

NAKUSP AND AREA COMMUNITY FOREST COMMUNITY SUPPORT, AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NACFOR) Committee has succeeded in obtaining widespread support for its initiative to obtain a Community Forest License for Nakusp and Area. The following sections and appendices demonstrate the mediums that have been used to promote the project and the high level of community support, awareness and involvement that have resulted from those efforts.

2.0 REPORT ON NAKUSP AND AREA COMMUNITY FOREST PUBLIC INPUT EVENT

The Nakusp and Area Community Forest Committee scheduled a Public Input Meeting for its proposed Community Forest License application on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 6:30 PM at the Nakusp Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The event was advertised in both local newspapers, the Arrow Lakes News and the Valley Voice. The Arrow Lakes News also wrote an article on the upcoming event (see Appendix 1). Other postings advertising the event were made in the following locations:

- public bulletin boards between Nakusp and Edgewood;
- Community Calendar;
- local cable television; and
- Nakusp and Area Community Forest website (www.nakuspcommunityforest.com).

All advertising mediums advised the public that a Draft Business Plan and Draft Management Plan were available on the website and encouraged people to review the documents online prior to attending the meeting. The format for the event was also advertised, a format composed of an open-house session from 6:30 PM-7 PM, followed by a presentation of the proposed CFA. See Appendix 2 for an outline of the presentation.

The public input event was well attended, with 111 persons signing the registration book (See Appendix 3). Larry Peitzsche, District Manager for Arrow Boundary, was among the attendees and spoke to the audience for several minutes prior to the main presentation. The presentation format allowed for a question period at the end of each section. A number of questions were asked, with both questions and answers being recorded for the record (see Appendix 4).

Several written comments were received following the Public Input Meeting. Comments which detailed particular wishes or concerns have been documented in Appendix 5. A response has been provided for each of these concerns, in most cases detailing the appropriate section of NACFOR's Management Plan or Business Plan which speaks to it. Where the Management Plan does not address a particular concern, a response to the concern is provided in the Appendix.

3.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SUPPORT LETTERS

Letters of public support are included in Appendix 9. The tables below summarize the categories within which the support letters are grouped and the number of letters obtained within each group.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL FORESTRY CONTRACTORS

CATEGORY	SUPPORT LETTERS RECEIVED
Road contractors	3
Harvesting contractors	21
Trucking contractors	13
Forest development contractors	2
Silviculture contractors	4
Scaling contractors	2
Specialized forestry contractors	2
TOTAL	47

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER LOCAL FORESTRY RELATED BUSINESSES

CATEGORY	SUPPORT LETTERS RECEIVED
Millowners	8
Manufactured wood users	4
Licensees	1
Development projects	1
Forestry equipment sales	1
Trapline operators	2
TOTAL	15

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

CATEGORY	SUPPORT LETTERS RECEIVED
Administrative organizations	5
Service groups	2
Recreation groups	4
TOTAL	11

In addition to the above, another 89 signatures have been obtained from the general public in support of the project.

4.0 OTHER EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND CONSULTATION

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Both the Arrow Lakes News and the Valley Voice have provided ongoing coverage of the Nakusp and Area Community Forest Committee's progress since the project's inception in 2002. Examples of this coverage are provided in Appendix 6.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Section 4.5 of the Draft Nakusp Official Community Plan (OCP) is devoted to the objective of obtaining a Community Forest for Nakusp and Area. It discusses Council Policy and Implementation Strategies with respect to this objective. A copy of the relevant section of the OCP can be found in Appendix 7.

The final version of the OCP will be delivered later in 2007.

FIRST NATIONS CONSULTATION

A First Nations Consultation was completed by the Ministry of Forests Arrow Boundary District prior to the finalization of proposed areas for the Nakusp and Area Community Forest. A copy of the correspondence detailing the completion of the 60 day consultation period and allowing the NACFOR committee to proceed with its plans can be found in Appendix 8.

5.0 PLANS FOR CONTINUED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public consultation is an especially important and sensitive issue with respect to managing a CFA. Numerous stakeholder interests exist within any public forest tenure. Public expectations regarding the management of these various interests will be higher than normal in the case of a CFA. Care must be taken not only to meet all legal requirements but to ensure that the public has an active and ongoing role in the decision-making process.

5.1 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

NACFOR will meet all 'Review and Comment' requirements pertaining to a Forest Stewardship Plan outlined in Sections 20, 21 and 22 of the FPPR. Provisions include but are not limited to:

1. Public notice in a newspaper;
2. Availability for public review;
3. 60 days to allow for public response;
4. Reasonable opportunity to review the plan; and
5. Obligations to respond to relevant written comments.

