

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

Feb 13th, 2002

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:26pm: The Vice - Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Introductions

Facilitator noted that a quorum was present. Rod Tysdal introduced guest Colin Koszman, who is preparing for his professional forester's exam. CAG members introduced themselves.

Presentation of Agenda

Agenda was accepted – no additions.

Review of minutes from January 23rd and January 30th

The minutes from January 23rd and January 30th were reviewed, no changes or additions. The minutes, survey results and presentation from January 23rd will be posted to the website www.cagstw.org. Facilitator asked members if they were receiving electronic copies. It was noted that hard copies could be provided on request for members without easy access to a computer.

Review of Action List

Action list from Jan 23rd was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that some items were complete, others ongoing.

Agenda for March 27th

Action item regarding March 27th meeting, it was noted that a speaker (Paul Quinn) has been found, and will address the group regarding the Green Paper and the Peter Pearce report. Agenda for the March 27th meeting was discussed. It was suggested that there would be one hour of business followed by speakers. Other reports and papers that have been written regarding the forest industry in BC were discussed. The possibility of other speakers on the same night was discussed. Concerns were raised by some members that too many speakers could be confusing. It was noted that if chaired properly, the debate could be very interesting and educational.

Ideas and suggestions for meeting to discuss various papers:

Different positions exist – IWA, Community and Forest Industry, and all should be heard.

CAG members need to be provided with basic information

CAG members should read papers, hear different opinions and educate themselves on what is happening in the forest industry

Report to council from city councilor that attended a UBCM conference would be made available to CAG members.

IWA could be invited to express their opinion

Government rep from Victoria could be invited

Jessica Clogg could be consulted for another opinion

Saturday meetings suggested if extra time needed

Suggestion that there may be only a small window of opportunity for CAG to comment

CAG should decide what is important to them and keep a broad "umbrella" of issues on the agenda

Concerns regarding the fiber staying the community, local labour force and future jobs were raised

ACTION - Government paper (December 2001) has been written and will be provided to CAG

Salmon – Powell Lake

In response to question from previous meeting regarding salmon and other fish returning to the lakes and streams, Rod Tysdal noted that Weyerhaeuser was involved with the Adaptive Water Management Team that is working on the Theodosia River to improve water flows.

It was noted that Weyerhaeuser has stabilized the dam, and is helping with infrared photography that will monitor changes in estuary life. It was noted that there are no plans for restocking at present. Debates are taking place on whether to let nature take its course, and see if the salmon come back. It was noted that Sliammon might be interested in taking some stocks from the Sliammon Fish Hatchery

Notice of Theodosia River Adaptive Water Management Plan

Open House (Feb 28th Coast Hotel 2:00pm – 8:00pm)

It was noted that the above Open House might be of interest to CAG members.

ACTION- Secretary will remind members by e-mail.

Photographer for CAG

Facilitator described the need for a photographer. Member volunteered to be the group photographer. Weyerhaeuser will provide digital camera

Correspondence

Letter of reply to Sally Keays from CAG

Review of reply to letter received from Sally Keays. Comments were invited. CAG members accepted the letter.

ACTION – Letter to Sally to be delivered as soon as possible.

Letter from E.R. Baxter

Copies of letter were distributed and CAG members were asked to read and comment

before Monday, February 18th. It was noted that there were some inaccuracies in the letter regarding references to FSC, CSA and FSC.

ACTION- Members to comment on letter and reply to be drafted.

Water Testing

CAG member asked question regarding water testing for herbicides, and suggestion was that sediment should also be tested.

ACTION – Suggestions for monitoring water (and sediment) will be brought forward.

Biosolids

Member reported that an Open House that was held for the community recently showed that residents were opposed to the plan to use class B biosolids in the area. Plan to store toxic sludge in the Wildwood area was not well received. Health and environmental concerns were raised. It was noted that Wildwood residents would send a letter to City council opposing the plan.

Forest Dependent Business Sub-Committee Report

It was noted that three public meetings had been held to help create a solution to make fiber available for purchase by local forest dependent businesses. Copies of Weyerhaeuser's "Process for sale of Fiber to Local Small Business" were handed out. Members reviewed the Process and were pleased with the document. Request was made for contact phone number and CAG's address to be added to end of the document. It was noted that Process would be advertised and posted to the CAG website.

ACTION – New "Process for Sale of Fiber to Local Small Business" to be posted to CAG website.

Member asked about the availability of yellow cedar. It was explained that yellow cedar is harvested only four months of the year on a seasonal basis because of the high elevation. It was suggested that if customers want to purchase specialty timber, they should talk to Weyerhaeuser and let them know what is needed. It was noted that the new process should make it easier to purchase specialty timber.

FSP

It was noted that the final version of the Forest Stewardship Plan was ready to go out for Public review. Public review of the FSP will take place at the Town Centre Mall on March 1st and 2nd, 2002. Copies of the final version of the Forest Stewardship Plan were distributed to the group. It was noted that the sub-committee had met three times and worked through many drafts of the Plan. CAG input and recommendations that were added to the final draft were reviewed.

CAG's recommended changes and additions were as follows:

Page 28 – Added Recreation/Tourism groups to 2nd paragraph:

"To manage for access needs of industry, recreation/tourism groups, the general public, government and First Nations while managing productive land/base losses to roads and trails"

Page 28 – Inland Lake - Larger openings up to 10 hectares may be considered in consultation with CAG?

