

**CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2007, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Minutes

In Attendance: Darcy Dobell, Larry Baird, Don McMillan, Eric Russcher, Jack Little, Larry Baird, Felix Jackson, Robert Sheldon

Staff: David Fraser, Rebecca Vines, Jean Wylie

Regrets: Gary Johnsen, Clive Pemberton, Stephanie Hughes, Lorraine Cameron, Wilf Luedke, Maureen Touchie, Diane St. Jacques, Kelly Johnsen, Denise Koshowski

Consent Agenda:

- Draft CBT Board Meeting Summary (September 27, 2007)
- Draft CBT ExComm Meeting Summary (October 15, 2007)
- Draft Budgetary Actuals (to October 11, 2007)

The Consent agenda was approved

Regular Business:

1) Meeting Agenda

Motion to accept agenda moved by Jack Little, seconded by Eric Russcher.

2) Reports

The Treasurer and Secretary are unavailable to attend this meeting and there was no correspondence at the time of writing. Acting Executive Director David Fraser provided his report to the Board focusing on the 2007 Call for Projects and attendant Committee review process, preparations for the October 24-26th Board retreat, the signing of a new lease for the Tofino office, and recent Advisory Committee discretionary allocations. David also noted that CBT staff would no longer participate as formal members on regional committees.

Motion to accept reports moved by Dan Edwards, seconded by Don McMillan

3) Core Priorities

David advised there was insufficient time to properly consider this matter at the September 2007 Board meeting. David therefore re-distributed the core priorities power-point presentation as well as the draft agenda for the upcoming October 26th-28th CBT Board Retreat. David also provided a brief overview of the Retreat binder prepared for Board members. Darcy expressed appreciation for the hard work that staff have already committed to this work and emphasized the need to nail down 2-3 key core priorities during the Retreat which will be shared with the communities for their feedback. During discussion it was agreed that general feedback from the communities to date reveal that the communities are relatively pleased with the recent work of CBT. The issue of the potential expansion of the Clayoquot Biosphere Reserve boundaries was raised to include the District of Ucluelet, Ittatsoo and Macoah. David offered to research the steps required to expand Biosphere Reserve boundaries and bring the results of this research back to a future Board meeting.

3) Ecotrust/Central Region Board proposed Community Forest Initiative

Brenda Reid-Kuecks provided an update on the Community Forest Initiative highlighting that in the interest of not establishing yet another institutional network in the region the proponents of this initiative would be open to possible future joint project funding with CBT, perhaps through the current CBT

Committee structure. It was noted that this initiative remains in the application stage; nothing has been signed and no monies have been received to date. When approved, the initiative will result in an additional \$1.6 million in resources over five years for the region. EcoTrust and the Central Region Board will develop a strategic plan which will be shared with the CBT Board at a future date. A future partnership arrangement between this initiative and the CBT will be considered in the future.

Motion by Jack Little, seconded by Don McMillan to support the Community Forest Initiative in principle and to ask staff to work with the Initiative's proponents on a possible future partnership arrangement.

4) 2007 CBT Call for Projects

Rebecca updated the Board on the 2007 Call for Projects process and the Advisory Committee deliberations. Rebecca advised that 33 projects were submitted before the deadline for a total funding request of approximately \$204K. The staff will direct submission to the appropriate Advisory Committee and continue to work with the Committees to develop recommendations to the Board.

5) Clayoquot Sound Wolf Study

A decision on the 2006 Clayoquot Sound Wolf Study has not yet been reached. David recommended that the Board make a decision on how to proceed with this request. Bruce Frank requested that this decision be postponed until the next Board meeting. In the meantime, Bruce will discuss this matter with the Tla-o-qui-aht hereditary chiefs.

Moved by Eric Russcher, seconded by Jack Little to carry this decision forward for final approval at the next board meeting.

6) Public Questions

There was a question of clarification from the public concerning the potential partnership between the Community Forest Initiative proponents and CBT. It was clarified that the Initiative's proponents and CBT would work together to determine the feasibility of linking funding requests through existing CBT mechanisms such as the Advisory Committees.

Another question on the reasoning behind considering a possible extension of Biosphere boundaries was asked. Eric responded by stating that the CBT is a much more healthy organization than it has been in the recent past and the possible extension of the boundaries represents a shift from past way of thinking and an opportunity to leave the negative history behind. As all communities in the region share a common vision it makes sense to be inclusive through an expansion.

7) In camera

The Board considered legal and personnel matters.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for November 21, 2007 (the Nov. 21st meeting was subsequently cancelled due to conflicts with other regional events).