

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group
August 30th, 2000

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Norma Tokar

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Meeting began at 6:35pm.

The facilitator opened the meeting and welcomed all members. The recording secretary was introduced.

Presentation of Agenda

The agenda was presented, and any additions requested.

Website viewing and presentation

Bev Collins, of PRCN was introduced. An overview of the new website was given to the group. The links were explained, and the contents of the website shown. Suggestions from the group for the website were invited and noted. The group will be consulted about the contents of the website before it goes on-line. There will be an index, showing the group's mandate, members names, minutes, terms of reference, commitment statement from Weyerhaeuser, correspondence etc. Discussion regarding contact numbers took place. Separate e-mail addresses were discussed, which would protect the privacy of members. Written instructions regarding e-mail (through a program called Eudora) would be available from Bev if needed. This program can be downloaded or obtained from the PRCN office. Question regarding the *Press releases*, and whether the official copy or the Peak's version should be put on the website was raised. A digital camera is available to the group, and pictures will be added to the site. The website will be updated once or twice a month. As the files fill up, the suggestion was made that they could be sorted into categories, maybe Spring, Summer, Fall Winter etc. Further questions were invited. Key words were discussed, and the search engines that will easily find certain items on the website were explained. Concerns were raised as to whether the site was getting too complicated. Once the preliminary work has been done, maintaining the site would be quite simple. Suggestion on why the group was formed to be added to the website. It was noted that the local Weyerhaeuser site was still under construction. The "One-Plan" was suggested as a good addition to the group's website. The first page

was discussed and suggestions invited. Accessibility to the site was questioned. The library has computers available for the public who don't have access to the Internet. The large black binder (minutes book) will also be available to the public at the library, it will be located in the forestry section. Questions regarding links were asked, and whether links to the Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Environment etc would be possible. Any link suggestions would be welcome, as there are no limits to how many links or keywords can be used. It was noted that "discoverpowellriver" would be a link. The address will be www.prcn.org/CAGSTW. Opinions were asked regarding the address. Discussion regarding Public advisory or community group. PAG or CAG?

Comments or suggestions regarding the website should be directed to Bev at bev@prcn.org. The website should be completed by Sept 15th, or Oct 1st at the latest. The establishment of a working group was suggested regarding the website.

The facilitator thanked Bev for taking the time to come out to talk to the group.

Review of Minutes – Aug 9th, 14th and 16th

Amendments were made to the above minutes. Changes to the minutes will be sent out by e-mail. Members are asked to review the amendments and let the secretary or

facilitator know if there are any comments. Members were asked to review the minutes whenever possible, prior to the following meeting.

Attendance

A request was made to have the number of primary members present recorded on the attendance sheet. This will be noted on future attendance sheets. The subject of whether a quorum was present at each meeting was discussed. Questions regarding the seat for youth were raised.

Trail re-opened

The group was advised that the Triple Peaks trail has been re-opened by Geofor. FRBC funded the project and Geofor was hired through Weyerhaeuser.

Special Management zone between Inland Lake and Powell Lake – It was noted that corrections will be made to the chart regarding this area.

Correspondence - re summer meetings

The letter from the group members expressing their concern regarding the summertime meetings was read. The group was asked to sign the letter, which

will be added to the official book. A letter of reply from the Chair will be drafted. Discussion followed, and the concern of tourism operators was noted. It was a very busy summer for some, and the frequency of summer meetings was not popular with some members. The reason for extra meetings was explained. Weyerhaeuser is pleased with the achievements of the group so far, some items have to be reviewed and the process is still being fine-tuned. It was suggested that some time be set aside to continue the discussion of the meeting schedules.

Schedule of meetings and deadlines

A schedule of meetings until June 2001 will be e-mailed to members. Weyerhaeuser will provide a list of time lines with reasons for deadlines.

Review of article 7 of the Terms of Reference

Regarding the subject of the public participation policy, there was some concern regarding the involvement of the public in the group meetings and outings. The field trip to the forest on August 23rd was scheduled as an educational trip for the group. However, others participated with their own agenda, and some members felt it was disruptive to the task at hand (educational walk to learn of different forest practices). It was suggested that in future, the purpose of the (open to the public) meetings should be clearly stated at the beginning, and that questions be related to the subject of the meetings.

The group discussed the involvement of the public and agreed that some walking tours should be scheduled for the group only. It was also pointed out that Weyerhaeuser has public tours available to the public at all times to answer questions. It was noted that National Forest week (in May) also exists for the information of the public. Members of the group felt that the walk was an enjoyable one, and that it was very educational. The suggestion was made that the public should be offered the same walk with Weyerhaeuser, separate from the group.

Individual meetings

Individual meetings were discussed, and it was decided that whenever possible, where individual meetings are required regarding group business, the presence of another member and a recorder if possible should be arranged. The Terms of Reference were referred to regarding this matter. It was noted that proper procedures should be followed regarding committee meetings and these should be arranged with the approval of the Chair. In the case of a recorder not being available, it was suggested that the participants could summarize document the dialogue, and sign the documentation for the group records.

