

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

Jan 9th, 2002

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:25pm: The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Introductions

Mike Robinson, new alternate for the education seat was introduced. Andrew Pinch, new alternate member for tourism was introduced. CAG members and Weyerhaeuser staff introduced themselves to new member.

Presentation of Agenda

Agenda was accepted – two additions.

Review of minutes from December 5th

The minutes from December 5th were reviewed, and changes noted. Amendments will be made, and the minutes will be posted to the website www.cagstw.org.

Review of Action List

Action list from December 5th was reviewed and discussed.

ACTION – Review of procedures for new members in Terms of Reference

It was noted that a new youth member would be joining the group soon.

ACTION – Youth member will be contacted by facilitator.

ACTION – Access sub-committee to work with Weyerhaeuser on maps showing proposals for access

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence to Patricia Keays were provided.

Correspondence regarding North Island Timberlands invitation to CAG members to attend a BCCG Economic Competitiveness Panel Discussion on January 17th was discussed.

Forest Stewardship Plan Update – Doug McCormick

Copies of Draft #10 were provided. It was noted that copies have been sent to the Ministries involved, and that an answer would be expected by January 15th. If a positive answer is received, it was hoped that the sixty-day formal advertising of the Plan could commence January 19th. Members requested that a review and comparison of Draft #6 and Draft #10 take place. Sub – committee was appointed and arrangements made to meet on Friday, January 11th, at the Weyerhaeuser office. More information will be available on that date, after feedback from the Ministry of Forests is received.

Forest Dependent Business Sub-Committee Report

Minutes from the meetings that were held on December 12th and January 7th were reviewed. It was noted that several small business owners had brainstormed ideas with CAG members and some positive ideas and solutions had been suggested. Discussions regarding timber supply for local business will continue on January 23rd when CAG holds a Forest Dependent evening that will be open to the public. It was noted that surveys that had been sent out were coming back with some positive answers. It was noted that invitations have been sent out and advertisement for January 23rd will appear in the local newspaper.

ACTION - Results of surveys will be compiled for January 23rd meeting.

FSC Social Chamber

It was noted that one CAG member would attend the FSC Social Chamber workshop meeting that is to be held in Vancouver on February 3rd and 4th.

Discussion and planning of agendas for future meetings

It was noted that the business meetings will be the first meeting of the month, and the educational, public meetings would be held on the second meeting of the month.

Agenda for February 27th meeting - Access issues. Access sub-committee will determine what tourist groups and others need. 24/7 access to Goat Main and Canoe route suggested. Funding required – brainstorm ideas to get funding. Government support needed. \$3-\$4million required for road building etc. It was noted that diversification of local economy was important to federal and provincial government. Green projects could apply for funding.

Agenda for March 27th - Suggestion for discussions on Coastal Report white paper and other reports that have been published.

ACTION – Someone to be found to discuss above reports and address the group on changes taking place in forestry.

IWA Participation - It was noted that member will not be participating for now until IWA decide whether members can take part in community advisory groups.

Invitation to Public meeting February 21st

Notice to members of a meeting that would be of interest. More information will be available at a later date. Discussion regarding the LRMP for the Sunshine Coast area and government changes affecting the Sunshine Coast plan. New study to be done for recreational purposes. Recommended website of interest for members is www.roughlife.com

Suggestion - Members look at website www.roughlife.com and add to recreation inventory survey

Suggestion - Maybe tourism sector could identify users of the Sunshine Coast trail and canoe route. New person needed for the Access committee, since one will be absent for six weeks.

Suggestion- New Social Economic profile for Powell River is due next month. Maybe someone could come and talk to the group about the report.

Business Cards for CAG members

Sample from other groups shown. Members agreed that names, logo and website should be on cards.

ACTION- Facilitator will follow up on business cards for members.

SFMP Audit Report

Auditor's report from QMI was explained to members.

Indicators Update

It was noted that some indicators would continue to be worked on.

ACTION -Members will work with Weyerhaeuser to prioritize and identify these indicators.

Indicator #37 – "*Water quality and quantity for selected streams.*" It was noted that local groups were concerned with water quality in the Haslam Lake watershed area.