5.2 BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS

NACFOR will be governed by a seven to eight member Board of Directors, composed of a diverse and representative cross-section of the community. The exact number of Board members will be determined by availability within the Community. Board members include a Village Council representative and the RDCK Area K director. Local forestry, wood manufacturing and affected watershed users are also represented on the Board. The Village of Nakusp treasurer will attend board meetings and act as NACFOR's board treasurer, although he will not be a member of the Board of Directors.

Board members have been appointed by the Village Council upon the recommendation of the Nakusp and Area Community Forest Committee. Future appointments will continue to be made by Council but will be made upon the recommendation of NACFOR Corporation. The process for these appointments is as follows:

1. Annually, NACFOR identifies any BoD positions available at the end of the upcoming BoD term.
2. Annually, NACFOR also requests each Board of Director sub-committee (see below) to submit the names of up to two nominees that they feel would be suitable for BoD appointment.
3. An application is provided to any person interested in taking a position on the Board of Directors. Included in the application is a skills matrix. The applicant is asked to identify which skills within the matrix make them a suitable candidate.
4. The applicant must have the signed endorsement of 10 municipally registered voters within the community (Village of Nakusp and RDCK Area K).
5. The existing BoD reviews each application and makes a recommendation to Village Council as to who should fill the available BoD positions. Village Council has final authority on the approval of the BoD positions.

5.3 BOARD OF DIRECTOR SUB-COMMITTEES

The public will have an ongoing voice in NACFOR's strategic planning and conflict resolution via the formation of Board of Director Sub-Committees. One Board member will chair each sub-committee and up to one additional Board member may sit on that sub-committee. Additional public appointees will be nominated to each sub-committee by the Board of Directors. Between four and eight members will sit on each sub-committee, depending on need and availability of volunteers. Sub-committees members will be chosen based on their particular expertise and interest in the given subject.

Board sub-committees will be formed to address needs in the following areas:

1. Waste Management
2. Community Funding
3. Innovative Strategies
4. Fire Management Strategy
5. Finance and Marketing
6. Youth
7. Conflict Resolution

5.4 STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS

NACFOR will make additional commitments to the Public Consultation Process beyond the legislation referenced above. It will encourage input and communication from local stakeholder groups including but not limited to:

1. Arrow Lakes Cross-country Ski Club;
2. Nakusp ATV Club;
3. Arrow Lakes Ridgerider Association (Snowmobile); and
4. Nakusp Rod and Gun Club.

NACFOR will also encourage the formation of other organized stakeholder groups by local individuals with common interests or concerns pertaining to CFA forest resources. In particular, it will encourage water users with licenses located within the CFA to form local watershed associations. NACFOR will meet periodically with such groups throughout any development planning process which proposes operations within their watershed area. Every effort will be made to achieve a consensus-based decision prior to the finalization of any development plans within a watershed area.

Other stakeholders which may or may not form stakeholder organizations but whom NACFOR is committed to consulting with prior to the finalization of cutting or roadbuilding plans include licensed area trappers and guide outfitters.

NACFOR will also encourage the formation of a local wood manufacturers' association. Such an organization could help to fulfill two major objectives of Nakusp and area in seeking a community forest:

1. Expansion of local wood manufacturing capacity;
2. Improved utilization of wood waste.

Regular meetings between NACFOR and this group would be beneficial to both groups by facilitating synergies between timber processing in the woods and preferred specifications in local mills.

Individuals or groups will also be encouraged to bring forward other innovative ideas which can be implemented by or in conjunction with NACFOR. Although Nakusp and area recognizes that the first several years of operations must be focused primarily on establishing an efficient, stable and respected business, it also recognizes that it must look to the future in order to build towards optimizing the potential benefits of a CFA tenure. A Board of Directors sub-committee composed of a combination of board and non-board members will be formed to discuss potential innovative strategies which can be introduced into NACFOR's future plans.

5.5 OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

NACFOR recognizes that maintaining a wide variety of communication mediums between the community and itself will be instrumental in implementing an effective public consultation process. In addition to meeting legislative requirements and encouraging stakeholder organizations as outlined above, communication mechanisms will include but not be limited to the following:

1. establishment of a NACFOR website (www.nakuspcommunityforest.com);

2. an annual open house to display and discuss proposed development and other activities;
3. mailing of annual newsletters;
4. local newspaper coverage (*Arrow Lakes News* and *Valley Voice*);
5. information displayed at the Village of Nakusp office.

Section 11 of the Management Plan and Section 6.3 of the Business Plan contain a similar description of the Public Consultation Process.

