

Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation Annual General Meeting For Fiscal Year 2020 September 8, 2021 Agenda

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Introduction

- Directors

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| – Jim Sears | Port Alberni |
| – Gary Swann | Port Alberni |
| – Chris Duncan | Port Alberni |
| – Ed Proteau | Port Alberni |
| – Bob Cole | Sproat Lake |
| – Warren Lauder | Hupacasath |
| – Dwayne Hearn | Tseshaht |

- Manager

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| – Chris Law | Sproat Lake Forestry Services Limited |
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Chairperson's Report

- Safety continues to be a focus for our Manager as he continues to monitor contractor compliance and standards.
- There were no wildfires on our Community Forest Tenure during the 2020 fire season.
- There were no log sales in 2020. a cutting permit for our next logging in 2021 was approved near the end of 2020 thus triggering an income in our income statement for 2020. This is a non cash income and does not effect our cash flow.
- Engineering for future harvesting operations continued in 2020 and continue today to plan for our operations in the coming years.
- The Taylor Block issues mentioned in our last AGM have not been resolved and we are still unable to harvest areas previously planned due to First Nations concerns . We will have to make some decisions in the near future regarding the Taylor Block as much of the old growth in this block is either non economic or tied up with third party concerns not yet resolved.

Chair Person Report (Cont.)

- Goshawk habitat concerns in the Taylor Block are not yet resolved with the Ministry and this may effect our harvest of second growth stands that have been outlined in our long term plan and would be part of our 2022 harvesting plans.
- Our financial position at the end of 2020 continues to be strong with an end of the year retained earnings of just over 1.5 million dollars. Our audited net income was \$376,136 due to the non cash income of \$631,000 representing the value of the approved cutting permit.
Our retained earning remained healthy even though we paid a dividend of 2 million dollars to the City .
- Our Manager has continued to work with other user groups to ensure we offer a diversity of benefits to our community groups. New trails have been built and more have been planned to expand our trail network.
Chris will talk further about the our planned logging for 2021 included trail relocation to maintain the trail values in the areas surrounding the logging operations.

Forward Look

- Log markets and operations
 - Log markets have been favourable in the last year and we have taken advantage of the market with our current logging.
- The Taylor Block
 - We will be looking at our options in the Taylor area with both the old growth and the second growth options. Access costs and public consultation remain a challenge at this time.
- We will continue to work with the Trails Groups and other user groups to offer a diverse experience for our community

Expansion Efforts

- We continued discussions with the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Some small parcels have been proposed, but this is a long process before any resolution is reached. The parcels proposed would be primarily recreation based with some minor return from harvesting.
- We have started the process of trying to enlist the efforts of our local provincial representative in an effort to move the process further.

Financial Report
Rob Anderson
R.Anderson & Associates

Year ending Dec 31, 2020

Dividends arising from 2020 Operations

- Our Board of Directors has approved awarding a dividend of \$300,000 to our shareholder, the City of Port Alberni.

**Alberni Valley Community Forest
Corporation 2020 AGM
Managers Report.
Third Five Year Cut Control
Year Two**



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Dynamite Logging Ltd. Local Contractor Started Planned 2020 Harvest

**Processor Clearing Road Right of
Way Weiner Creek**



**Processing and Log Forwarding
Bookhout Creek**



Harvesting in 2020

No logs were loaded and sold but about 5000 m³ were felled and decked at roadside in 2020.

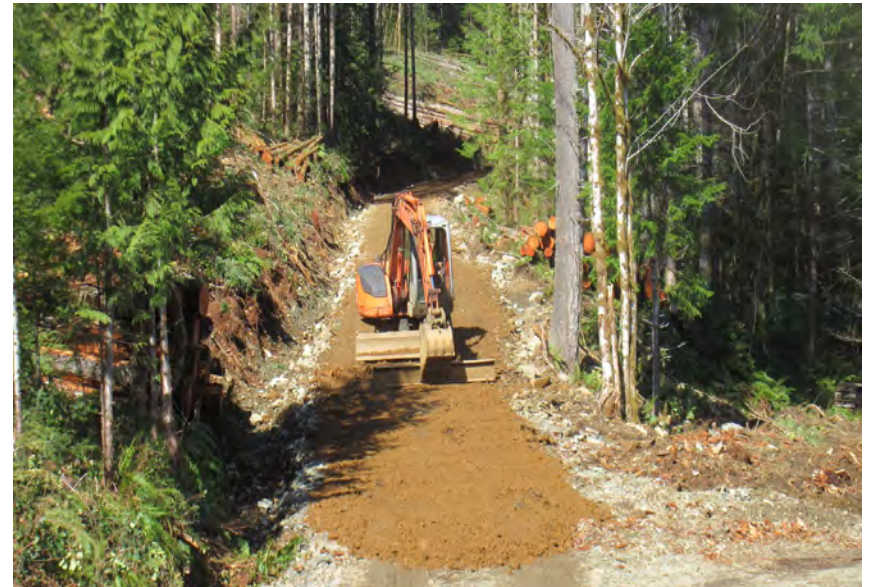
Shortage of logging trucks delayed hauling till 2021.



Local Contractor Eagle Eye Enterprises Completed 2020 Road Rehabilitation

AVCFC Rehabilitated existing roads including sections of “The Old Tofino Highway”, the old McMillan Bloedel logging road along the north side of Sproat Lake.

The old logging roads were built for the large off highway trucks so they are a good base to work from.



Replace Wooden Stringer Bridge to Meet Safety Requirements

Annual bridge inspection indicated rotten stringers.

