

ROBSON VALLEY FISH & WILDLIFE CLUB
Annual General Meeting
 Wednesday, October 20
 7:30 P.M.
 McBride Secondary School



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Rex Hatchard 569-2493



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241 Dominion St.

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TRC Cedar Limited - Public Notice

Over the last few weeks, TRC Cedar Limited has been actively pursuing the prospect of a joint venture in the purchasing of the local ZFI Ltd. plywood plant and timber quota. The company has attempted to attract the interest of some larger companies in order to combine their resources and present a stable and realistic offer to West Fraser Mills Ltd. Although interest has been shown, a commitment is difficult to arrive at for any of the parties involved (including TRC). This is partly due to the short timeframe for offers to be presented, and partly due to the limited information available at this time regarding liabilities and expenses surrounding the ZFI plant.

Although TRC's quota is located solely in the Prince George timber supply area (TSA), the company has followed the harvesting in the Robson Valley TSA closely in order to work towards potential timber supply in the McBride area for long term stability. It is a known fact that the annual cut and long term, sustainable timber supply in the Robson Valley TSA has been calculated based on 17% of the volume being cut from cedar/hemlock stands. This 17% cedar/hemlock profile has been applicable to all licensees operating in the Robson Valley TSA since 1987, and equates to over 100,000m3/year.

Due to the nature of the products and manufacturing processes existing amongst the present Robson Valley Licensees, combined with often weak and unreliable markets for cedar/hemlock log sales, it has been impossible for the licensees to meet the profile required (17% cedar/hemlock) to sustain long term timber supply in the Robson Valley TSA. It is for this reason the Ministry of Forests (MOF) has been actively pressing for this profile to be utilized.

TRC has developed a program which allows utilization of these cedar/hemlock profiles (TRC harvests approximately 75% cedar/hemlock and 25% spruce/balsam on a consistent basis), while maintaining all the regular obligations required of a licensee by the MOF (complete reforestation & silviculture, stumpage revenue to the Crown, adherence to the Forest Practices Code, etc.). However, the company has encountered difficulties in consistently marketing/trading hemlock and spruce volumes on a profitable and/or reliable basis with other mills. This is due mainly to poor pulp markets (in the case of the hemlock) and the vast difference in log values between low quality cedar and high quality spruce. Thus, it has been TRC's experience that long term trade agreements and/or marketing agreements are very difficult to maintain unless they are conducted internally under one management structure.

It is for this reason TRC believes the amalgamation of the ZFI timber quota and TRC's timber quota under one management structure would benefit both the TRC operation and the ZFI plant operation greatly, and be the key to long term economic stability for the McBride community. The amalgamation of the two timber quotas would allow fair log trades and value to exist on a long term basis due to the fact it is under one management structure. The impact of neglecting the 17% cedar/hemlock profile in the Robson Valley TSA would be somewhat reduced through converting the ZFI forest license into the timber profile set by the MOF for long term timber supply. A significant reduction in overall log delivery cost under the ZFI forest license would also be achievable due to the fact the lower grade timber would be utilized and generate revenue, instead of harvesting only the spruce/balsam stands with no low grade utilization or revenue.

TRC is interested in pursuing the prospect of purchasing the ZFI plant and/or working with other interested parties who may be in a position to accommodate such an endeavour, however, a longer timeframe is required to present an accurate and reliable offer. Nonetheless, TRC will be following the events closely due to the impact it will have on both the community and TRC for reasons listed above. The company is keeping all options open as far as working with interested parties, the MOF, and West Fraser Mills Ltd. in achieving full timber profile utilization in the Robson Valley TSA, the key to securing long term stability in the valley.

Ideas, suggestions, and/or discussions are welcomed regarding the current situation faced by TRC and the community with respect to the future of the ZFI plant and timber supply. Please contact the undersigned for an appointment, or in writing to TRC Cedar Limited, Box 757, McBride, B.C., V0J 2E0.

Shane Bressette
 Woodlands Manager, TRC

The Roundhouse Theatre Society
 presents
The Cashore Marionettes

Friday, October 15
 Ticket are \$10.00 each and are available at Stedmans V&S

Come see why audiences on three continents have given rave reviews to The Cashore Marionettes. Award-winning Pennsylvania-based artist Joseph Cashore creates and manipulates these amazingly lifelike marionettes in a performance entitled Simple Gifts. Through virtuoso manipulation the character of each marionette is revealed in vignettes which carry the audience through a wide range of experiences and emotions. The effect is totally engaging and truly magical.

Unique to The Cashore Marionettes is their ability to astonish adults as well as younger audiences. The marionettes themselves are engineering marvels - some of the figures employ as many as 36 strings. Each control mechanism is a new invention designed to enable its marionette to move with subtlety and precision. The quality of movement and the content of the pieces create an effect which is powerful. Unlike many puppet shows, this performance is not for the very young (minimum age - 8 years). It is therefore recommended that underage children not be brought to this performance as they may become restless and cause a distraction.

Mr. Cashore has received numerous awards including a 1996 Pew Fellowship for Performance Art, based upon his artistic accomplishment, awarded by the Pew Charitable Trusts. He has also received a grant from the Henson Foundation, an award intended to help promote puppetry to adult audiences. In 1995 Mr. Cashore was awarded a Citation of Excellence, the highest honour an American puppeteer can receive, from UNIMA-USA, the oldest international theatre organization in the world. UNIMA-USA states that Citations are "awarded to shows that touch their audiences deeply; that totally engage, enchant and enthrall."

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McBride Roundhouse Theatre Society
 The Cashore Marionettes

Friday, Oct. 15th at 7:30pm
 Tickets are \$10

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Quote of the Week
 Laughter is the closest distance between two people.