Public meeting to present Nakusp Community Forest plan

by **AARON ORLANDO**

Arrow Lakes News

The Nakusp Community Forest Committee will be holding a public input meeting on May 23 at the Nakusp Legion Hall to discuss their newly published business and management plans.

Committee chair Jesper Nielsen says the meeting will be an opportunity for all community members to learn more about the project and provide their input. "Absolutely everyone should come out," he said. "We want to increase public awareness for those who don't know much about it."

The committee published the business and management plans on May 5. Nielsen encourages everyone to read them over prior to the meeting. They are available for download on the

committee's website at www.nakuspcommunityforest.com.

The committee is seeking letters of support to include with their application. A template for the letters is also available on their website.

Nielsen says the community forest will allow the community to have a greater say in how the forest and its resources are managed. He said issues such as watershed management and interface fire planning could be dealt with at a local level. "I think as a community we're in a good position to deal with these issues," he said.

Nielsen says the plan will allow local mills and manufacturers better access to timber supplies. "We want to see as much wood end up [and be] milled in this community as possible. ... The greatest benefit for the community

-- that's the bottom line."

Nielsen said the application in question is for a Community Forest Licence, which gives the licensee a right to cut timber. If the application is successful, approved cutting permits will have to be obtained prior to logging specific areas. Nielsen said he wanted to avoid confusion that a successful application for a Community Forest Licence would give them the go-ahead to start logging wherever they wanted.

The committee will submit their plan to the Ministry of Forests by the June 15 deadline.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, May 23. There'll be a half-hour open house followed by presentations starting at 7 p.m.

NAKUSP AND AREA COMMUNITY FOREST (NACFOR)

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

May 23, 2007 at 6:30 pm

Nakusp Legion Hall

Presentation by NACFOR committee at 7 pm

Review: Draft Maps, Management Plan & Business Plan

Opportunity for questions and comments

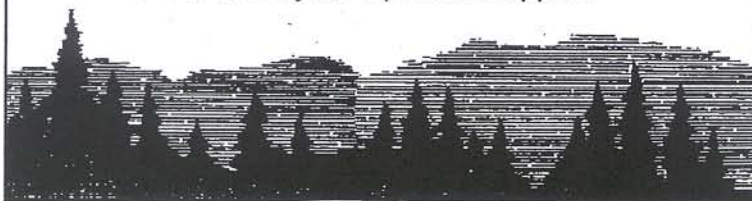
Opportunity for written comments

Letter of support templates

To optimize the benefit you receive from this meeting,
visit our website in advance:

www.nakuspcommunityforest.com

We need your input and support.



Appendix 2

**Nakusp and Area Community Forest
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

May 23, 2007

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Karen Hamling

Peterson

RDCK Rep Paul

D.M. Larry Peitzsche

Presentation with Question and Answer after each section Jesper Nielsen

The Licensing Process

License holder and Administration

Negotiated Areas

Contracting, Personnel and Hiring

Priorities and Methods for Timber Cutting and Removal

Protection and Conservation of Resources

Wood Markets and Marketing

Public Consultation Process

Anticipated Returns

Division of Profits

Innovative Strategies

Next Steps

Wrap-up

Mayor Karen Hamling

APPENDIX 3

NACFOR OPEN HOUSE Wed., May 23, 2007 6:30-9:30 pm Legion Hall, Nakusp

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APPENDIX 4

NAKUSP AND AREA COMMUNITY FOREST PUBLIC MEETING

MAY 23, 2007

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HALL

MINUTES

6:30PM – The doors open for the public to review wall maps of the NACFOR proposed area and to ask NACFOR committee members questions.

7:00pm Introduction:

Karen Hamling, Mayor of Nakusp- opens the meeting at 7:00 by giving a brief history of how the Community Forest started as a grass roots initiative and how we got to where we are today.

Paul Peterson, RDCK AREA K Rep, is unable to attend the meeting. Karen Hamling reads out his presentation detailing his support for the Community Forest. He emphasizes that this is local control of a local resource.

Larry Peitzsche, Arrow Boundary District Manager for Ministry of Forests, explains how the Community Forest volume was made available due to take back volumes. Larry explains how the Ministry of Forests has invited a Community Forest application from this area. Larry tells the audience of approx. 111 people that Letters of Support are critical. He also explains that this is a good opportunity for this area and that Nakusp is very deserving.

Jesper Nielsen, chair of NACFOR, presents the agenda and explains how the evening will progress. He will present the topics on the agenda and people will be given the opportunity to ask questions at the end of each topic.

Following is a summary of the questions asked by the audience and the responses given.

