

## Draft Agenda – FGC Business Meeting

8:30 am – 12:00 pm, Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Location: Spruce Room, Prince George Resource District Office, [2000 Ospika Blvd. S](#), Prince George.

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#	Time	Min.	Item	Presenter
1	8:30	5	Welcome and Introductions	Chair
2	8:35	5	Agenda	Chair
3	8:40	20	Action Items and Approval of minutes from June 14, 2017	Chair
4	9:00	45	SelectSeed Directors’ Letter to FGC	Glen Dunsworth Jim Burbee
5	9:45	15	Standing Items: CBST and Succession	Pat Martin Michael Stoehr
	10:00	15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
6	10:15	15	Seed Supply and FGC Recommendations to CF	Pat Martin
7	10:30	45	Streamlining Subcommittee report and recommendations	Brian Barber
8	11:15	15	CF Principles re Public and Private Seed Orchards	Pat Martin
9	11:30	10	Genome BC Update	Rahul Singh
10	11:40	5	Mike Carlson memorial held Oct 11	Brian
11	11:45	15	FGC Awards and Recognition	Brian
12	12:00	10	New Business and Announcements	All
13	12:10	5	Next Meeting	Brian
14	12:15		Adjourn	

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

**John Huybers**, District Manager, has generously offered FGC use of its Spruce Board room for this meeting. Please note sign-in and safety requirements.

FGC welcomes **Tony Hopkin**, Director, Entomology & Phytosanitary Research, as the new representative from Natural Resources Canada. Tony works at the Pacific Forestry Centre in Victoria.

**Annette van Niejenhuis** was re-appointed for another 3-year term as CTAC Chair. **Mark Hay** was also re-appointed for another 3-year term as BCTS rep.


### 2. Agenda

Confirm attendance, membership proxies, and quorum. Call meeting to order. Review draft agenda.

Suggested resolution:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for this meeting is hereby approved.

### 3. Action Items and Minutes from June 14, 2017

Draft minutes of the June 14, 2017 meeting was sent as a separate document .

**Action Items:**

Responsibility	Actions	Status
Brian	Carried forward from March 14  Scope out a seed planning model that accounts for future seed demand and TSR, and report back to FGC. Action deferred due to CBST.	Deferred
Kori with Nick Ukrainetz and SelectSeed, VSOC and Ministry.	Carried forward from March 14  Present a plan for identifying the materials and timelines for advancing towards establishment of the new second generation Pli orchards. Action deferred due to CBST.	Deferred
FGC TAC Streamlining subcommittee (Pat lead)	Carried forward from March 14  1. Develop some terms of reference for the review, including principles and scope, for FGC approval;  2. Undertake review and report progress to Council June and Sept 2017; and  3. Deliver a final report and recommendations to FGC by October 31, 2017.	See item # 7
Members	Forward ideas to Pat on how to improve incorporation of genetic gain in TSR.	Complete
Brian	Post approved minutes from Mar 14 meeting on FGC website.	Complete
TIB HQ	Communicate recent changes to CBST tool following data updates and refresh by Foresite.	Complete
Mark, Jeff and Domenico	Raise tree improvement program funding with Diane Nicholls at next Chief Forester Leadership team meeting in July.	Complete?
Members	Discuss how to best prepare for next year's budget request – subject to above, new government, changes to LBIS, FES etc. - at Sept/Oct meeting.	See item # 7

Dan, Pat, Brian	Discuss potential funding opportunities with Forest Enhancement Society for their next intake in Sept (e.g. projects recommended but not funded by LBIS).	In progress
Pat	Provide FGC and Brian with actual LBIS tree improvement expenditures by subprogram for 2016/17. Brian to include in 2016/17 annual report.	In progress
Brian	Solicit additional nominations for CTAC chair from CTAC members, and forward to FGC for consideration	Complete
Brian and Jack	Prepare 2017/18 Business Plan by August and 2016/17 Annual Report by Sept/Oct for FGC review and approval.	In progress
Members	Set up Skype account and send Contact invitation to Brian T Barber.	In progress
Brian	Send FGC Achievement Award nomination criteria and list of prior recipients to FGC. Council members may submit nominations for consideration.	Complete See item # 11
Members	Discuss other awards and recognition at fall meeting	See item # 11
Brian	Prepare options for field tour topics/stops and send Doodle Poll for late Sept/early Oct for meeting based out of Quesnel.	Complete

**Minutes**

A resolution approving the draft minutes from the June 14, 2017, meeting is required. The Approved minutes will be posted on the FGC website.

Suggested resolution:

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the FGC meeting held June 14, 2017 are hereby approved.

**4. SelectSeed Board of Directors' Letter to FGC**


At the SelectSeed AGM held June 14<sup>th</sup>, the following action item was recorded.

**ACTION:** Board to provide recommendations to the Society re investment options for the Company's projected future revenues.

On October 8, **Glen Dunswoth**, President and Chairman, SelectSeed Co. Ltd submitted a letter to FGC (c/o Pat Martin) regarding future investment options for the Company. (See separate attachment )

Glen (via phone) and **Jim Burbee**, Director, will present the Board's letter and recommendations to FGC.


## 5. Standing items: Climate-based seed transfer and program succession

Refer to separate attachment  for CBST update. Also see CBST [website](#)  
**Pat Martin** will summarize and respond to questions.


**Pat** and/or **Michael Stoehr**, A/Manager, Forest Genetics, will provide updates on staffing and succession planning within the Ministry's Forest Improvement and Research Management Branch (FIRM).

## 6. Seed Supply and FGC Recommendations to Diane Nicholls, Chief Forester

On September 12, 2017, FGC held a conference call to discuss seed supply and demand in response to this year's wildfires. A set of recommendations and principles were drafted and provided to Diane Nicholls, Chief Forester, for her consideration and action as appropriate.


Refer to October 5 email from Pat Martin to FGC. Subject "Draft Recommendations on seed supply and use in wildfire-impacted areas" (separate attachment ). Pat will provide update and lead discussion.

## 7. Streamlining Subcommittee report and recommendations

See separate report provided.  Suggested resolution

**RESOLVED THAT** the recommendations of the Streamlining Subcommittee be adopted and implemented.

## 8. CF Principles re Public and Private Seed Orchards

In July 2019, Jim Snetsinger, Chief Forester, endorsed a set of Guiding Principles Respecting Public and Private Seed Orchard Management in BC. (see separate [attachment](#) )

Significant changes to seed transfer standards, such as CBST, were not considered at that time, nor do these principles provide adequate guidance to resolve issues that expected to arise as seed producers seek to adjust their orchards in response to CBST and changes in seed supply and demand.

FGC co-chairs therefore propose that these principles be updated and reviewed through a CBST-lens, and in consideration of other items identified by FGC.

## 9. Genome BC Update

[Rahul Singh](#), Sector Manager, Agrifood and Natural Resources, will provide an update of Genome BC's programs, and sponsored projects of relevance to FGC. FGC might also consider how it could partner with Genome BC to help advance their respective goals.

## 10. Mike Carlson memorial held Oct 11

Dr. Mike Carlson, former ministry research scientist and lodgepole pine tree breeder, passed away from ALS on September 25, 2017. See [obituary](#). A memorial for was held on October 11.

## 11. FGC Awards and Recognition

Members requested further discussion and consideration be given to FGC awards and recognition.

## 12. New Business and Announcements

## 13. Next meeting

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (winter) meeting is often a 2-3 hour conference call. Brian Doodle Poll can be used to identify available dates/times.

## 14. Adjourn

A resolution to adjourn the FGC meeting is needed.