Notice of Meeting Wednesday January 16th – Integrated Water Plan for Haslam Lake. It was noted that a meeting would be held for members of the IWMP and licensee holders. It was suggested that CAG consult with hydrologists to arrange discussions on some indicators:

Indicator # 8 – "*An effective management program exists for identified species of special interest*" was identified as needing more work

Indicator # 46 – "*Timber made available at fair market price*" It was noted that this indicator would be dealt with at the Forest Dependent Business evening scheduled for January 23rd, 2002.

CSA Certification of Block 5 – Phillips Arm

Information session on Phillips Arm. Handouts were provided by Weyerhaeuser with information on the area covered by Block 5. It was noted that there is no FSP for Block 5. Maps and photographs were shown.

Information provided included:

Size of area – 47,000 hectares

Productive forest area – 15,000 hectares

Type of wood – Hemlock, balsam, cedar

Topography – swampy, rugged, steep

Climate – lots of rainfall

How much private, how much public land? Small old fishing lodge in the area

Protected area? Some conservation land to be taken out as in the Inland Lake part of the TFL

Access- by boat, helicopter or sea plane

Recreational features - Hiking, fishing, crabbing, hunting

Rich sockeye salmon area

Goats, big deer, wolves, grizzly bear and elk in area

Some salvaging had been done in the area (cedar blocks)

Grizzly bear population density- (approx.)- Some information that seven were sighted in one day

Grizzly bears and logging – do they get along?

First Nations territory? Bands disagree whose territory it is

History of balsam saw fly infestation and bark beetles in the late 90's explained

AAC for the area if cut would be 95,000 cubic meters

It was agreed that CAG's involvement in the CSA certification for Block 5 would be time consuming and difficult without seeing the area. Only one or two members were familiar with the area.

Question – Could any blocks be made available for small local businesses? Not logging there yet.

Question –Would logs be sorted at local Dry Land Sort? Some would be sorted there.

Question – Why would logging in Block 5 be good for the community?
Employment for local people.

Question - Is it economical to take out? Can the timber only be reached with helicopters? In that area there would be 40% helicopter logging and 60% conventional. Block 1 is 20% helicopter logging and 80% conventional.

Question – History of the area? – 1961 Early logging. 1972-73 - Road built. All re-forested and replanted after infestation in 90's.

Question – Does salvage count as part of the AAC? Yes

Question – Distance between Phillip's Arm and Powell River? – Sixty miles – Two and a half-hours by boat from Lund. Thirty-six miles from Campbell River.

Question – Anyone getting anything out of Block 5 now? Yes, Good cedar for utility shingles (salvage).

Further information available on Block 5:

Visual quality assessment

Water shed assessment

Forest Development Plan

Bear habitat information

Goat habitat information

Recreation inventory from 1991

Discussion followed on whether CAG could be involved with the developing of indicators for the certification of Block 5, as per CSA requirements, and members asked how much time was estimated to be spent on the project.

Suggestion was made that CAG members could visit the area to get some background knowledge.

Members voiced their concern on whether there was enough time for Block 5 involvement, when they had already committed to plans for educational sessions for the public. It was noted that the educational aspect was of prime importance to members and the public. It was noted that the group should try to stay "on track".

Suggestion – Members should take time to think about the involvement and not make a commitment until after the small business group meeting after the January 23rd meeting. It was noted that Block 5 work (if undertaken) would be shorter and easier than the work involved in developing indicators for TFL 39 block 1.

Member pointed out that there are already economic benefits coming to the community through employment in Block 5. Engineers, contractors, fallers and others are employed in the Phillips Arm area. Employees who work in the Phillips Arms area live in Powell River and spend their money here. Member stressed that CSA certification of the Block and CAG participation in the certification

process would be very beneficial to the whole community of Powell River and therefore a very worthwhile project to take on.

Member noted that the area has never been promoted as a tourist or recreational destination in Powell River but it is promoted through Campbell River.

Note from facilitator: Other groups discuss only CSA items on their agenda, and are not as diversified as the Powell River group. Other groups schedule extra meetings for extra items. It was noted that a lot of good work has been achieved so far.

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group		
January 9th 2002		
Attendance		
Name	Position	Member Seat
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
George Ferreira	Primary	Recreation
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Planning
Mike Robinson	Alternate	Education/Planning
Linda Scheiber	Primary	Tourism

Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Absent		
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
<i>12 seats in attendance</i>		
Resource - other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Doug McCormick	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	