

Logan Lake Community Forest

2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2026 at 6:02pm at the Logan Lake Senior's Society



- Present: Dave Prentice, Adam Buchanan, Chris D'Silva, Bob Van Tongeren, Toby Forrest, Nicole Montgomery, Robin Smith, Jim McNeely (Robin Smith stepped out part way)
- Randy Spyksma, Laura Caputo (Forsite)
- One guest

Administrative

1. Agenda

- Topics added to the agenda
 - o 2026 Working Budget
 - o LLCF/HVOA Conversations
 - o Spruce Budworm - Spray Program
 - o Logan Lake Eastblock – Clean Audit
- **MOTION: To approve the Feb 18, 2026 meeting agenda as amended. MSC**

2. Previous Minutes

- **MOTION: To approve the Dec 10, 2025 LLCFC Board Meeting Minutes as presented. MSC**

3. Monthly Financials

- **MOTION: Approve the Dec, 2025 Monthly Financials and Working Budget as presented. MSC**

4. *Working Budget for 2026*

- Recommend holding timber sales until market bounces back
- Ongoing project work
- Ongoing funded programs – some expenses are tied to these programs
- New Projects being developed and seeking funding opportunities
 - o Strategic Plan must be updated in 2026
- Note – reduction in our annual allowable cut has been approved by the province (18,300 m³)
- Amendments needed to budget, as discovered during Board meeting
 - o Add costs for supporting Heavy Metal Rocks program - \$2,500
 - o Add donation to firefighter spring seminar - \$5,000
 - o Increase scholarship fund by an additional \$1,500
- **MOTION: Approve the 2026 Working Budget with changes noted. MSC**

5. Communications Strategy

- Amplify to provide support in the operationalization of the communication strategy
- Forsite approved two-month contract. Proposal to turn it into a six-month contract
 - o Website management
 - o Establishment of newsletter

- Social media management
 - News releases
 - Goal is for LLCF Randy and Laura to learn from Amplify with the possibility of taking over once contract is over. Open to continue working with them if interested and approved by the board.
 - **MOTION: To accept proposal from Amplify to support communications as presented.**
- MSC**

6. Student Bursary

- Annual process – two bursaries for \$1,500 each
- Deadline for application has been changed to end of April
- There is interest in expanding the program to include students going into the trades
 - Board agrees to invest in the local youth but keep it within forestry as well
 - Could look into providing support for additional costs to students attending TRU programs
- **ACTION** *Volunteers needed for reviewing student applications.*
- **ACTION** *Set time aside at the next Board meeting to discuss other ways in which LLCF could support youth. *Action completed Feb 20, 2026.*
 - *Topic to be added to the Strategic Plan. *Action completed Feb 20, 2026.*
- **MOTION: To approve the offer of ~~two~~ three LLCF student bursaries for 2026.** **MSC**

7. New Board Members

- Two Board members leaving this year. Their last meeting will be in June 2026.
- Two new members start in June 2026.
- Posting made available at the end of January – Posted on facebook, LLCF website, DoLL website and LED sign in town.
 - No applications yet
- Expected timeline
 - Nomination period → Feb to March
 - Review/recommendation → April
 - Candidate interviews → April
 - Final recommendation to DoLL → May
 - DoLL to make the final selection for new board members
- Committee to support the process – Chris and Toby put their names forward
 - A few meetings and interviews to be expected for time commitment

8. New Website

- Recommendation from Amplify to include everyone's photo on the website under the team introduction section
- No opposition to having photos on the site
- **ACTION** *Board members to email a headshot to Laura. *Reminder send Feb 22, 2026.*

Operational

9. Coquihalla Block - Phase 2 Referrals

- Referrals out to First Nations and stakeholders

- 60-day consulting period
- Adjacent to Phase 1 blocks to create a significant landscape-level fuel corridor
 - Reduce wildfire risk from the highway into LLCF and beyond
 - Creates a fuel break that BCWS could use to protect City of Kamloops
- Prescription includes
 - Harvesting: partial cutting – single tree selection or small patches (1-4 tree lengths), up to 70% removals
 - Fuel treatments: hand, mechanical and potential prescribed fire

