

## DRAFT AGENDA

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday, March 14, 2017

**Location:** Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, Richmond

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Free parking.

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Time	Min.	#	Item	Presenter
8:00			Coffee available	
8:15	15	1	Welcome from Chief Forester	Diane Nicholls
8:30	5	2	Agenda	Chair
8:35	10	3	Minutes and action items from Dec. 14, 2016	Brian
8:50	20	4	Standing items: - Climate-based seed transfer - Forest Genetics Section staff succession	Margot Shane
9:20	30	5	Interior seed supply and demand - Update on analysis and ITAC deliberations	Kori & Jack
9:50	10	6	Summary of 2016/17 FGC LBIS budget expenditures	Pat
10:00	20		Break	
10:20	20	7	SelectSeed 2017/18 Business Plan	Brian
10:40	100	8	FGC Subprogram Budgets 2017/18	Pat & Brian
		9	Tree Breeding	Annette & Kori
		10	Operational Tree Improvement Program (OTIP)	Annette & Kori
		11	Genetic Conservation	Pia Smets
12:00	60		Lunch – provided	
1:00	30	12	Genome Canada/Genome BC - Forestry Sector Projects and Other Initiatives	Jim Ferrell Catalina Lopez-Correa Agnes Baross
1:30	60		FGC Subprogram Budgets 2017/18 (con't)	
		13	Seed Transfer, Genecology & Decision Support	Margot Spence
		14	Cone and Seed Pest Management	Brian for Tia Wagner
		15	Other (Applied Biotech)	Brian
2:30	45	16	FGC LBIS budget recommendations	All
3:15	10		Break	
			New Business	
3:25	20	17	Streamlining FGC Business Planning Process	Pat & Brian
3:45	10	18	Class A Seed and Timber Supply Reviews	Pat
3:55	5	19	Next Meeting	
4:00			Adjourn	

## 2. Agenda

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

Suggested resolution:

**Resolved,** That the Agenda for this meeting is hereby approved.

## 3. Minutes and action items from Dec. 14, 2016

Draft minutes of the December 14, 2016 conference call included as separate document.

### Action Items

Responsibility	Actions	Status
ITAC, CTAC and TIB OTIP Coordinator	Action OTIP Eligibility recommendations, and include statement in call for proposals for including measures of success.	Proposals under review, statement already in call and contracts.
Jack	Incorporate Type 4 Silviculture Strategies' species harvest data into the seed needs analysis.	To be discussed (Item #5)
ITAC	Confirm additional number of ramets required, if any, to meet future seed demand for the SPU's noted, and use CF Principles and annual business plan process to guide orchard expansions where and when deemed necessary.	To be discussed (Item #5)
Co-chairs	Review FGC representation/liaisons on TACs at next meeting.	To be discussed (Item #17)
Brian	Contact Mark re BCTS's Richmond hotel for FGC's March meeting	Completed

A resolution approving the draft minutes from the December 14, 2016, meeting is required. The Approved minutes will be posted on the FGC website, which is accessible to the public.

Suggested resolution:

**Resolved,** That the minutes of the FGC meeting held December 14, 2016 are hereby approved.

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

**Margot Spence**, Seed Policy Officer, and **Shane Ford**, Manager, Forest Genetics, will provide updates on CBST policy development and staff succession planning within TIB's forest genetics section, respectively.

## 5. Interior seed supply and demand

Following a presentation and discussion on interior seed demand and supply projections at FGC's Dec. 14 meeting, FGC requested that data from Type 4 Silviculture Strategies be incorporated into the analysis, and the updated analysis and recommendations subsequently be reviewed by ITAC.

The analysis and recommendations for orchard adjustments were discussed at the ITAC business meeting held in Vernon on Jan. 23, 2017. The following resolution and strategy was agreed upon.

**Resolution:** (ITAC) To confirm additional number of ramets required, if any, to meet future seed demand for the SPU's noted, and use CF Principles and annual business plan process to guide orchard expansions where and when deemed necessary.

**ITAC's Proposed Norther Pli Class A Supply Strategy**

1. Proceed with selecting and establishing second-generation orchards to replace first gen orchards.
2. Keep 1st gen orchards until supply increases and/or demand declines
3. Remove 1st gen in sequential order by GW (low to high) subject to demand/supply.
4. N Pli orchard managers to submit expressions of interest to establish new 2nd gen orchards to ITAC.
5. FGC/ITAC to recommend to FLNR (CF) which orchards (and public resources) to proceed with based on EOIs and as per CF Principles, including projected seed yields (per hl, ramet, and/or area).
6. FLNR to start identifying selections in 2017 for grafting and future allocations.
7. Continue to examine and refined future seed demands including government programs.
8. Strategy allows ITAC to incorporate new information and decisions re CBST, SPU areas, and forest health objectives.