	QUESTION PRESENTED	RESPONSE GIVEN
1.	Is this a Non replaceable forest License- Tom Nashlenas	Probably a 20 year term- Larry P.
2.	What are the boundaries of Area K? –Rod Bremner	Edgewood/Fauquier to Halcyon and Summit- Jesper N. (inclusion of Whatshan Lake is unknown)
3.	What is the relationship between the subcommittees and the Board of Directors (BOC) – Laurie Page	Sub committees will provide information and support to the BOD- Jesper N.

	QUESTION PRESENTED	RESPONSE GIVEN
4.	If the Village of Nakusp owns 100% of NACFOR, how does the RDCK area have input and why doesn't the RDCK have ownership? -Corinne Tessier	The BOD will be made up of even representation from the Village of Nakusp and RDCK Area K. RDCK areas will be allocated a percentage of the profits. If NACFOR was owned by the RDCK it would be run out of Nelson and would not be directly linked to Nakusp. The RDCK rep, Paul Peterson, recommended and supported Village of Nakusp ownership- with representation on the BOD- Jesper N.
5.	Is Edgewood considered local for hiring?	Yes, it is part of the RDCK Area K. Jesper N.
6.	What union involvement would there be with unions? The Village employees are union members. – Corinne Tessier	No union involvement is anticipated. NACFOR will be a separate entity from the Village of Nakusp. Jesper N.
7.	Can Jesper manage all of our forestlands around here? - Laurie Page	No response
8.	I am concerned about the amount of cut coming out of the proposed NACFOR area. With all of the management constraints is the volume really available? - Rod Bremner.	The Timber Supply Analysis (TSA) applied constraint values to the volume calculations. The management plan commits to an intensive land based inventory to determine if the volume is actually available. Maybe only 17,000m3 will be available due to inoperable land etc. Jesper N. Part of the probation period will be a an ownership decision of what constraints to manage to. Larry P.
9.	Once the land base survey is done and if only 15,000m3 for available for example, can NACFOR apply for more Tenure. - Karen A.	NACFOR can purchase their own license. Larry P.
10.	What if the community decides to restrict down to only 9,000m3? Would that be an issue? – Rod Bremner.	That would be a problem! Larry P.
11.	What about value lost due to clear cut and visuals? I'm talking about finances and tourism. Rod.	NACOR will have to manage visuals and watershed areas. Jesper N.
12.	How does this compare with other areas and logging methods? Corrine T.	NACFOR is not tied to a mill and will be locally managed by the BOD. It will be able to put greater emphasis on water, wildlife, recreation, visuals etc. Development will be able to take all of these constraints into consideration. Jesper N.

	QUESTION PRESENTED	RESPONSE GIVEN
13.	MacDonald Creek Provincial Park has a lot of Mtn. Pine Beetle attack and also some Fir bark beetle. – Steve Safton.	The NACFOR area is a Kootenay mix of species and Pli is not a leading species in many timber types. Therefore, impacts by the Mountain Pine Beetle will be minimal. Fir bark beetle would have to be managed if outbreaks are discovered. Jesper N.
14.	Where does the \$4.00/m3 advantage come from? Local producers don't get \$0.25 wood! - Don Rodger.	Local manufactures have an advantage in trucking costs vs. someone buying wood say in Revelstoke. Jesper N.
15.	Are there enough manufactures in the area to utilize the 550 truckloads of logs every year? - Rod Bremner.	Currently, no. But if you included all the wood as potential trade wood, it would be close. Jesper N.
16.	What money do we have to start with? - Rick H.	NACFOR has submitted a grant application to CBT for \$247,000 and we should hear soon if this is approved. Jesper N.
17.	What has been the experience with other Community Forests with profits?	Some good and some bad. Revelstoke has had some very good years but recently has had some difficulty with log prices and pulp sales. Creston and Kaslo have had some problems. Reduced stumpage will help with the profitability of NACFOR. Jesper N.
18.	When did this come in, the reduced stumpage?	It was just announced by the Province. Jesper N.
19.	What is the start up cost of NACFOR?	\$247,000.00 Jesper N.
20.	How long is this good for?	Approximately 1 year. Jesper N.
21.	When will profits start to come in?	With the application process taking about 1 year and getting started, we are looking at about 2 years before any profits start to be realized. Jesper N.
22.	Where are these start up funds coming from?	The Village of Nakusp has committed to providing any start up funds necessary if the CBT grant is not forthcoming, or money from RDCK. Doug S.
23.	How do you get on the BOD? Rod.	A person would be appointed. It would not be a community vote. The BOD must be made up of diverse representation from the Village and Areas K. Jesper N. We want it run like a business. Doug S. Sub committees would be wide open to volunteers. Jesper N.

