

SUNSHINE COAST COMMUNITY FOREST LTD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDER OF THE CORPORATION HELD ON MONDAY May 5, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE DISTRICT OF SECHELT MUNICIPAL HALL, COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

District of Sechelt Representatives: Councillors – Adam Shepherd and Darren Inkster

Board Members - Kathleen Suddes – Chair , Jim Tivy, Bob Michor, Greg Caw, Doug Marteinson, Stu Dornbierer, Katherine Gordon

New Board Members: Russell Thorsteinson

Community Advisory Panel Members – Wendy Gilbertson, Maryann Kamphuis, Suzanne Senger

SCCF Staff: Warren Hansen, Operations Manager Sara Zieleman – Executive Director, Karen Nielsen – Administrative Assistant

Richard Wilson–Crowe MacKay LLP Guest Speaker: Andy Mackinnon (Zoom)
Jennifer, DOS Support staff

Public: Laurie Kremsater, Ken Sneddon, Rand Rudland, Jim Budd, Mike Bowering, Zoom Guests (5)

Call to Order

The agenda was adopted with a slight change wherein the Guest Speaker was asked to present first.

Presentation – Andy McKinnon – Big Trees Forestry UBC

Andy is a forest ecologist who lives in Metchosin, BC. His recent research interests include ecology of BC's ectomycorrhizal fungal species. He was lead BC scientist for Environment Canada's 2017 ranking of our province's threatened and endangered fungal species. Andy has taught rainforest ecology field courses in Bamfield and Tofino (for the University of Victoria) and Haida Gwaii (for UBC). He has also taught mushroom identification courses in Tofino (for the Rainforest Education Society) and in Victoria. He is co-author of six best-selling books about plants of western North America, and co-author of the newly published Royal BC Museum Handbook "Mushrooms of British Columbia". He is past president of the South Vancouver Island Mycological Society (SVIMS), and an enthusiastic participant, speaker and field trip leader for various mushroom festivals in southwestern BC each autumn.

Andy gave a presentation highlighting fungi and forest ecology.

Questions and Answers

Q. What variety of mushrooms are in 2nd growth vs young forests and how much does the age of the forest affect mushroom growth?

A. When taking samples of old and 2nd growth forest on the Sunshine Coast it was noted that there was not much old growth. The biodiversity theme is that there is a noted succession of mushroom species with forest age 80+ years. The age of the forest maturity is what mushrooms que into. It is more important to have veteran trees than overall age. For foraging of mushrooms, it in not needed to have an old forest. Chantrelle and Pine usually are found in forests 35+ years. It is dependent upon the age and species of the forest for the types of mushrooms produced in that area. However, even in the right conditions it doesn't necessarily mean that mushrooms will grow there.

Q. What is the health and regeneration of fungi after a forest fire.

A. In general fungi are well adapted to fire regimes, they are able to survive and thrive with exceptions depending on species. They are attached to multiple trees and will only die if all the trees are destroyed in the fire including the root systems.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED

that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation dated May 6, 2024 be received and approved.

Financial Statements

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED

that the Audited Financial Statements of the Corporation for the Year Ending December 31, 2024 be received and approved.

Dividend of \$25,890 is announced and presented.

Appointment of Auditor

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED

that Crowe MacKay, LLP be appointed as the auditor for the Corporation for the 2025 financial year.

Appointment of Directors

It was acknowledged that Kathleen Suddes, Bob Michor, Jordan Wilson, Katherine Gordon, and Stu Dornbierer were appointed for a two-year term in 2024 and are willing to serve for the term.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED that the following persons are appointed as Directors for the following 2 years: Greg Caw, Doug Marteinson, Jim Tivy and Russell Thorsteinsson.

Message from the Chair

The Chair acknowledges retiring Director Gord Crandlemire and thanks him for his dedicated service since 2021 to the Sunshine Coast Community Forest Ltd.

The Chair's presentation reflected on a year of progress and stewardship at the Sunshine Coast Community Forest, a year marked by innovation, responsible stewardship and continued investment in the well-being of our forest and community.

Highlights included:

- Selective single stem harvesting operation using helicopter logging, allowing us to access timber with minimal environmental disturbance.
- A value-added lumber project, producing high-quality milled lumber through a local processing partnership.
- Invested in watershed assessments to inform forestry planning in small but important watersheds integrated with neighbouring communities.
- Furthered wildfire risk reduction planning, including being involved in a collaborative research project with UBC and SFU on wildfire risk reduction.

- Continuing community engagement activities – public meeting and events, supporting Indigenous-led land-based learning, presentations and walks in the woods with local community groups.
- Significant contributions to the local economy including prioritizing working with local contractors and selling our logs close to home.

Looking forward our priorities remain clear, to manage the forest responsibly, strengthen community partnerships and contribute to regional sustainability and community climate resilience.

General Questions and Answers

Q. Attendee would like to see a proposal for a kiln on the Sunshine Coast to increase productivity here.

A. There is ongoing discussion on this as a value-added opportunity. We will be having further discussion in our Strategic Planning Meeting to ensure that if this becomes a possibility it is done in a fair and competitive way within the community.

Q. Regarding Financial Statements – can you explain the increase in revenue.

A. It is mainly dependant on the market conditions, the nature of the wood and the blocks cut. The price per cubic metre was higher than the previous year. As well of the nature of the wood harvested included fir and cedar poles which are a value-added product with a higher revenue. Our annual harvest was approximately 14,000 m³.

Q. What is the Community Forest doing about fire smarting, there is a lot of concern with forest fires.

A. The Community Forest believes that community involvement in fire smarting is paramount. We have been hosting sessions along with the SCR D regarding this. We just held a S100A BC Wildland Firefighting annual refresher course for those who took the full 2 day course last year. We have also recently received a grant from FESBC for nearly \$1,000,000 for fire smarting in our community.

Adjournment

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholder of the Corporation be adjourned at 8:07 pm.