**Kori Vernier**, ITAC Chair, and **Jack Woods**, Technical Advisor, SelectSeed, will provide an overview of ITAC's deliberations, decisions and next steps.

**6. Summary of 2016/17 LBIS expenditures**

In March 2016, FGC submitted recommends to the Chief Forester on allocating \$2.5M LBIS funds to various FGC subprograms and activities. These allocations are identified in FGC's 2016/17 Business Plan, and the budget tables below.

**Pat Martin**, A/TIB Director, will provide an estimate of year-end LBIS expenditures by FGC subprogram for fiscal year 2016/17.

**7. SelectSeed Business Plan 2017/18**

SelectSeed's Annual Business Plan for fiscal 2017/18 is attached separately.

This plan guide will SelectSeed's seed orchard operations and program management services provided to FGC. The plan includes key activities, performance indicators, revenue and expenditure estimates for 2016/17, a proposed budget for 2017/18, and forecast net revenues of the company.

This plan was reviewed and approved by the SelectSeed Board of Directors on March 2, 2017. The plan also requires approval by FGC, the company's sole shareholder.

**Brian Barber**, CEO SelectSeed, will provide an overview of the business plan.

Suggested resolution:

**Resolved**, That the SelectSeed Business Plan for 2017/18 is hereby approved.

**8. FGC Subprogram budgets 2017/18**

LBIS's funding in support of FGC's Annual Business Plan has been \$2.5M since 2014/15. These funds are essential to achieve FGC's goals for enhancing the value, resilience and conservations of BC's forests, as described in [FGC Strategic Plan 2015-2020](#).

On Jan. 16, 2017, Pat Martin and Mark Tamas, FGC Co-chairs, sent an email to TAC chairs requesting they work with the FGC Program Manager to develop subprogram budget options that align with two budget scenarios totaling \$2.5M and \$2.8M. No caps or targets were imposed, but 3-year funding averages for each subprogram were provided for reference.

TACs were to clearly identify project priorities, funding amounts and linkages to FGC's program goals, so council members would not have to "delve into details if and when subprogram allocations need to be adjusted to balance the overall budget."

TACs subsequently prepared budgets for the various subprograms. These are identified in the tables below and summarized in item #16. TAC chairs or FGC Program Manager, supported by FLNR staff, will provide overviews of TACs' budgets, and their planning process, key considerations and decisions.

**Note:** Proponents may not be aware of TAC funding recommendations. Confidentiality requested.

## 9. Tree Breeding

Ministry tree breeders outlined the activities they undertook in fiscal 2016/17, and their proposed activities for 2017/18 at ITAC and CTAC business meetings held on Jan 22 and Mar 2, 2017, respectively. Shane Ford, Manager, Forest Genetic Section presented the requested breeding budgets by area and species.

ITAC and CTAC passed the following resolutions respecting the breeding subprogram budgets. CTAC adopted ITAC's resolutions, only amending the \$ requested. These have been combined here for brevity.

- (1) To fully support the \$807,000 (requested) for the interior breeding program and \$608,500 (requested) for the coastal breeding program as submitted;
- (2) If requested to make cuts to the program due to funding, that the genetics section internally prioritize, make cuts and inform ITAC of the resultant cuts and programs that will not be completed; and
- (3) To submit concurrently as an unfunded pressure this difference, and if subsequently funded, notified of this early enough in the season so that field work can be started before the window closes.

Consequently, no B or C breeding budget options were recommended by ITAC or CTAC. Members, however, provided feedback to assist with establishing priorities should FGC reduce the recommended funding.

CTAC also passed the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That FGC define budget targets for CTAC Breeding Program by January 01, annually.

**Annette Van Neijenhuis**, CTAC Chair, and **Kori Vernier**, ITAC Chair, will provide an overview the recommended budget and activities. Supported by Shane Ford.