	QUESTION PRESENTED	RESPONSE GIVEN
24.	Can the Community Forest manage interpretative sites and trails not within the licensed area? Milton P.	NACFOR could help to provide resources but would have no authority in areas outside its license. Jesper N.
25.	How does the appointment process work for the BOD?	That needs to be established. Jesper N.
26.	Division of profits. How does this work?	The business plan details the profit-funding scheme. This will require more community work. Jesper N.
27.	Will the Community Forest have the ability to do Wildlife Management in the area? Susie M.	Yes, there will be input into the development process. Jesper N.
28.	Is the logging contractor responsible for reforestation?	The legal responsibility for all silviculture works lies with NACFOR.

8:25pm- The public presentation is complete and presentation of questions ends. Karen Hamling thanks Larry P. for his attendance and the people for coming to the meeting. Karen explains there are letters of support available at the door. The meeting is adjourned but the public is welcomed to ask any NACFOR member for more information.

Appendix 5

NACFOR RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS EXPRESSED OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PRESENTATION

1. Arrow Lakes Cross Country Ski Club (see attached letter of support)

Summary of comment or concern

ALCCSC has endorsed selection logging by NACFOR in the vicinity of the ski trails at Wensley Creek. However, they would like to be involved in the planning process and have been asked to be contacted to discuss further.

NACFOR Response

NACFOR commits to involving both ALCCSC and Wensley Creek water users in the planning process for any proposed harvesting in the Wensley Creek area. See the Management Plan (Section 11.2) and Business Plan (Section 5.2) for specific NACFOR commitments to consultation with ALCCSC.

2. Betty and Richard Fahlman (see attached letter of support)

Summary of comment or concern

The Fahlmans, representing Maybee Trucking, endorse NACFOR but have commented that “utilization of as much timber as possible should be priority – and set an example of very little waste and virtually no scrap piles to burn... fibre utilization should be the most important goal.”

NACFOR Response

Section 10.2 of NACFOR’s Management Plan commits to developing a Waste Management Strategy via the formation of an Innovative Strategies Sub-Committee. NACFOR commits to taking “concrete steps to improve utilization standards and exceed obligatory utilization” in this section of the Management Plan.

3. Corinne Tessier (see attached letter of support)

Summary of comment or concern

In her letter of support, Ms Tessier notes that she would like to see “sustainable, environmentally protective silviculture be practiced and that competent management be in place (based on expertise).”

NACFOR Response

NACFOR commits to hiring competent, experienced and dedicated management. Decisions on types of silviculture systems to be utilized will be done on a site specific basis and will consider all of the factors discussed in Section 9.2.2.2 of the Management Plan.

4. Rod Bremner

Summary of comment or concern

Mr Bremner expressed a written concern about the location of the proposed NACFOR areas. He believes the areas are located too close to the community to be able to manage timber harvesting operations and non-timber resources compatibly. He has asked if there is any opportunity for the area locations to be changed.

NACFOR Response

NACFOR responded to Mr Bremner that there is no opportunity for NACFOR to explore changing proposed areas to more remote locations and pointed out that timber harvesting rights are already held by other licensees on the areas in question. Mr Bremner and Jesper Nielsen of the NACFOR committee have committed to maintaining an informal dialogue as the NACFOR plans continue to progress.

5. Heather Dennill

Summary of comment or concern

Ms Dennill expressed a concern about potential harvesting in the Brown Creek watershed in the Box Mountain area.

NACFOR Response

NACFOR has committed to doing no logging in its proposed portion of the Brown Creek watershed. A map of the area reveals that the vast majority of NACFOR's proposed area within the Brown Creek watershed boundary is already typed as inoperable. Most of the remaining terrain is already protected as Old Growth Management Area. There is one existing cutblock at the top of the watershed area. This leaves only another 8 ha of operable ground within the area, all of which is typed as Balsam leading and which NACFOR commits not to conduct any harvesting operations in.

6. Donald Roger (see attached letter of support)

Summary of comment or concern

Mr Roger, representing Tree-O Timber, expressed a desire that at least some of the wood be sold locally and that logging be done by local workers.

NACFOR Response

Objective 3 of Goal 2 outlined in both NACFOR's Business Plan and Management Plan commits to the 'Expansion of local wood manufacturing.' Additionally, *Objective 2 of Goal 3* states NACFOR's commitment to 'Promote local value added expansion.'

Section 2.2 of NACFOR's Business Plan commits to hiring local contractors and relying on local labor whenever it is possible to do so.

Nakusp & Area Development Board proposes community forest

The Nakusp & Area Development Board has put together a proposal for a community forest licence.

