportunity to not harvest the eastern most polygon of the block due to Elk winter range and ability to reforest.	SCCF is waiting for the revised CW boundary to be approved. Until then, the block will be temporarily deferred. Forestry crews will relook at this layout incorporating EBM principles to the proposed logging. Consider request for deferral of the eastern-most polygon of the block (east of FSR) to provide a migration corridor for wildlife in connection with Community Watershed Stewardship polygon to the north-west of EW16.	
13	AN5A	2021	-----	2024	Proposed	Angus Creek	Angus/Burnett	immature; riparian	Forest engineering will address the age class and conduct a riparian assessment	
14	EW18A	2021	-----	2024	Proposed	East Wilson Creek	East Wilson	Common to EW18A, 18B, 19 - B.C. Parks recognizes the impact that logging on Crown land has on adjacent parkland. The Forest Practices Board also recognizes the importance of recreation on public forest land, the resulting economic benefits of tourism and improved healthy lifestyles. The B.C. Ministry of Forests has promised to refrain from planning cut blocks in the proposed Mt. Elphinstone Park expansion until the Land Use Plan between the shishalh and the Province is complete. The SCCF should adopt a policy of no cutting on Mt. Elphinstone until the Land Use Plan is complete. Comment that perhaps the Day Road M&B engagement process be used for public outreach. Feedback ranging from "no logging ever" to "the cut blocks and plans look good to me". Perhaps the most perceptive feedback came from two people, who both suggested that the Salish Sea side of the land be placed under a moratorium for logging. As in, this slope, which contains most of the recreational use trails and areas, would never be logged. Our sense is that generally, people realize logging is essential, however they also want the areas they use preserved. Based on field surveys of EW19, EW18A and EW18B, the fact these are Age Class 8 and 7 and a supporting statement from a senior forest ecologist about dire state of the lower Sunshine Coast's forests, our recommendation is that these 3 blocks be removed from SCCF's 5-year plan. Their conservation status should be held in reserve until the shishalh and provincial government's Modern Land Use Plan is completed and then have them added to the Mt. Elphinstone Provincial Park for long-term protection.	Recommend to Board for enhance public engagement for these blocks and enhanced planning referrals to the shishálh Nation. Terms to be discussed at the board level and initiated in Fall 2021.	
15	EW18B	2021	-----	2024	Proposed	East Wilson Creek	East Wilson	See Above Comments	See Above Comments	
16	EW19	2021	-----	2025	Proposed	East Wilson Creek	East Wilson	See Above Comments	See Above Comments	
17	HM64	2021	2019	2025	Proposed	Wakefield Creek	Halfmoon Bay	Request to maintain existing trail network in the block	Forestry Engineering to consider trail avoidance and prescription to ensure the trail integrity	
18	HM66-1A	2021	2019	2025	Proposed	Wakefield Creek	Halfmoon Bay	Request to maintain existing trail network in the block	Forestry Engineering to consider trail avoidance and prescription to ensure the trail integrity	





# SUNSHINE COAST COMMUNITY FOREST

## Operating Plan 2021-2025 Public Engagement Report

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### PURPOSE

To provide a summary of community engagement activities with local government, community groups, associations, and the public soliciting feedback on our 2021-2025 CFOP

### BACKGROUND

Below is our summary of activities regarding this outreach.

Public Review Period Begins April 15, 2021:

- Our Community Forest Operating Plan was released to the public via our website for download and review on April 15, 2021.
- Advertisements in Coast Reporter on April 16, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> 2021, on Facebook April 21<sup>st</sup> and in our April and May newsletters notified people that the operating plan was available for public review, invited feedback, and invited people to join our open house.
- An online feedback form was created to facilitate comments and concerns.
- Specific letters of engagement were sent to the Sunshine Coast Regional District, District of Sechelt, and the shíshálh Nation.
- Letters were sent to several community associations and groups as follows:
  - Tuwanek Ratepayers Association
  - Sunshine Heights Owners and Residents Association
  - Sandy Hook Community Association
  - Tillicum Bay Community Association
  - Halfmoon Bay Community School
  - Halfmoon Bay Community Association
  - West Sechelt Community Association
  - Halfmoon Bay Environmental Society
  - Davis Bay / Wilson Creek / Selma Park Community Association
  - Sunshine Coast Trails Society
  - Coast Mountain Bike Trails Association
  - Roberts Creek Community Association
  - SCR D Area D OCP Chair
  - Sechelt Groves Society
  - Elphinstone Logging Focus

