

Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society Meeting Minutes

(6:00 pm – Doors open)

7:00 pm Monday, 25 March 2019
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1. **7:00 pm.** Meeting called to order by Kathleen Gablemann. Items of business from Jennifer:
 - a. Contact list to be shared
 - b. Spare posters for Forest March
 - c. Motion to **Approve Agenda** by Dorothy Swinarchuk. Seconded by Jennifer Houghton. All in favour. Agenda passed.

2. Motion to **Approve Minutes** from previous meeting held 11 March 2019 by Jennifer Houghton. Seconded by Bob Keep. All in favour. Minutes passed.
Group introductions.

3. **Old Business:**
 - a. Progress of BFWSS application to become registered society – Courtnay Redding – Our name has been accepted. We have a few terms and conditions to be accomplished by May to fulfill the name registration. See BC Societies.
 - b. Progress of BFWSS Strategic Plan – Kathleen Gabelmann – Progress is being made on the main goals of BFWSS. The Strategic Plan is detailed and breaks our strategy down into simple points.
 - c. BFWSS Position statement on Cumulative Effects Study – **Update** - Ray Hanson – We have a draft plan for our Position Statement of BFWSS. This lets people know we exist and we have a plan.
 - i. 40 hectare max cut blocks
 - ii. Cumulative Effects Assessment – we want 2 seats in this group to bring attention to non-timber values.
 - iii. Roads. Best practices and no more new roads (unless they will tear up roads in equivalent). No net new roads.
 - iv. Best Management Practices including drainage, etc.
 - d. Forest March BC – **Update** – Jennifer Houghton – Dorothy and Joanne have assisted Jennifer to gather 13 groups across the Province to March on April 6. Media Releases sent out this morning. We are getting noticed by Sierra Club and others! Local government has been invited to our March. The event will be shared with media. March logistics sorted, educational materials prepared, kids activities, music, and other details organized. Goal of March:
 - i. Values back to forest based management,
 - ii. Community involvement,
 - iii. Push for changes to forestry legislation.
There are changes coming to the Forestry Practices Act. All top secret until April. Released in two phases. Second Phase includes public consultation. This is an opportunity for us. We are about collaboration and opening discussion on topics (climate change). The Mayor will speak at the start of our March along with Jo and aboriginal drummers.

Discussion – Dave – invite to the high school? Jennifer will look in to. Stan will see if we can use James Donaldson Park for making signs. Bob will help with stakes. The sign messages are intended to be inclusive. Profitable business and eco-friendly.

Courtney Redding put forward a motion for Jennifer to order a banner with our logo and ForestMarchBC using the donation funds. Seconded by Joanne Waite. All in favour. Motion passed.

- e. Stop the Spray BC campaign/Forest March BC – **Update** – Stan Swinarchuk – Stan shared a letter he and Dorothy drafted. The letter will be sent to Andrew Weaver. Also to John Allan, Deputy Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development. Stan provided details on history of spraying methods and recent interaction on logging roads. Letter available.
NOTE: Gilpin would be a good area for drone footage.
- f. Education Committee – materials for Forest March BC – **Update** – Roy Schiesser, Donna Semenoff – Donna not in attendance – table.
- g. Forest March BC sign-making meeting discussion. Previously discussed.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Meeting report** - with Mayor Brian Taylor - Ray Hanson – Report available.
- b. **Meeting report** – Forest Conversation with Bob Peart on March 14, 2019 in Penticton – Roy Schiesser.
Reforms communities envision for sustainable, ecologically sustainable forests. Better stewardship in conjunction with industry. Jen has Bob's notes. Mr Peart will be taking this information to the meeting April 9/10 in Victoria – Forest Summit.
- c. **Upcoming meetings, conferences, educational opportunities:**
 - i. Forest Summit – April 9/10 in Victoria – Bob Peart is having five meetings throughout the Province to gather data and find commonalities in the communities. He will take this data to the Forest Summit. Jennifer will be attending and listed other attendees. Exciting! Including Tides Canada. They funded Bob Peart's 5 “conversations” across the Province. Jennifer will connect with them at the conference.
 - ii. Fraser Watershed Restoration Conference 2019 - Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops – April 24 & 25.
 - iii. Sierra Club BC, online educational webinar series, “Old Growth Forests” – April 11-May 16.
 - iv. OrganizingforChange.org (funded by Tides Foundation); Campaign Accelerator Program. This is a three month program: Skills training, coaching, campaign support. Jennifer is attending online.

Discussion:

Linda Larson's response letter. Industry is of more value than “us”; the citizens.

Jennifer's idea bringing these trends together. What are the steps to create an Eco Based Conservation Plan? Implementation and sharing the plan. Jennifer is putting together a proposal for Tides Foundation.

Barry Brandow spoke of Andrew Gage – Environmental Law and their group with the argument big oil should pony up to mitigate climate change. Joanne would like to make a group to be the 23rd City Council putting their name behind Andrew Gage's efforts. This will be added to the next Agenda in more detail.

Dave Milton – are we at liberty to write letters as individuals? If you are writing as a representative of the group then it would require a group vote.

5. **Next meeting reminder: TBA**

6. **8:34 p.m.** Adjourn