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Subject Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative – Appointment

REQUEST

Appointment of representatives to the Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative.

OPTIONS

1. THAT Director _____ be appointed to the Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative.
2. THAT Director _____ be appointed as alternate to the Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative.
3. THAT the Regional District of East Kootenay Board not participate on the Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative.

RECOMMENDATION

Options 1 and 2

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In April 2019, Premier Horgan invited forestry company CEOs to take the initiative to form Timber Supply Area (TSA) coalitions. The goal of the coalitions is to develop positive and forward looking visions for a successful industry focused on the mid-term timber supply that will support workers, Indigenous Nations and communities.

There was strong interest expressed to participate in the initiative and a kickoff meeting was held on November 26, 2019. There was consensus that the Cranbrook, Invermere and Kootenay Lake TSAs have positive futures for a thriving forest sector. Local governments have been invited to participate on the coalition.

The group identified the initial 'start up' actions including:

- Respect and recognition of the rights and title of the Indigenous Nations on whose traditional territories the forest sector operates in the region.
- Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative to be established to help achieve a positive future for the sector and help deliver tangible outcomes focused on the working forest's mid-term timber supply.
- Interim Steering Committee was established to initiate the planning process.
- Next 'large group' collaborative group meeting to be planned for spring 2020.
- Steering Committee will be established at the next 'large group' meeting.
- Build a draft Action Plan in early 2020 based on preliminary ideas generated.

The Draft Terms of Reference of the Coalition are attached.

Attachment