### Breeding budget recommendations for 2017/18

Species	2016/17 Requested	2016/17 Allocated	2017/18 TAC Recommended
<b>Coast</b>			
Coastal D-fir	\$ 139,000	\$ 109,859	\$107,000
Redcedar	\$ 283,000	\$ 223,670	\$333,000
Yellow cedar	\$ 30,000	\$ 23,711	\$31,000
Western hemlock	\$ 48,000	\$ 37,937	\$42,000
Sitka spruce	\$ 52,000	\$ 41,098	\$45,000
White pine - coast	\$ 41,000	\$ 32,405	\$15,000
Alder	\$ 62,000	\$ 49,002	\$35,500
<b>TOTAL COAST</b>	<b>\$655,000</b>	<b>\$517,683</b>	<b>\$608,500</b>
<b>Interior</b>			
Lodgepole pine	\$ 296,000	\$ 233,945	\$300,000
White pine	\$ 41,000	\$ 32,405	\$53,000
Interior spruce	\$ 141,000	\$ 111,440	\$61,000
Interior D-fir	\$ 265,000	\$ 209,444	\$166,000
Western larch	\$ 95,000	\$ 75,084	\$227,000
Ponderosa Pine	\$ -	\$ -	\$0
Broadleaves	\$ -	\$ -	\$0
<b>TOTAL INTERIOR</b>	<b>\$838,000</b>	<b>\$662,317</b>	<b>\$807,000</b>
<b>Coast + interior</b>	<b>\$1,493,000</b>	<b>\$1,180,000</b>	<b>\$1,415,500</b>

## 10. Operational Tree Improvement Program (OTIP)

The purpose of the OTIP subprogram is to enhance the quality and quantity of seed produced in BC's seed orchards, and provide funding for activities that orchard managers may not otherwise undertake.

CTAC and ITAC reviewed and updated the eligibility criteria for OTIP proposals in Nov-Dec 2016. A call for proposals was subsequently issued by the ministry on Dec. 20, 2016.

Fifty-five proposals were received and reviewed by OTIP Review Committees on the coast and in the interior, respectively. Reviewers included staff from TIB, BCTS, private seed orchards, and forest companies. Proposals were evaluated against the eligibility criteria, cost effectiveness, impact and value, feasibility and competencies of the proponent. Meetings were conducted in Vernon on Feb. 22, and Saanichton on Feb. 27, 2017

Proponents were not present when their proposals were discussed to avoid conflicts of interest. Recommended funding for some activities was reduced or eliminated, resulting in A and B funding options for the coast and interior, respectively.

**Annette Van Niejenhuis**, CTAC Chair, and **Kori Vernier**, ITAC Chair, will provide an overview the recommended OTIP budget and activities. Supported by Alan Phillips and Stephen Joyce.

### OTIP budget recommendations for 2017/18

Area	Total Approved 2016/17	No. proposals received	Total requested 2017/18	"A" option	"B" option
Coast	\$134,100	17	\$180,034	\$159,820	\$134,197
Interior	\$290,318	38	\$333,957	\$236,265	\$236,265
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$424,418</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>\$513,991</b>	<b>\$396,085</b>	<b>\$370,462</b>

## 11. Genetic Conservation

The 2015-2020 Genetic Conservation Strategy was reviewed and supported by FGC in December 2016. FGC also asked GCTAC to identify on-going activities vs. new activities in future budget requests, to better understand the priorities.

The Genetic Conservation TAC subsequently developed priorities and budgets for 3 funding level options. No call for proposals was issued as existing funding was required to support on-going work: *ex situ* seed collections, whitebark pine (a species at risk), and the conservation catalogue maintained by the Centre for Forest Conservation Genetics at UBC (established by FGC in 2000).

**Pia Smets**, GCTAC chair, will provide an overview the recommended budget and activities.

**Genetic Conservation subprogram budget recommendations 2017/18**

Proponent	Approved 2016-17	2015-20 Strategic Plan	Requested 2017-2018	Option A	Option B	Option C	Activities
Tree Seed Centre	\$ 38,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 38,000	Ex-situ collections + seed bank mgmt
TIB - Genetics	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 43,500	\$ 43,500	\$ 42,500	\$ 37,500	White bark pine field screening, parent tree marking, clone bank
Region - M Murray	\$ 19,450	\$ 30,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 24,000	White bark pine resistance testing, seed extraction, nursery, etc.
Centre Forest Conservation Genetics	\$ 91,250	\$ 110,000	\$ 146,158	\$ 146,158	\$ 126,158	\$ 108,658	Conservation catalogue, AdapTree Genomics project, WBP assisted migration trial, other
Other		\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	
<b>total</b>	<b>\$ 188,700</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>	<b>\$ 266,658</b>	<b>\$ 266,658</b>	<b>\$ 237,658</b>	<b>\$ 208,158</b>	