The board has been working on the idea for the past few months, but the concept gained momentum after the provincial government recently announced its plan to double the amount of timber currently held for community forests.

On April 11, representatives from the group met with MLA Blair Suffredine in Nakusp to discuss the proposal.

Warren Leigh, chair of the forest sector for the Development Board, said the plan is to proceed in three steps.

The first step is to obtain a forest licence, a process Leigh estimates could take about 18 months.

The next step is to procure a 25-acre parcel of land close to the airport that would be used as a log sort yard.

Step three involves putting the logs out to bid. Leigh said all companies, including large forest licensees like Pope & Talbot and Slocan Forest Products, could bid on the wood, but a certain amount of timber from the community forest would be designated for local producers. For example, a local cedar producer could be locked into the going rate for cedar, he explained.

Leigh noted that some wood, for instance cedar and big fir, wouldn't be price-competitive for big producers like P&T, which are more interested in high volumes of lower-priced wood for 2X4s.

P&T manager Mike Harris concurred that certain types of wood wouldn't be attractive for P&T to bid on. Still, he described the community forest concept as "a win for the community and a win for us too."

According to the Development Board proposal, Nakusp is an ideal fit for a community forest for a number of reasons. For one, timber has flowed out of the Nakusp area since the province started awarding large tenures to operators of major processing facilities.

Other important factors working against Nakusp include: A low ratio of jobs to harvested timber due to an absence of secondary manufacturing facilities; difficulty for small

local mill operators in obtaining a stable timber supply; and net loss of young adults due to a lack of permanent, full time employment opportunities.

On the positive side, the proposal says Nakusp can offer expertise in the logging industry and has an incentive to optimize value from harvested timber due to its relatively high unit logging costs.

The community forest aims to:

- maximize revenues from harvested timber;
- increase employment opportunities;
- promote value-added manufacturing;
- provide a buffer for the community against forest industry instability;
- ensure sustainability of the area's forests;
- optimize management of non-timber resource values, which means protecting land that could be used for mushroom picking or recreation, for example;
- provide employment opportunities for youth.

The community forest would be administered by a board of volunteers, possibly with one or two paid managers.

Leigh indicated that the details of the proposal have yet to be worked out, but he noted on average, the government has allocated about 25,000 cubic metres to community forests. The NADB is asking for somewhere between that amount and 80,000 cubic metres, which is the size of the Revelstoke community forest. The Kaslo community forest is 10,000 cubic metres.

Leigh said he's "fairly optimistic" something can be worked out with the government, although he cautioned that "nobody's giving anything up yet."

Community forests were introduced by the province in 1998. They are managed and logged by local governments, community groups, First Nations, or specially-formed community corporations.

B.C.'s community forest pilot projects have ranged from 418 to 54,000 hectares.

Community forests and woodlots — small areas of Crown land harvested by operators who pay fees for the



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Nakusp seeks community forest license

The Nakusp and Area Development Board wants a community forest licence. Warren Leigh, chair of the board's NACFOR (Nakusp and Area Community Forest) steering committee, says they've been working for some time on a proposal to get an agreement with the province. The recently announced forest revitalization plan doubles the amount of timber allocated to community forests and woodlots.

"We have a three-stage approach," Leigh says. "The first step is to get a community forest licence, second is to get a sort yard up and running, and third is to try to attract value-added companies."

These could be from outside the area, or local companies could expand "because the biggest drawback for value-added [manufacturers] is getting a guaranteed wood supply."

NACFOR would sell its logs to the highest bidder. There would be no restriction on who bought the wood, except that it would have to be processed in BC.

"The legislation stipulates everything has to be competitive. It's a step in the right direction to satisfy American objections" to Canadian stumpage rates.

NACFOR has talked to Pope & Talbot, which expressed interest in their proposal, and was to meet with Slocan Forest Products this week.

If NACFOR is successful, it will create a society to be run by a board made up of people from the community and "it would be beneficial if they have business or for-

estry experience."

"The financial requirements [to administer and operate] might be tricky but we have a fantastic labour pool when it comes to logging and roadbuilding. The board we have right now is well-versed in all those areas."

Community forest deal in works: Mayor

by ANDREW PETROZZI

Arrow Lakes News Staff

Nakusp Mayor Bill Cowan told council last week in a verbal report that a deal for a community forest license was in the works and Nakusp would be receiving a 10,000 cubic metre annual allowable cut (AAC).

"At this time, it was a toss-up for 20,000 cubic metres between Slocan and Nakusp. We could have stood our ground and chanced getting nothing," Cowan told council, adding it was in the best

interests of both communities if they split the 20,000 cubic metres.

