

Logan Lake Community Forest

2026 Q1 Meeting Minutes

Apr 22, 2026 at 6:02pm at the Logan Lake Senior's Society



LOGAN
LAKE
COMMUNITY
FOREST

- Present: Dave Prentice, Chris D'Silva, Toby Forrest, Nicole Montgomery, Robin Smith, Jim McNeely
- Absent: Bob Van Tongeren, Adam Buchanan
- Forsite: Randy Spyksma (virtual), Laura Caputo

Administrative

1. Agenda

- Topics added to the agenda:
 - o 20. Next Log Sale
 - o 22. SIP Funding – Prescribed Burn
- **MOTION: To approve the Apr 22, 2026 meeting agenda as amended. MSC**

2. Previous Minutes

- **MOTION: To approve the Feb 18, 2026 LLCFC Board Meeting Minutes as presented. MSC**
- **MOTION: To approve the Feb 18, 2026 LLCFC Board Meeting IN-CAMERA Minutes as presented. MSC**

3. Monthly Financials

- Monthly revenue breakdown not available this month, due to accountant being away on holidays. Will update when they are back.
- Expenses in colour are related to revenue from funding sources.
- FireSmart Youth Program costs incurred prior to summer are related to coordination with the WHY, and Forsite time for preparing for the next field season
 - o Funding sources have not kicked in yet
- **MOTION: Approve the March 2026 Monthly Financials and Working Budget as presented MSC**

4. General Management Monthly Budget

- Trending above average
- Seen progressive addition to the responsibilities - such as results from communication strategy
- First three months of the year usually see higher costs in general management due to high-level planning taking place, and other end of year tasks such as financial audits
- Will strategize and report back in June

5. LLCF Support of Youth Programs

- FireSmart – ongoing, great story

- Interest in expanding activities, trades, etc. when discussed welding program
 - o Board agrees to invest in the local youth but keep it within forestry as well
 - o Other perspectives
 - o Consider in our Strategic Planning process?
 - Welding program in Logan Lake – a one-time opportunity through TRU. Will not be available again, as the trailer used for this program at Logan Lake is being retired.
 - Need to be cautious of what is approved
 - Some funding requests are going to DoLL and LLCF
 - o Suggestion to build a policy related to what type of initiatives the LLCFC would support
 - o Included in governance policy, but can be updated to give clarity to District and guidance to the Board for all funding requests
 - o **ACTION Forsite to update governance policy, or create a funding policy, to provide DoLL and the Board with guidance on what funding requests will be supported by the LLCFC.**
 - Bandshell Lions presented to Doll for funds
 - o Waiting on specs from engineers for wood request to the LLCFC
6. Open House
- Public site visits in the Spring – starting to plan for June 10 presenting Prescribed Burn project
 - Hosting general open house in the Fall
7. SILGA 2026 AGM & Conference
- Southern Interior Local Government Association
 - Revelstoke, April 29 to May 2
 - Robin and Randy presenting
8. New Board Members
- Two applications submitted – no concerns raised by the Board
 - o Colin Parkinson
 - o Mike Anderson
 - Committee to support new member selection process: Chris and Toby
 - Process
 - o Provide Board with applicants, prelim vetting
 - o Ensure applicants are still interested
 - o Secure signed commitment form from applicants
 - o Committee to review applications and conduct interviews
 - Recommendation to be drafted by email in time for the new members to join in June
9. LLCF Board
- Selection of President/Chair and Vice-President on an annual basis
 - o Board to recommend to District, through a motion, the next Director to act as president
 - o District of Logan Lake to confirm or not, the recommendation from the Board
 - o Board will also assign vice-president candidate

- **MOTION – To recommend Chris D'Silva to the DoLL as the President of the LLCF and Chair of the LLCFC Board MSC**
- **MOTION – To accept Toby Forrest as Vice-President of the LLCF and Vice-Chair of the LLCFC Board. MSC**
- **ACTION Draft letter for DoLL to approve new president nomination.**

10. Bidding vs Direct Award for Fuel Mgt Contracts

- Currently operating under a direct award contract honoring system with First Nations-owned contractors – as per Board Policy
- Considering pros and cons of bidding vs direct award for fuel management contracts
- Key to developing and building First Nations relationships and capacity
- Why consider the change
 - Rising costs
 - Increasing interest from new and existing contractors (junior companies too)
- With the exception of log sales, it has been at least 5 years since the LLCF has put out contracts to tender
- LLCF has assisted Bands, such as Tk'emlups, in building up capacity
 - Has strengthened First Nation relationships
 - Contractors prioritizing us
 - Even distribution of work among bands- varies year after year fur to capacity and funding
- No external pressure to go to bid, just exploring options in an attempt to lower operational costs
 - Current system working well, positive view for the LLCFC
 - Could we try a combination of bidding and direct award?
 - Board does not want to jeopardize relationships built with First Nations, this has also assisted DoLL with working with First Nations
 - Board does want to ensure costs are fair
- **ACTION Forsite to look over cost increases over the last 5 years, and report back in June with policy updates**

11. Correspondence

- Email from Amanda Cowell
 - Reached out to express gratitude for supporting her son, Bryson, as well as 3 other students in attending Heavy Metal Rocks
- Facebook Post from Chey (FireSmart Youth program and Heavy Rocks tuition recipient)
 - Thankful for the opportunity to attend Heavy Metal Rocks

Operational

12. HVOA

- Fun Run
 - Saturday September 26th
 - To encourage people to check out the trails further out. Runs for 5km, 10km.
- Disc Golf Tournament

- Weekend October 3-4
- Hosting provincial tournament
- LLATV club hosting 25th anniversary trail ride on Sunday
- **MOTION: To approve donation to HVOA for hosting sports events.**
 - HVOA requested LLCF swag for the event and a booth to talk about tenure overlap, trail rehab work...

