

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

May 9th, 2001

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:20pm: The facilitator opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

Presentation of Agenda

The agenda was presented and approved.

Review of minutes from April 25th

The minutes from April 25th were reviewed and amendments noted and accepted by the group.

Action List Review

Action List was reviewed by members

Bush Night - May 16th

Members discussed the planned bush night on May 16th, and it was decided that since May 16th was the date of the BC Elections, the outing should be postponed to another time.

The second planned bush night will take place on June 6th. Members will meet at the Coast Hotel at 5:30pm.

Terms of Reference Committee

Meetings have taken place and Terms of Reference will be reviewed by the group on May 23rd.

Open House - June 20th

Committee responsible for the planning of the Open House gave their report. Several items were discussed. Goal of the Open House will be to raise awareness in the community. It was decided to have an informal evening with the possibility of wine and cheese or light refreshments. Actions for the Open House include the following:

Discussion regarding a logo for the group - member suggested that a logo for CAG would improve the CAG's image when advertising in the newspaper and in the community

Improving the public's image and awareness of CAG was discussed. Members noted that there had been some negative feedback from members of the public, and the need to inform the public of CAG's achievements to date was discussed.

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Members were asked to reply to an invitation to attend the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on May 17th. Weyerhaeuser presentation at this luncheon.

Access letter from CAG to Weyerhaeuser

It was noted that a reply was in progress and would be available at the next meeting. Request for faster response time was made.

Letter and Invitation to First Nations

Members discussed the need for First Nations involvement, and need for input into indicators concerning aboriginal issues. It was noted that there have been on-going meetings between First Nations and Weyerhaeuser already. Minutes from CAG meetings have been sent to First Nations representative.

It was suggested that it may be an idea to invite a First Nations person to speak to the group on aboriginal issues.

Stillwater Trails

Member voiced concern about trails not being replaced after logging in the Stillwater area.

Report from Nanaimo Meeting-May 3rd

One member of the Community Advisory Group attended the planning meeting for the FSP in Nanaimo on May 3rd. Time frame for the Forest Development Plan was laid out at the meeting. Member who attended reported that the meeting was interesting and informative. Minutes from the meeting will be made available to CAG members.

It was suggested that a member of CAG attend each meeting. It was also noted that meetings in Powell River would be more convenient for most members. Weyerhaeuser noted that arrangements would be made for members to attend, wherever the meetings were held. Member who attended recommended that it was important and useful to read the Regulations, to help understand what was being discussed.

It was suggested that a member of CAG could sit in on the meetings when Access and Landscape Unit Planning is done.

INDICATORS

CAG members split into two groups and continued work on indicators. Members discussed the following categories:

Group One

Critical Elements 3 and 4

Water Resources

Soil and water resources and physical environments are conserved if the quality and quantity of soil and water within the forest ecosystems is maintained

Member requested that to prevent any confusion, West Island worksheets be kept separate from Stillwater Timberlands.

Discussions on water quality took place, and many questions arose. Questions regarding the monitoring of water were asked, and indicators agreed to were:

Indicators

- *Water quality measurements for selected streams*
- *CWAP programs completed for watersheds of identified concern*
- *Area of herbicide/pesticide treatment*
- *Water quality and quantity measurements for selected streams*

- *Forest Practices Code contraventions related to road, soil or water management*

- *Percent of total S1 and S2 stream length with adjacent forest buffer > 40 years*

- *km of buffers along S3, S-4, S-5 and S-6 streams*

Questions on how streams were identified and measured. More information needed on this subject.

Group Two

Forest Ecosystem Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles

Forest conditions and management activities contribute to the health of global ecological cycles.

Value - *Timber harvest*

Goal s - *Timber to be harvested in sustainable fashion*

- *Cross species profile*

Indicators - *Residue survey*

- *AAC = < LRSY (Long Run Sustainable Yield)*

Value - *Rejuvenation*

Goal - *Forests replanted within ecologically acceptable standards- MoF Ecolog. Guidelines*

- *All stands meet or exceed MOF reforestation standards*

Indicators - *Restocking deadline*

-*Free growing deadline*

-*Brush ratio*

-*Species height*

-*Site index*

-*Species planted/success*

-Seeding mortality by course

4.3 Forest lands are protected from sustained deforestation or conversion to other uses

Indicators - *deforested productive land base*

- landslides

- special use permits MOF

Questions on water shed areas - how monitored? Water testing questions - CWAP (Community Watershed Assessment Plan) - Answer - Ministry of Environment keeps list of sites tested.

Question regarding herbicide use - what is Weyerhaeuser doing to address alternatives to herbicides?

Answer - Weyerhaeuser is developing solutions to deal with the use of herbicides and recognizes that CAG's goal is for no herbicide use.

Reminder to members to RSVP to Chamber Luncheon invitation on May 17th

Meeting schedule was discussed and noted as follows:

May 16, 2001 Bush Night Canceled due to Provincial Election

May 23, 2001 Meeting Elections and Terms of Reference Review

June 6, 2001 Bush Night 5:30pm

June 13, 2001 Regular meeting Coast Hotel 6:00pm

June 20, 2001 OPEN HOUSE Coast Hotel 7:00pm - 8:30pm

June 27, 2001 Regular meeting Coast Hotel 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned 9:15p.m.

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Attendance		
Name	Position	Member Seat
Eagle Walz - Chair	Primary	Recreation
Ken Jackson- Chair	Primary	Recreation
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Planning
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
George Ferreira	Primary	Recreation
Linda Scheiber	Primary	Tourism
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
Absent		
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Rita Rasmussen	Alternate	Environment

Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
Jim Stutt	Alternate	Recreation
Sally Keays	Alternate	Environment
Mark Desnoyers	Alternate	Tourism
Bob Baxter	Alternate	Recreation
11 seats in attendance	1 absent	
Resource - other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	
One Guest		
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	