"I think where we are today, at least if we get started and get going on it, we've opened the door and I'm sure if we demonstrate that we're able to manage that well, we can apply for more in the future," said Cowan. "If we don't open that door now, there won't be a future. In my opinion I think we would be making a mistake if we don't do this," he said.

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Village to get into the logging business

by **ROBERT MANGELSDORF**

Arrow Lakes News

Close to 100 people came out to the Nakusp Legion Wednesday night to hear about plans to create a community forest in and around Nakusp. Should the community forest licence be granted by the province, the Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NACFOR) would see logging in a 10,000 ha area stretching from Galena Bay to Edgewood controlled by public input with profits flowing back into the community, as opposed to a privately-owned company, committee member Jesper Neilsen explained at the open house.

"The question people have to ask them-

selves is whether or not you think the community should have more say in how its forests are harvested," he said.

The plan would see existing cutting rights held by Springer Creek Forest Products and BC Timber Sales in the area transferred to NACFOR, a corporation wholly owned by the Village of Nakusp.

"Once we get it up and running it will mean that we can control and make sure that the logging is done in a satisfactory manner that suits us," Nakusp Mayor Karen Hamling said after the meeting. "We don't get that opportunity very often. Companies go in and log the way that they want and you don't have any say."

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Community to see a share of the profits

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Profits are expected to be nearly \$200,000 per year, and while the exact distribution of profits has yet to be hammered out, all communities in RDCK area K are expected to see a share.

The Ministry of Forests has also offered an 85 per cent break on the stumpage it will charge NACFOR.

Some people at the meeting had concerns that logging operations could encroach on the Brown Creek watershed on Box Mountain, but Neilsen assured them no harvesting would take place in the area controlled by NACFOR on Box Mountain.

He noted, however, that the lower portion of the Brown Creek watershed is still controlled by Springer Creek, and that NACFOR has no control over logging operations in the area.

So far, NACFOR has received more than 50 letters of support from forestry professionals and more than 100 and counting from the community.

Neilsen expects start-up costs for the operation to run about \$247,000.

On Friday, the



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The Nakusp Legion was packed to the rafters Wednesday with people curious about the Village of Nakusp's community forest plan.

Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) agreed to grant NACFOR \$200,000 towards those start-up costs.

"We are pleased to support initiatives with such strong community support," says Neil Muth, CBT CEO. "We are encouraged by the efforts of so many volunteers in their communities who have the vision to create projects that provide economic and social sustainability."

The village of Nakusp will likely cover the remaining start-up costs,

Hamling said.

Arrow-Boundary Forest District Manager Larry Peitzsche, who will be instrumental in the decision to grant NACFOR its community forest licence, was among many encouraged by what they saw at the meeting.

"This plan has the benefit of experience of what those early ones went through, like Revelstoke, Kaslo, and Creston," he said after the meeting. "It allows for the opportunity to be creative and innovative rather than maybe following traditional forestry

[practices]."

Nakusp Village Councillor Doug Switzer also noted the positive response to the meeting.

"There was a lot of knowledgeable people in the room who know forestry and they know what it means to have some semblance of local control," he said. "It's much easier to come and talk to the community forest people and say, 'Hey I don't like what you're doing,' rather than try to deal with some corporation based in the United States or somewhere else."

Community forest will be a boon for Nakusp and area

Jesper Nielsen, chair of the Nakusp Community Forest Committee, gave a knowledgeable presentation on the organization's application and plan for a probationary community forest licence to the almost 100 people assembled at the Legion Hall on May 23. The plan is the result of years of hard work put in by the committee to come up with a plan that will benefit the community as a whole.

In developing the plan, the committee has had the opportunity to study existing community forest organization structures. The track records of community forests in B.C. range from very successful to highly problematic.



News and Views

By Aaron Orlando

The businesslike, corporate plan adopted by the committee seems to be a reasonable answer to the challenges identified.

The community will benefit in a number of ways if the application is successful. Once the operation is up and running, the Village will directly benefit financially when profits are

realized. Local manufacturers will benefit from better access to wood, especially in smaller quantities.

The plan also calls for business to be steered towards local contractors as much as possible. This will provide opportunities for existing contractors and could open up opportunities for the establishment of new businesses, such as new local silviculture contractors, as Nielsen mentioned at the meeting.

Community members will have a mechanism available to them to have their concerns addressed on issues such as logging in watersheds or other sensitive areas.

Contractors will also have access to a conflict resolution process if they have concerns.

Both groups will be dealing with people in the community that they know and can be assured of an opportunity to have their concerns addressed.

Nielsen points out that if the application for a probationary agreement is not successful, the result would be the status quo. The forest areas identified for the community forest would remain with the existing licence-holders. The result would be less community input on forestry decisions than would be provided under the plan.