Striking of Sub-committee

Members were asked to volunteer to form a sub-committee. The job of the sub-committee would be to gather more information on the land development plans that have been put forward. (Presentation of Larry Killam and Don McLeod - Aug 9th meeting). The subject of an industrial park for Powell River, a residential area around the Hammil Hills area, private lands for a provincial park around canoe route would be investigated. Concerns regarding the watershed were mentioned. A sub-committee was struck for this task. A sub-committee was suggested for the development of the website. It was decided that since PRCN and the facilitator and secretary were handling the job, there was no need for a sub-committee at this time. The website plans will go ahead and will be shown to the group for approval before going on-line.

Rod Tysdal

Rod spoke on the subject of the Management Plan #8. Some of the group are on the mailing list for information. They will receive information in the mail shortly.

Don Benn of Juan de Fuca Environmental Consulting would like to address the group about recreation inventory at the next meeting, September 13th. The group should phone or e-mail Rod regarding this presentation.

Herbicide Symposium

Weyerhaeuser would like to hold an educational session in the form of an open house, to show what can be done, and how it can be done for brush control etc. The use of herbicides in this area will be discussed. Information on the herbicide program will be made available. A Public meeting will be held. Workshops will be arranged. This will provide an opportunity for the public at large to express their concerns. Dr Frank Dose of the University of Oregon will be available to speak to the group.

The question was asked whether the government required the use of herbicides. The answer was that the government requires that a permit be applied for the use of herbicides. A table for the group would be available if required at the open house. The question was asked about other resource people being invited to

speak and whether Weyerhaeuser would provide funding. Discussion took place regarding promises that were made in the beginning of the group's formation. Weyerhaeuser stated that the group is welcome to invite whoever they want to come to Powell River. The end of September 27 or 28th were suggested as possible meeting dates to focus on the herbicide issues.

Mapping

The Fiddlehead Farm to Giovanni Lake area was added to Page 1, it was missed from the chart. Concerns: tourism, recreation, visual impact, veterans, historical value, silviculture system to be done with visual impact in mind, some type of buffer zone in the reserve section. The polygon numbers were unclear. Rod would not be involved with the mapping process, but would listen to what was discussed, since Doug McCormick was away this week. The maps were studied again. Areas were discussed and it was agreed that the chart was almost complete and correct according to the group's wishes. Areas pointed out on the map were:

Sunshine Coast Trail

Elephant Lake Mt Troubridge - Marbled murrelet habitat. 66%/44%

Lois Lake – 20% retention, leaving 20% of old growth for marbled murrelets. Group would like to include the rest of Lois Lake, and not just Lower Lois Lake.

Saltery Bay Road– Old growth - It was pointed out that in 20 – 30 years logging will occur again. No protection on the trail proposed by Weyerhaeuser. Recreation and logging can be in same area, buffers can be maintained.

Private lands -Weyerhaeuser has offered to include private lands in this plan and will honor the same rules that apply to public lands.

Canoe Route-Group wishes 10 metre reserve zone and 20 metre special management zone with 50% dispersed retention; every other tree would be left.

Horseshoe Creek – 50% buffer zone

Khartoum Lake – 10metre reserve zone. Group would also like 20metres dispersed retention

Mapping will be continued next meeting

Access

Issues will be discussed next meeting

Future Field Trips

Proposal was made for another field trip to the TFL so that the group can see other areas where important decisions are being made. Rod will put together an itinerary for the group. The group could e-mail Rod with suggestions. Troubridge was suggested as a possible trip.

Name of Group

Community Advisory Group was decided as opposed to **Public** Advisory Group. The Terms of Reference will be changed to reflect this change.

Meeting Adjourned

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Attendance

Present

NAME	POSITION	MEMBER SEAT
Bill Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Eagle Walz *	Primary	Recreation
Ken Jackson**	Primary	Recreation
George Ferreira	Primary	Recreation
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Janet May	Primary	Environment
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment

Linda Scheiber	Primary	Tourism
Jim Stutt	Alternate	Recreation
Rita Rasmussen	Alternate	Environment
** Chair		
* Vice- Chair		

Absent

NAME	POSITION	MEMBER SEAT
Ian Flemming	Alternate	Local Business
Bob Baxter	Alternate	Recreation
Rory Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Sally Keays	Alternate	Environment
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education / Training
Leni Goggins	Primary	Youth
Caila Holbrook	Alternate	Youth
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Mark Desnoyer	Alternate	Tourism
David Gablehouse	Primary	Local Government
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent

9 seats in attendance, 5 absent

Resource /Other:

- Rod Tysdal - Weyerhaeuser
- Dennis Fitzgerald – Weyerhaeuser
- **Guest:** Bev Collins - PRCN
- **Facilitator - Cathy Bartfai** - chamber@prcn.org
- **Secretary – Norma Tokar**

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Amendments

(Changes in Italics)

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Striking of Sub-Committee

A sub-committee was struck for this task. Change to – A sub-committee, (Joanne Cameron-Nordell, Lorne Marr and Peter Ranger) was struck for this task.

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Mapping

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Elephant Lake Mt Troubridge- Marbled murrelet habitat 66%/44%. Change to- 66% old growth retained /34% available.

Saltery Bay Road- Change to -Saltery Bay Road/Trail Old growth- delete Old growth

Add- desirable to have 10/30 with 50% variable retention

Private Lands -Add-It is very much appreciated that Weyerhaeuser has offered to include private lands in this plan.

Khartoum Lake- Add 10metre buffer –Add - Group is asking for extra 20metres with 50% retained.