Page 29 – Access Management - added "Stat holidays"

Page 30 – Road maintenance commitments moved from appendix

Page 32 - SCT – Attached map atlas. (Member suggested reference to SCT website)

Page 34 – Retention within management zones in consultation with CAG

Page 34 - Cultural heritage – added " First Nations and other non-native groups -

Page 40 – Fiber Supply for Local small business- added

Page 44 – Location, type and deactivation of all roads will be documented and tracked

Page 46 – Added section 4 – Stewardship Zone Descriptions – moved from appendix

It was noted that some feedback had already been received by e-mail. Member noted that CAG's review of the FSP had been a lot of work, and noted that comments from the Forest Service (MoF) in Nanaimo had helped make the task easier. CAG members volunteered to be present at the public review of the FSP at the Mall. It was noted that the plan would be posted on the Stillwater website on Friday, Feb 15th. CAG's website will contain a link.

E-Mail Correspondence from Charles Newcombe noted three points regarding the FSP.

Member's comments were invited.

CAG History

Member suggested that a history of CAG should be written, and volunteered to draft a copy for the group.

Trails

Discussion regarding Indicator # 86 - *The # of kilometers of trail built on top of debuilt roads. Objective – Access each road-debuilding project to determine the feasibility of developing trails on top of debuilt roads at the time of debuilding. Build these trails where feasible.* It was noted that most debuilt roads can be left with a walking trail, but ATV trails are more difficult, due to risk of slides and liability issues. It was noted that the Access Management plan would deal with trails on debuilt roads.

Break 8:08pm – 8:18pm

New Birdwatching book was introduced and members agreed it would be a useful addition to the library.

Block 5 – Phillips Arm

Suggestions put forward by members to develop indicators:

A sub-committee could be struck to develop indicators for the Phillips Arm area.

A three-day workshop could be held

Video could be made so that members could learn more about the area

CAG members could visit Block 5 – Phillips Arm and gain first-hand knowledge of the area

Transportation by boat from Lund could be arranged

It was noted that most of the members were in favour of visiting the area before beginning work on indicators. It was noted that the List of ideas on indicators would be provided for the group. Rod will look into the feasibility of a trip to the Phillips Arm area.

Indicators for Block 1 TFL 39 requiring Consultation

List of Indicators requiring consultation was provided.

Indicator #50 – *Local small business plan(s) created in compliance with the Pilot Project commitment* – It was noted that this item had been addressed with the creation of the new "*Process for Sale of Fiber to Local Small Business*"

Indicator # 110 – *The CAG is continually pursuing improved knowledge on local forest conditions and sustainable forest management* – It was agreed that this indicator was being done

Indicator # 8 - An effective habitat management program exists for identified species of special interest

Discussion on the above indicator – some management programs (Mountain Goats, Grizzly Bear, Deer, Marbled Murrelet, Heron, Tailed Frogs and Northern Goshawk, in addition to all other red and blue listed species) are already in place. It was suggested that other special interest species could be found by consulting with other community groups.

ACTION- Letter to be drafted to other community organizations and groups to get information on other species of special interest.

Indicator # 29 - Percent of rare physical environment identified as compared to the DFA land base, # of rare areas, and # of rare types

Consultation with CAG and other groups will determine rare areas (such as High Falls) when replies from letters from other organizations such as the Naturalist Club are received.

Indicator # 37 – Water quality and quantity for selected streams

It was noted that monitoring of water quality has been started in the Lewis Lake area. Results of monitoring water flows and temperatures will show impact of variable retention to streams. Data will be collected for one year.

Suggestion - that the area would be a good place for an educational field trip for CAG members. It was also noted that Public Health Department monitors the Haslam Lake and Jefferd Creek water quality.

Herbicide issue – Weyerhaeuser noted that they would prefer to monitor the water in respect to herbicide use. CAG members noted that there were community concerns regarding spraying – It was agreed that baseline data and guidelines were needed.

Suggestion - a program could be developed and sub-committee struck to work on the indicator concerning water quality. Rod will put together suggestions.

Indicator #72 – Number of safe parking areas associated with recreation sites and trails

Indicator #70 – Interpretive and directional signs installed and maintained

Access sub-committee working on above indicators in consultation with Weyerhaeuser.

CAG's Indicator - # of campsites and picnic sites built and/or maintained – Weyerhaeuser will provide information on this indicator soon and will include in subsequent SFM Plans as per agreement with CAG

It was noted that Social Welfare indicators would be included in the annual review of indicators.

Log Supply – Old Growth

Member noted that old growth supply forecasts showed graphs going down to zero. It was noted that fine grained old growth specialty timber was needed for small businesses.

Weyerhaeuser noted that many old growth areas were reserved and set aside from logging. It was noted that 2nd growth timber harvesting was more economical than old growth harvesting. (650 cubic meters per hectare compared to 850 cubic meters per hectare with old growth).

CAG member noted that salvage of old growth salvage is possible, and is available with many blow-downs that have taken place.

Suggestion - Program could be developed for salvage of old growth from blowdowns. Member mentioned area of Mt Troubridge where blowdowns occurred two or three years ago. It was noted that twenty or thirty logs along the fringe had blown down and timber is still there. CAG recommended salvage and using the wood before it rots.

ACTION – Weyerhaeuser will investigate above item and report back to CAG.

Members were advised to state their concerns in writing to Weyerhaeuser at the public review. Written concerns and comments will be answered.

Feedback – Chair requested feedback on meeting from guest Colin Koszman. Colin stated that he was impressed with the amount of information and knowledge that CAG members had to offer.

Next meeting – February 27, 2002

Meeting Adjourned – 9:10pm

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Attendance

Name	Position	Member Seat
Present		
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
George Ferreira	Primary	Recreation
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Planning
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Absent		
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Recreation

Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Mike Robinson	Alternate	Education/Planning
Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
<i>8 seats in attendance</i>	<i>4 absent</i>	
Resource - other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Doug McCormick	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Colin Koszman	Guest/ Resource	Stillwater
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	