As evidenced by the applause from the audience after the public presentation at the Legion, community support for the application is very high, and the committee should be commended for all of their hard work. They've taken a grass roots idea and grown it into a mature, thoughtful plan that should benefit us all.

There'll be issues, as there always are when managing forest resources, but the plan sets up a framework through which we can work through them as a community.

The end result should be economic benefits for the community, and greater community say in how the forests around us are managed.

Since none of the nearly 100 people at the public input meeting spoke out against the application, it is safe to say there is broad community support for Nakusp Community Forest's application for a probationary licence.

**Draft Nakusp Official Community Plan
Schedule A**

5. Require sidewalks and curbs in commercial development.
6. Separate paths and sidewalks from street
7. Enhance Internet access to attract families and businesses.
8. Bring on an Economic development officer in conjunction with RDCK
9. Complete a professional parking study to consider alternatives to off street parking in the core area (fees or on street parking) and to review angle parking, parking on side streets, parking for large RVs and large trucks.
10. Revise, and better enforce, the parking by-law to direct large RV's and trucks to side streets, to discourage them from parking in front of stores and impeding traffic and access.
11. Actively enforce the use and occupancy bylaws in the core area and development permit guidelines.
12. Introduce a downtown revitalization tax exempting by-law.

4.4 Industrial Development

GOAL:

- *To encourage environmentally friendly industrial development.*

IT IS THE POLICY OF COUNCIL:

1. To encourage the development of high-paying, labour intensive Industries.
2. To pursue community owned power generation
3. To minimize detrimental effects of industrial development on the natural environment and surrounding areas.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES:

1. Require a high quality of site design including extensive landscaping and visual buffers from non-industrial use.
2. Designate an eco-industrial park to locate the majority of new industrial uses and developments in Nakusp, and establish other land bank sites for industrial development.

4.5 Community Forestry

GOAL:

- *To pursue a community forest development to increase the economic and social benefits for the community from sustainable management of the area's forest resources.*

IT IS THE POLICY OF COUNCIL:

1. To realize the economic benefit from open market log sales to take advantage of

Draft Nakusp Official Community Plan Schedule A

diversified markets.

2. To encourage expanded local wood manufacturing by increasing availability of raw logs to local producers.
3. That the Village retain ownership of the community forest through a corporate structure and management plan
4. To require broad community representation and establish a mechanism for public input.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES:

1. As part of corporate structure and management plan, include:
 - a. Develop a detailed conflict resolution process.
 - b. Set goals for division of profits which are compatible with community development goals identified in the OCP.
 - c. Have a council representative on Board of Directors

5. Recreation & Tourism

GOALS:

- *To sustain and promote a healthy active community*
- *To beautify the area and increase pride in our community.*
- *To provide quality facilities and attract visitors to the area.*
- *To promote economic activity from tourism*

IT IS THE POLICY OF COUNCIL:

1. To provide municipal recreational services to the urban and rural parts of the municipality, as finances permit.
2. To make recreational facilities more available and user friendly (i.e. access for people with disabilities to our sports centre)
3. To provide new recreational opportunities to seniors.
4. To increase the lifecycle and usage of our recreational facilities
5. To view recreational area (parks, sports complex) as a multigenerational centre and a community focal point.
6. To encourage cultural use of parks and recreational facilities
7. To ensure any new subdivision has a trail network and connections to trails
8. To improve connectivity between designated trails and accessibility to public in all seasons
9. To increase the shoulder season and winter tourism, eco-tourism, and soft adventure tourism activities
10. To protect the natural area from disturbance in parks
11. To expand the campground and improve amenities and operate it in a fiscally responsible manner.



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April 24, 2007

Karen Hamling, Director
Nakusp & Area Development Board
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Dear Karen:

Re: First Nations Consultation on the Nakusp Community Forest Proposed Area Amendment

This is to advise that consultation was undertaken by the district between February 7, 2007 and March 30, 2007 with all the First Nation's groups who have identified territorial or interest in this area. The purpose of this 2nd round of consultation was to amend the Nakusp area of interest to include 4 more areas. Two of these areas are located to the east of Nakusp, one north along the western side of Arrow Lake and another located at Galena Bay.



No specific concerns noted during this consultation. One First Nations group indicated they may be interested in a service agreement with NACFOR for traditional use studies or plant data but the band will contact them directly if they wish to pursue. The district has completed its consultation summary and recommended approval to the Regional Executive Director, Phil Zacharatos.

Please let me know if you require any further information on our First Nation's consultation process.

Yours truly,

Pam Shumka
Operations Manager
Arrow Boundary Forest District