

# McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest (MLMCF)

## Report to Membership

(Dave Forshaw, Tania Solonas, Andrew Barnes, Alec Chingee, Ron Crosby, Joan Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Stephanie Killam, Amber Hancock & Mayor Pat Crook)

## Spring/Summer

### DIRECTORS

Ron Crosby, Chair (DOM) Esa Aatelma (MLIB)  
 Amber Hancock (DOM) Tania Solonas (MLIB)  
 Stephanie Killam (DOM) To be Named (MLIB)  
 Alec Chingee (MLMCF)



## Strong Partnership between the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the District of Mackenzie

### PROFIT DISTRIBUTION 2017

On June 20<sup>th</sup> the MLMCF presented cheques of \$500,000 each to McLeod Lake Indian Band and the District of Mackenzie for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. For the 2016 fiscal year, the MLMCF board of directors declared a profit of \$1.5 million, which was shared three ways in accordance with its policy on the Distribution of Profits. The company has done well in recent years due to increased salvage logging of pine killed by Mountain Pine Beetle and other forest health harvesting. Now that the dead pine in the Community Forest's tenure area has been salvaged, the annual cut will be much reduced, as will the annual revenues. The Community Forest does not expect to generate such large profits in the future.

### FUNDING POLICY RECIPIENTS 2017

<b>Synergy Applied Ecology</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
Wildlife monitoring around town	
<b>Mackenzie Nordiques</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>
Convert lighting on 2.5 km lit trail to energy efficient LED bulbs	
<b>MORATA (Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association)</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
Tool for trail maintenance/design plan	
<b>Mackenzie Nature Observatory Banding Station</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
Kitchen shelter at banding station	
<b>Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
Upgrade to Mackenzie Legacy Garden	
<b>Mackenzie Gets Healthy</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
Support in creation of exercise park	

### DONATIONS 2017

<b>Mackenzie &amp; District Museum</b>	<b>\$ 2,400</b>
Transfer negatives to digital	
<b>Mackenzie Secondary School</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
Bursary for student continuing in forestry field studies	
<b>McLeod Lake Indian Band AGA</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
Silver sponsor for MLIB AGA 2017	
<b>Mackenzie Spring Expo</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
Silver sponsor for Spring Expo 2017	

The MLMCF is a partnership between the McLeod Lake Indian Band (MLIB) and the District of Mackenzie (DOM), which has been nearly 20 years in the making, as it was proposed in a 1997 report. In 2003, discussions began on the formation, and the outcome was one of the first partnerships between a First Nation and a Municipality. The community forest K2M licence was awarded to the MLMCF in August 2009, just before the economic recession in the forest industry. This license is an 'Area Based Tenure', which means the license is specific to a defined area of forest land and the Licensee has exclusive rights to harvest in those areas; 24,664 hectares in 5 separate units called: Dastaiga, Parsnip, Gagnon, Cut Thumb and Morfee.

The Community Forest is managed by a board with three directors appointed by the McLeod Lake Indian band and three directors appointed by the District of Mackenzie for three-year terms, and the appointed directors elect a seventh member to serve a one-year term. There is also a Public Advisory Group (PAG) that meets 2-3 times per year, to be kept informed on the community forest's activities and plans which stakeholders and the public are invited to discuss and comment on. Day to day operations are carried out by the General Manager, and Administrative Assistant and numerous other contractors, mostly local.