Bridge not rated for weight of log loader.

Engineered bridge designed to new safety standards.

Bridge installed by Eagle Eye.



Continued Focus on Safety

Pruning out branches to improve visibility around corners.



Keeping public informed with correct signs. Making sure to take down when project completed.



Planning for Visual Effect

Comments come in from Public when logging starts. Fear AVCFC is going to clear cut large area of Old Growth. Harvesting was actually completed when this photo was taken by concerned citizen. AVCFC encourages public to express their concerns.



2020 harvesting. Photo taken to assess visuals from the areas on Sproat Lake which were impacted the most by harvesting. Photo taken after harvest complete.



Fire Prevention and Preparedness

Plan harvesting high risk fire activities when fire hazard is very low.



Move waste wood on roadside for firewood cutting. Less likely for firewood cutter to start fire.



Fire Hazard Reduction

Branches and small tops piled to reduce fire hazard. Piles located more than 20 meters from tree line. Will be burnt this winter.



Retention of Deciduous trees to create a stand more resistant to fire. Good for biodiversity also.



Providing Firewood to the Public

Waste wood moved on to roadside for easy safe access for the public to cut firewood. Reduces need to burn slash piles and reduces forest fire risk.

Fire Hazard monitored to shut down firewood cutting when fire hazard risk is too high



Silviculture Reforestation Utilizing Alberni Valley Employees

**Community forest has planted
539,000 trees. 48,000 trees planted in
2020 by residents of the Alberni Valley**

**Deer browse protection installed on
36,300 Western Red Cedar trees. 5000
removed in 2020 by local employees.**



2020 Good Year for Brushing.

Low Fire Hazard For Much of the Year

50 Hectares of Maple were pruned to dominant stems for Biodiversity and to create a more fire resistant stand.

**A good productive Biodiverse stand.
Good regeneration of coniferous with pruned deciduous Maple**



Wildlife Habitat Planning.

Old abandoned Goshawk nest were discovered in AVCF lands. Three years of surveys found no active nests. Root rot has killed nest trees and nests and trees are in advance state of decay.



While doing Goshawk survey a small heard of Elk were observed in the same area.



On Site Public Communication and Information

Keeping signs current about logging activities. Signs on ATV trails which access active areas.



Signs for recreation users when adjacent to active harvest or blasting for road construction or improvements.



Alberni Valley Community Forest Becoming More Popular for Recreation

Trail Construction to replace trail impacted by harvesting.



Winter Recreation in the Taylor FDU



Increased Use of AVCF Lands During COVID 19

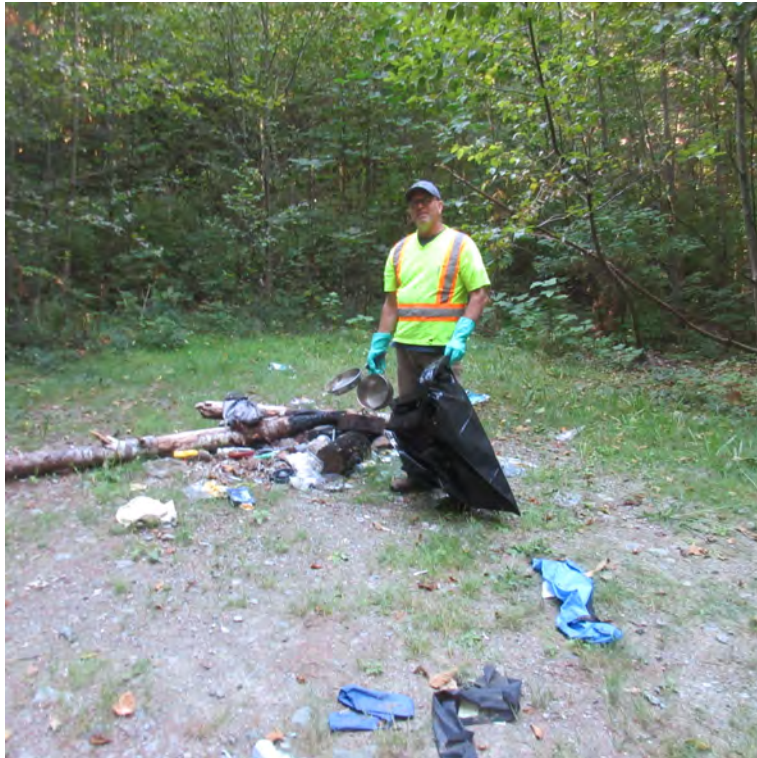
All of the trail networks have seen a large increase of recreation use since Spring 2020. Hunting season has just started. Wear high visible clothing

Trail Head parking area Weiner Creek.



Some Irresponsible Recreation Use

A small percentage of recreation users leave a mess behind. Most recreation users leave area better than they find it



AVCFC tries to clean up garbage quickly as garbage tends to attract more garbage. Most people don't want to be the first to leave garbage.



Harvesting Plans 2021

Plan to harvest 10000 m³ of second growth fir in the Sproat FDU. This has already been completed.



Plan to harvest 10000 m³ of second growth in the Taylor FDU this fall. Area is having significant mortality due to root rot.



Rock Slide in Old Taylor Fire Area Blocked Road in Winter 2020

Rain on snow event triggered snow slide which triggered a rock debris slide.

Road access to trail along Klitsa Creek has been blocked.

Tree Planters used road the week previous to slide occurrence.

Planting schedule was changed due to rainfall shut down requirements.

