



HARROP PROCTER COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE

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Harrop-Procter Community Cooperative (HPCC) Annual General Meeting

May 22, 2024, 7:00 PM Procter Hall
Recording Secretary: Britta Barteski

- 1. Chair and Recording Secretary** - President Bill Macpherson chaired the meeting and Britta Barteski acted as Recording Secretary.
- 2. Welcome** – President Bill Macpherson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Bill thanked all of those in attendance for coming.
- 3. President's Report** - President Bill Macpherson began by thanking the employees, contractors, and volunteer Board of Directors (past and present) of Harrop-Procter Community Co-Operative (HPCC).
- 4. Forest Manager's Report** - Forest Operations Manager Erik Leslie began by inviting everyone in attendance to the Community Forest Public Meeting at Harrop Hall on June 19, 2024, at 7 pm. Erik presented maps representing drought, biodiversity, and climate projection in HPCC's Community Forest from 1990 – 2055 – 2085. Erik encouraged everyone in the audience to attend the upcoming public meeting to hear more about the climate adaptation project. Erik discussed past, present, and future fuel mitigation practices and showed examples of what to look for and the damages done by the Douglas-fir beetle in our community forest.

5. Questions & Comments:

Dave Johnson – What is the life expectancy of a Douglas-fir after the tree has been affected by the beetle? A: 2-year life expectancy.

Rami Rothkop commented on the forest density before the settlers came to the area, noting that the indigenous groups native to the area would have implemented slash-and-burn methods. Our community forest has experienced extremes of burning and no burning for extended periods.

Dirk Segstro – Where can I access Douglas-fir beetle traps? A: Erik will connect with Dirk and assist him in attaining beetle traps.

Joern – Would HPCC consider implementing a small-scale logging operation to assist with fuel and fire management? A: Bill – Funding would be difficult, and the upkeep of machinery would be costly. It is not out of the question, but it is a project that needs to be carefully considered. Erik – Community Forests are implementing in-house small-scale logging up North. HPCC may consider looking at these projects in planning for the future.

6. Strategic Planning Review – Strategic Planning Committee Chair Katie Hill shared HPCC's purposes and the importance of consistently reviewing HPCC's purposes. HPCC's purposes must be aligned with forestry operations, milling operations, and organizational policies. The mill upgrade includes upgrading outdated equipment, installing three-phase power, reorganizing the processing layout, adding a roof cover, repurposing waste (biochar, baling shavings & sawdust), and shifting the parking area and sales office. HPCC reserves and the BC Ministries of Jobs Economic and Innovation Grant will cover funding for the above projects. Katie closed her presentation with the long-term HPCC legacy fund plans for the community.

Erik asked the directors to share information about HPCC's committees. Bill spoke to the committees (Social, Forest Operations, Recreation, Community Engagement, HR, Finance, and Strategic Planning).

7. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Marie Chanton presented the 2023 financial report. Together Erik and Marie spoke to the forestry and logging financials. Marie touched on reserves for the future through the legacy fund. She explained how HPCC researched what other community forests are doing to assist with forming HPCC's legacy fund.

8. Special Resolution – Chair Bill Macpherson presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED as a Special Resolution by the members of the Harrop-Procter Community Cooperative at their Annual General Meeting held May 22, 2024, that pursuant to Section 109 of the Cooperative Association Act, the Cooperative hereby waives the appointment of an auditor.

Bill Macpherson moved that HPCC waive the appointment of an official auditor. The appointment was unanimously approved.

Bill then asked for a volunteer to audit financial statements for the year 2023, pursuant to Rule 111. Lynda Dosenberger volunteered.

9. Election of Officers – Verbal confirmation for the following directors to agree to another term as directors: Bill Macpherson, Diane Gamble, Deb Crichton, and Gerry Held.

Bill opened the floor for nominations of new Directors. Gwen Davis was nominated as a Director. All attendees accepted the nomination.

The directors for the next year are:

Marie Chanton	Debbie Crichton
Tim Davis	Mike Drinkwater
Diane Gamble	Gerry Held
Katie Hill	Naomi Legg
Bill Macpherson	Gwen Davis
Jim Yule	

A vote was conducted, and all Directors were unanimously moved to be approved.

10. Adjournment – Bill Macpherson thanked all for attending and declared the 2024 Annual General Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.