**12. Genome Canada/Genome BC: Forest Sector Initiatives**

Genome Canada recently approved the following forestry genomics projects for funding:

- [CoAdapTree](#). Sally Aitken (UBC), Samuel Yeaman (University of Calgary), and Richard Hamelin (Université Laval)
- [SpruceUp](#). Joerg Bohlmann (UBC) and Jean Bousquet (Université Laval)
- [BioSafe](#): Richard Hamelin (UBC), Cameron Duff (Canadian Food Inspection Agency ), Ilga Porth (Université Laval)
- [CEDaR](#). John Russell (FLNR) and Joerg Bohlmann (UBC)

The former two large-scale applied research projects (LSARP) and the latter Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) project are supported by FLNR, several forest companies and others with cash and in-kind contributions.

**Jim Ferrell**, Vice Chair, Board, Genome Canada, **Catalina Lopez-Correa**, Chief Scientific Officer and Vice President, Sector Development, and **Agnes Baross**, Manager, Sector Development (Forestry), Genome BC, will present an overview of Genome BC's forest sector strategy and other initiatives of interest to FGC.

**13. Seed Transfer, Genecology and Decision Support - Margot Spence**

The Seed Transfer and Genecology and Decision Support TACs were combined again this year for the purposes of developing priorities and budget recommendations. The 'amalgamation' acknowledged overlap in committee members and shared interests in advancing climate-based seed transfer. The proposed budgets for these subprograms have, subsequently, also been combined.

No call for proposals was issued as resources are required to support on-going projects. Project leads submitted progress reports for 2016/17, and proposals and budgets for 2017/18. These were reviewed by the combined TACs, who prepared two funding options.

**Margot Spence**, STTAC and DSTAC chair, will provide an overview the recommended budget and activities.

**Seed Transfer, Genecology and Decision Support budget recommendations for 2017/18**

Project	2016/17 Requests	2016/17 Approved	2016/17 Projected Actuals (estimates)	2017/18 OPTION A	2017/18 OPTION B	Activities
CBST Project (TIB, Policy)	\$ 85,000	\$ 76,500	\$ 89,500	\$ 140,000	\$ 111,200	CBST Policy development and engagement
Genecology (TIB, Genetics)	\$ 338,000	\$ 233,050	\$ 375,000	\$ 409,500	\$ 402,735	Provenance testing, maintenance. Option B includes AMAT
AMAT (TIB, Genetics)	\$ 120,100	\$ 109,500		\$ 59,650		Assisted migration and adaptation trial
Climate Modelling / Climate WNA	\$ 56,250	\$ 56,250	\$ 56,250	\$ 67,500	\$ 59,063	Dr. Tongli Wang, UBC (0.5 FTE)
AdapTree/CoAdapTree	\$ 37,500	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 41,850	\$ 39,850	Genomics projects: Dr. Sally Aitken et al
<b>Subtotal excluding CBST</b>	<b>\$ 551,850</b>	<b>\$ 428,800</b>	<b>\$ 461,250</b>	<b>\$ 578,500</b>	<b>\$ 501,648</b>	
<b>Total SSTAC and DSTAC</b>	<b>\$ 636,850</b>	<b>\$ 505,300</b>	<b>\$ 550,750</b>	<b>\$ 718,500</b>	<b>\$ 612,848</b>	

**14. Cone and Seed Pest Management - Brian for Tia Wagner**

In January 2017, the Pest Management TAC developed a list of priorities for applied research based on seed orchard managers' challenges and information gaps, potential project costs and feasibility. Several target pests and objectives were identified to improve management practices, tree health and seed yields. A call for proposals was issued by FLNR on Feb. 7.

Five proposals were received – one for each eligible pest/objective. The proposals were evaluated against the eligibility criteria, cost effectiveness, impact and value, feasibility and competencies of the proponent. All projects were supported by PMTAC, though some activities *within* a proposal were recommended at reduced or no funding. Funding to support FLNR staff providing cone and seed pest management services is also recommended. Two budget options (A and B) are presented for FGC's consideration. Two projects will conclude in spring 2018. Funding required for next fiscal year is not included in Options A and B.