Zoom meetings presenting and discussing the plan were held with the following organizations:

- Sunshine Coast Trails Society
- District of Sechelt
- Halfmoon Bay Environmental Society
- Elphinstone Logging Focus

- shísháíh Nation – Technical Working Group
- Kim Darwin
- SCRD Area D Director
- Roberts Creek Official Community Planning Committee

An Open House was held virtually on May 13, 2021 with 44 people in attendance. General feedback was overall positive, however public concerns centered around harvesting within the proposed Elphinstone park, and cutting mature forests within biogeoclimatic zones of old growth deficit in both the Chapman and Sechelt Landscape Units.

## **GENERAL FEEDBACK OF THE PLAN**

### Implementation of Old Growth Panel Report

Concerned groups are raising an issue of Old Growth recruitment in areas where there is a lack of available old growth due to historic logging and rural development in the lowlands of the Swiya on the Sechelt Peninsula. Empowered by the provincially initiated Old Growth Strategic Review, these groups are lobbying government to act on Recommendation 6.

These concerned groups have highlighted that the Coastal Western Hemlock subzone (CWHxm1) within the Sechelt Landscape Unit has less than 10% remaining as old growth and ask that our proposed harvesting within CWHxm1 should be deferred in order to be consistent with the Panel's recommendation that subzones that have deficit of old growth be brought up to 10%. They have requested that the District Manager ask for all logging within CWHxm1 to stop until recruitment of mature forests of 10% is attained.

We support any government action/decision in the implementation of the Panel's recommendations. However, we point out that although the Government has accepted the recommendations, there has been no indication from the Sunshine Coast Forest District of stopping any logging where there is a deficit. As well, there is also no guidance/policy, Regulations or Acts that point us to what Old Growth implementation may look like. As our tenure is only a small fraction of the CWHxm1 subzone, SCCF would mostly likely share in setting aside up to 10% of our mature (not old growth) stands.

SCCF has completed a vegetation analysis (February, 2021) of CWHxm and approximately 200ha of CWHxm1 is within the Halfmoon Bay chart area. As a proactive approach, we have reviewed our stands and will provide a 30ha area – 50% more than Recommendation 6 calls for - to be set aside as a voluntary deferral until the regulations and a selection process are established. We have identified a 10-hectare area of Age Class 8 and an additional 20 ha near the Big Trees Recreation Site bordering along Wakefield Creek that has good old-growth characteristics for potential candidate stands. These two areas will be shown as long-term deferrals polygons on our Operating Plan.

Further, in early February, we have engaged Laurie Kremsater, Forest Ecologist with Madrone Environmental to review HM70 for old growth characteristics and conduct a Species at Risk assessment. Ms Kremsater has asked us to consider the small area of HM70 to be deferred as part of timbered corridor connecting with an established Old Growth Management Area.

- **ACTION PLAN** addressing this concern – THAT the Board directs Staff to analyze biogeoclimatic zones within the Chapman/Sechelt Landscape Unit where there is an old-growth deficit of less than 10% and identify candidate stands that could serve as recruitment for Old Growth. Staff can use Madrone Environmental to help choose and verify the best areas to achieve this provincial and community objective.