10. Logan Lake FireSmart Team 2026

- Proposed area for 2026: 5ha south of the disc golf
- Funding proposal submitted for 8 students
 - Funding put aside from FESBC – tied to productivity
 - Canada Jobs application submitted and pending approval
- CRI funding application to include FireSmart program
- **MOTION: To accept the FireSmart Team 2026 workplan as presented. MSC**

11. East Block Fuel Treatment

- Clean PwC audit – no findings were assessed

12. One CP Renewal

- Current one expiring December 2026
- This would be the third application
- Allows for flexibility in harvesting: when and where
 - Does not change referral process
- First Nations referral required for application
- Must have met all legal obligations to be approved
- **MOTION: To accept the OneCP workplan as presented. MSC**

13. Williamsons Sapsucker Wildlife Habitat Area

- Connected with Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
 - Established in 2008 due to nest presence
 - Critical habitat features: Large Py and At (nesting), large Fdi (sap trees), large woody debris (ant foraging)
 - Recommended to begin with call back and habitat assessment surveys: within WHA and 500m buffer
- High interest from First Nations
- Seeking funding opportunities
- Goal of surveys is to identify species presence, habitat quality and ecological restoration opportunities if needed

14. Logan Lake Trail Alliance

- Concept being born from the Trails Strategy currently being developed
- “Roundtable” to build on the momentum and “make it happen”

- LLCF, DoLL, HVOA, LLATV, Snowmobile Club, equestrian, RSTBC
- Tailored after "Shuswap Trail Alliance"
- Unique in motorized and non motorized
- Potential role for LLCF to provide base funding in the future

15. LLCF/HVOA Conversations

- "Logan Lake Trail Alliance"
 - o HVOA is interested in the concept and being a part of it
- Mimi Falls Trails
 - o HVOA likely taking over Mimi Falls trail maintenance/responsibility.
 - o Platform – in discussion with RSTBC on who will be responsible for the structure as HVOA does not have the capacity. Proposal for RSTBC to take over it as they are the best equipped to manage it.
- Planting Season
 - o Coordinated planning as planting season is approaching
- Access at the North End
 - o Spring field trip to be scheduled to assess this area along with LLATV, RSTBC, BCTS and LLCF
- Access Mgt with Ranchers
 - o Close access west of transmission line, coordinating expectations and access for tenure holders
- Re-design of the Main Trailhead
 - o HVOA is interested in moving forward with this proposal
 - o Working on getting a quote for design before making any plans/decisions

16. Spruce Budworm Spray Program

- Spruce budworm is a defoliator present in the LLCF and targets Douglas-fir trees
 - o Defoliation will not kill the trees
 - o If trees are hit heavily by defoliators multiple years in a row there could be increased mortality at a landscape level
- Sections of the LLCF along Highway 97D were sprayed to control the spruce budworm population in 2025
 - o This area has seen high levels of defoliation in the last 2 years
- Northeast section by the Coquihalla will be sprayed under the 2026 spray program run by the government

Strategic

17. Chartrand Creek Watershed Restoration

- High disturbance = increased peak flows and lower quality aquatic habitat
- Watershed health crisis experienced by First Nation partners
- Proposal to increase understanding of cumulative impacts in the watershed
- **ACTION: Connect with Wade regarding BCIT student restoration project that might of taken place by Chartrand Creek. *Email sent Feb 22, 2026**
- No motion was moving forward at this time – seed money may be needed in future

18. Strategic Plan Renewal

- Current plan is getting dated.
 - o Some initiatives have been completed, some are still pending
 - o Completed: Post wildfire, different path with First Nations, etc.
- Time for a refresh – aiming to have the new one developed by end of year (2026)
 - o Once finalized: proposal to do a one day workshop with the Board to discuss the plan
- **ACTION:** *Send out current plan to Board members.* **Action completed Feb 22, 2026.*
- **MOTION:** To accept the Strategic Plan Renewal workplan as presented. MSC

20. BCTS Conversations

- **MOTION:** To move In Camera. MSC
- **MOTION:** To return from In Camera with nothing to report. MSC

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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| • Q1 April 22, 2026 - Rescheduled | • Q3 Sept 9, 2026 |
| • Q2 June 10, 2026 | • Q4 Dec 9, 2026 |

Meeting adjourned 8:02pm.

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Per Chair

26.04.22

Date