**Brian Barber**, FGC Program Manager, will provide an overview the recommended projects and budget, on behalf of Tia Wagner, PMTAC Chair. Supported by Alana Phillips. (2016/17 allocation was \$137k)

**Cone and Seed Pest Management Subprogram budget recommendations for 2017/18.**

Pest	Proposal Title	Agency	Amount (\$) Requested	2017/18 Option A	2017/18 Option B	\$ required for 2018/19
Coneworms -Dioryctria sp. and Barbara colfaxiana	Determine the efficacy of perm up to control coneworms in an interior Douglas fir orchard, as a viable alternative to Dimethoate.	FLNR	\$ 7,483	\$ 7,483	\$ 7,483	\$0
European pine shoot moth - Rhyacionia bouliana	Field trial for testing the efficacy and phytotoxicity of 2 insecticides for control of European pine shoot moth (Rhyacionia bouliana)	CropHealth Advising & Research	\$ 7,839	\$ 4,999	\$ 4,999	\$2,840
Needle rust - Lophodermella concolor	Field trial for testing the efficacy and phytotoxicity of 2 fungicides for control of needle rust (Lophodermella concolor)	CropHealth Advising & Research	\$ 10,445	\$ 6,185	\$ 6,185	\$2,840
Needle rust - Lophodermella concolor	Lophodermella risk factor diagnostics in North Okanagan seed orchards.	College of New Caledonia	\$ 28,300	\$ 22,300	\$ 19,300	\$0
Western conifer seed bug - Leptoglossus occidentalis	Comparative effects of Matador, Perm, and Surround+Matador on lodgepole pine orchard seed set.	SelectSeed	\$ 32,119	\$ 28,555	\$ 24,900	\$0
<b>Call for Proposals subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 86,186</b>	<b>\$ 69,521</b>	<b>\$ 62,867</b>	<b>\$5,680.00</b>
TIB - Ward Strong	Research lab funding	FLNR	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$0
TIB - Jim Corrigan	Cone and Seed lab funding	FLNR	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$0
<b>Annual FLNRO funding request</b>			<b>\$ 22,000</b>	<b>\$ 22,000</b>	<b>\$ 22,000</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Requested for PMTAC</b>			<b>\$ 108,186</b>	<b>\$ 91,521</b>	<b>\$ 84,867</b>	<b>\$ 5,680</b>

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## 15. Applied Tree Improvement and Biotechnology

In 2007/08, the FGC/Ministry received a \$1.3M increase in funding from the Forest Investment Account. \$550k of this was allocated to “incremental projects” conducted at universities, the balance was distributed between existing FGC subprograms. The university-based incremental projects included:

- UBC (Dr. El Kassaby) genetic (DNA), seed use and deployment studies - \$257k:
- UVic (Dr. von Aderkas) reproductive biology and cone induction in Pli and Fdi - \$143k.
- UNBC (Dr. Hawkins) forest genetics research - \$150k

Steering committees were established to review project proposals and reports. The projects were funded at similar levels in 2008/09 through contribution agreements (e.g. transfer letters and grants). Funding for the UNBC research was discontinued in 2009/10, and funding for the former two projects were reduced to \$160k and \$139k, respectively. UBC’s project was also named Applied Tree Improvement and Biotechnology (Applied Biotech).

FGC’s recommended budget for UBC’s Applied Biotech was \$122k in 2010/11 and \$137k in 2011/12. No funds were identified for UVic’s projects in FGC’s 2010/11 and 2011/12 Business Plans. (A call for other “incremental projects” was issued in 2010/11, and \$143k was awarded to 11 projects.)

In 2012/13, an Applied Biotech funding category was established to receive proposals that contribute to FGC’s objectives but fall outside the scope of other subprograms. UBC received \$117,200 for its continued research in parental contributions and pollen contamination. UVic received \$171,540 for two projects that resumed its research in cone induction and reproductive biology. These projects aimed to improve Pli and Fdi seed yields and help explain significant seed losses (filled seeds per cone) observed in July and August in the Okanagan Pli seed orchards. UVic’s research identified clonal responses to various induction treatments (e.g. spray vs stem injections) and discovered the presence of *Sydowia* fungi inside pine seeds: the cause of seed losses or a saprophyte?

Funding to UBC’s Applied Biotech project was discontinued in 2013/14. Funding to UVic continued through to 2016/17: \$55,000 Applied Biotech (cone induction, seed set) and \$50,000 Pest Management (fungi).