#### Call to Address Wildfire Risk within the CFOP

Concerned citizens have raised an issue of lack of consideration for wildfire risk. For the most part, wildfire risk is mitigated by our requirement to follow the BC Wildfire Act and Regulations. With climate change, massive fires in California and the interior of BC, there is a heightened awareness and demand to do more to mitigate wildfire risk. Our CFOP was updated to include more language specifically around wildfire as follows:

#### **Community Interface Wildfire Planning**

*Our CFOP discusses Wildfire Management considerations on P 9, 18, 31, 33. We are notably stepping up our efforts to divert material from slash piles for firewood, reducing fire risk and burning requirements. The Community Forest harvest operations follow the procedures within the Wildfire Act and Regulations and incorporate recommended procedures designed to reduce the risk of wildfires.*

*Beyond our Operating Plan, we hosted the Urban Interface Fire Prevention event in 2019 where we invited our community to a presentation and discussion with experts of fire ecology and interface fire behaviour, and we hosted a private planning session with our expert speakers and local fire departments and emergency planning staff. We also started in 2019 an Earth Day initiative of giving away drought tolerant native Fire Smart plants – in 2019 and 2020 we acquired 442 plants for this, and approximately 80% were given out to our community, with the leftovers being planted by some of our volunteer directors undertaking invasive species removal projects with other community groups. We also funded a Structural Protection Unit for the Sechelt Fire Department in 2019, including training for all Sunshine Coast fire departments.*

*Community Wildfire Planning requires a larger strategy than one tenure holder which is why we have hosted and engaged in public conversations around it. We note with interest that the SCRD has developed a Community Wildfire Protection Plan along with 43 prioritized recommendations, some of which appear to provide some high level direction as to the involvement the Community Forest may have in mitigating wildfire risk to our community.*

- **ACTION PLAN** addressing this concern – THAT the Board directs Staff to engage with the SCRD's Manager of Protective Services to collaborate on addressing their Community Wildfire Protection Plan's recommendations that fall within the Community Forest.

#### Proposed Blocks within ELF's Proposed Mt Elphinstone Park

Concerned groups from the Roberts Creek area are against any proposed harvesting within this proposed park area. The guiding principle of the proposal is to link 3 small provincial parks with mature timber. Blocks EW18A, EW18B and EW19 are within it. Although the Provincial Government has stated in 2018 that they do not support a park, BC Timber Sales has deferred their block proposal plans until 2023 allowing for the shíshálh Nation to complete their Modern Land Use Plan.



We note that the Modern Land Use Plan has been in development since 2018, that our entire tenure is in the shíshálh Nation's swiya, and that the Nation has not asked us to defer activity while they complete their Modern Land Use Plan. We must also allow for sufficient time to support meaningful public engagement around these important areas.

- **ACTION PLAN addressing this concern – THAT Staff enhance communication with the shíshálh Nation around these blocks to ensure our plans are aligned with their future planned use of the area, and;**
- **THAT an enhanced public engagement pilot project be initiated including forming an ad-hoc committee of SCCF Directors, Staff and local citizens to plan and develop EW18A, EW18B, and EW19.**

Regarding block EW19. This block is proposed as a research trial with the FLNRORD Research Branch, which is discussing a research strategy that includes slash burning. It is apparent that although research is important aspect of our planning and management of forests, slash burning is not supported by the community. Any research strategy and harvesting will need to be consistent with the goals and aspirations of the community.

- **ACTION PLAN addressing this concern – THAT the Board direct staff to contact the Research Branch to request development of a research trial that meets our goal of an Ecosystem Management Model, and is consistent with our CFOP, and further that the Board considers a committee to support this directive.**

#### Disk Golf Course within EW28

We received feedback from local Disc Golfers expressing support for their disk golf course proposal. It is worth noting that by number of personally written correspondence, this issue was the highest priority expressed by the community, suggesting that the value of recreation within the Community Forest has great potential. Our CFOP supports recreation in principle and use of crown lands other than timber extraction. There is very little precedent set in having a group use the forest in this capacity, but we see this as no different to the many recreation trails, sites and user groups using our forest in different capacity. Supporting this initiative achieves many of community outreach goals of community forest management. By having more people use the forests in a positive way, it reduces negative activities such as dumping or firewood poaching.

- **ACTION PLAN addressing this initiative – THAT the Board direct staff to support the Elk Ridge Proposal with permitting to Rec, Sites and Trails BC, and support funding for road maintenance for continued access to this site.**