13. HVOA – Disc Golf Area Danger Tree Management

- Visited HVOA Disc Golf course – retained stands are starting to fall
- Provided guidance to volunteers assisting with danger tree removals, planting and general ground maintenance
- Discussed our obligations and commitments as foresters
- Building SOP for the work they are doing to maintain the fairways, deal with dead trees and fuel loading
 - To provide recommendations over concerns with Fuel management and potential archeological sites
- Build a reforestation strategy with HVOA to integrate with our obligations
 - New disc golf course being established over left behind areas

14. Logan Lake Main Trailhead Design

- Lees and Associates working on preliminary design of HVOA Trail Head
- Notice of re-design sent to First Nations seeking to see if there is interest in partnering
- Kick off meeting- maintenance concerns/comments brought forward
- **MOTION: To engage with Lees and Associates as presented to undertake conceptual redesign of the Main Logan Lake Trailhead. MSC March 10, 2026 via email.**

15. Ministry of Forest Drought Trial

- Purpose: to assess reforestation efforts on post-wildfire and drought prone areas
- Planting two areas, final locations to be determined
- 3300 seedlings, xeric and mesic sites, stock types 410, 415B, 415D, and 420 for Fdi and Py; 615A for Fdi only
- More trees to be planted next spring

16. Animal Traps?

- Found along access road west of Greenstone Creek
- Seen by multiple Board members along ATV trails and roads
- Some seen with food, appear to be baiting
- **ACTION Follow up conversation with conservation officer and report back**

17. Spring 2026 Planting Program

- Planned to start on April 29 to May 13
- Access management plan in place due to road sensitivity of trails
- 700,000 seedlings to be planted
 - o 500k appraisal
 - o 200k FIP funded
- + 3,300 seedlings from drought trial
- Scouts planting planned for May 9th
- Spring 2027 – Secured 300k seedlings from FIP

18. Wyse Creek Bridge

- Scheduled for late-July or August for installation by Skeetchestn
- Skeetchestn proposed to spot treat - \$500
 - o After installation, bridge will be over the creek, which could result in higher maintenance costs, and higher complications for maintenance
 - o Spot treatment area can also increase with time
- Engineer recommends to sandblast the whole bridge to increase life span as noted - \$8,500
- **MOTION:** *To increase the budget for the Wyse Creek ATV Bridge installation to account for sandblasting and repainting of the bridge. Sent by email on April 10, 2026.*
MSC

ATV staging area

- Updates to costs in ATV staging area
- Significantly higher than we had anticipated.
 - o Shulus quote significant lower than Skeetchestn, but still in the 45-65k range
 - o Only have 10k secured (from LL ATV club), had hoped it would cover most costs
- Have not approached the LL ATV club yet on how to tackle this moving forward
- LLCF has put money on the bridge crossing, cannot move forward with funding staging area
 - o Cannot fund two large ticket items due to bad logging market
- Merritt ATV club got grants from rec sites and trails (+ one other funding source) to create staging area. Final cost 45k.
- Approach GCRM for funding as they use the area as well. Could try the Thompson ORV club as well.

19. Trail Strategy

- Final report completed
- **MOTION to accept the Trails Strategy as guidance for trails planning and implementation moving forward.** **MSC**

20. The Next Log Sale

- Considering putting a sale up to test the market.
- Really want to move the Paska Fuel Corridor forward – plus some blocks west of that area

- Second would be the Logan Lake East and the Harvesting in the Old Growth Area SE of town – pending approval of OGMA move
- Do not want to post a sale, and take it down if offers are too low, as this could lead to a bad reputation
- Mills have been asking for fall sales
- Thinking of posting one in the fall to test the market

Strategic

21. LLCF Strategic Plan

- Need to schedule a workshop with Board and Council
- Meeting likely to take 3hrs + dinner
- Propose to meet on a weekday after 4pm
 - o Council not available on May 5 and 19
- What dates work for everyone?
 - o Not available May 4-22

22. SIP Funding – Prescribed Fire – discussion

- Secured \$50K to support implementation of our first prescribed fire (reported on this earlier)
- Final funding agreement not in place yet – pending input from SIP
- Key will be building relationships with First Nations and BCWS
- Planning to include this area in our Spring Public Field Tour
- Kick-off First Nations meeting held...
- Additional Topics
 - o Prescribed Fire vs Cultural Fire
 - o Expanding area from the 2ha
- Board recommends communicating the project well and far in advance for community support
 - o Good advertisement through Facebook, posters around town
- Fire chief, Doug, contributed to the proposal, sees the project as an opportunity for cross training between municipal firefighters and provincial prescribe burn firefighters
- **ACTION Forsite staff to reach out to the Clinton Community Forest for advice in communication/community interactions.**

In-Camera

23. LLCF and BCTS Discussions

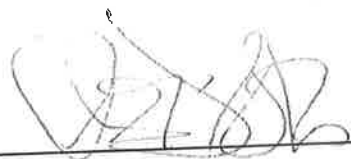
- ***MOTION: To move In Camera. MSC***
- ***MOTION: To return from In Camera with nothing to report. MSC***

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- Q2 June 10, 2026
- Q3 Sept 9, 2026
- Q4 Dec 9, 2026

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT


Per Chair

10 Jun 2026
Date