In February, UVic provided a progress report on these projects. UVic also provided a presentation attended by Nick Ukrainetz (contract manager), Jack Woods, Shane Ford, and Brian Barber. Reports were also reviewed by PMTAC, Dave Kolotelo (TSC) and interior seed orchard managers. UVic subsequently submitted a proposal to the Program Manager totaling \$243k in February 2017. Acknowledgement of receipt and a response was provided, but no reduced funding options were subsequently offered.

**Brian Barber**, FGC Program Manager, will provide a brief overview of the UVic proposal and feedback provided.



## 16. FGC LBIS Budget Recommendations

The following table summarizes budget recommendations received from FGC's TACs. If an Option B or C were not provided, the Option A amount was included under these column headers.

### Summary of FGC subprogram recommendations for 2017/18

Subprogram	2016/17 Requested	2016/17 FGC Approved	2017/18 Requested	2017/18 A	2017/18 B	2017/18 C
Genetic Conservation	\$ 250,768	\$ 188,700	\$ 266,658	\$ 266,658	\$ 237,658	\$ 208,158
Tree Breeding	\$ 1,493,000	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 1,415,500	\$ 1,415,500	\$ 1,415,500	\$ 1,415,500
Operational Tree Imp. Prog.	\$ 483,668	\$ 424,000	\$ 513,991	\$ 396,085	\$ 370,462	\$ 370,462
Cone and Seed Pest Mgt.	\$ 172,100	\$ 137,000	\$ 108,186	\$ 91,521	\$ 84,867	\$ 84,867
Seed Transfer & Decision Support	\$ 636,850	\$ 505,300	\$ 718,500	\$ 718,500	\$ 612,848	\$ 612,848
Applied Tree Impr. and Biotech.	\$ 62,100	\$ 55,000	\$ 242,781	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,108,486</b>	<b>\$ 2,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,265,616</b>	<b>\$ 2,888,264</b>	<b>\$ 2,721,335</b>	<b>\$ 2,691,835</b>
FLNR risk managed (Breeding and Genecology)		\$ 300,000				

FGC may consider adjusting the recommended subprogram funding levels in consideration of FGC's strategic goals and key priorities, and to create two budget scenarios totaling \$2.8M and \$2.5M. Following agreement on recommended subprogram funding levels, the suggested resolutions are:

**Resolved,** That the recommended LBIS Budget(s) for the Provincial Tree Improvement Program for 2017/18 is hereby approved.

**Resolved,** That the Program Manager sends a letter outlining FGC's recommendations to the Provincial Chief Forester.

## 17. Streamlining FGC Business Planning Process

In 2015, a need for improving the effectiveness of FGC TACs and business planning process was identified. An exercise was undertaken at FGC's meeting at the Tree Seed Centre in Dec 2015. Challenges and opportunities were identified, and OTIP was selected for further assessment. A larger "Lean" exercise was subsequently to be undertaken, one that would consider opportunities to merge committees, streamline administrative processes while respecting government's procurement policies and procedures, and align subprograms and/or budget allocations with FGC goals. This review has not occurred due to other priorities and lack of available resources within FLNR. On FGC's December 2016 conference call, a motion was also made to review FGC representation on TACs.

FGC has struck subcommittees to undertake more in-depth work and bring recommendations back to council (quite successfully). Suggested resolutions:

**Resolved,** That the FGC strike a committee to review FGC TACs and business planning processes and provide streamlining recommendations to FGC by December 2017.

**Resolved,** That the committee will:

1. consist of volunteer representatives from FGC, existing or past TAC chairs, TIB staff and others;
2. develop some terms of reference for the review, including principles and scope, for FGC approval;
3. undertake review and report progress to Council in September 2017; and
4. deliver final report and recommendations to FGC in December 2017.

Subject to FGC's review, recommendations could be implemented to guide business planning for 2018/19.

### **18. Class A Seed and Timber Supply Review**

During the October 2016 field tour in Campbell River, Joe LeBlanc, reported a discrepancy in Class A seed use data used in a recent timber supply analysis and current practice. Scott King subsequently reported significant differences in how Class A seed use was described in several recent AAC Rationales. A need for standardizing Class A seed use in timber supply reviews and reports was discussed with the Chief Forester and Ministry staff.

**Pat Martin** will update FGC on FLNR actions currently underway.

### **19. Next meeting**

A 2-3 hr conference call is required mid-June, 2017.

Agenda items will include FGC business, and AGMs of the BC Forest Genetics Society and SelectSeed

Program manager will issue Doodle Poll to identify available dates/times.