

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

March 13th, 2002

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

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

It was noted that several publications - "*Cross Cut - BC value added wood journal, Innovation –Canadian Model Forest network bulletin and Publications catalogue for Canadian Model Forest network* - were available for the group's interest.

Introductions

Rod Tysdal introduced Neil Hughes, forester from Northwest Hardwoods.

CAG members introduced themselves to guest.

Chair welcomed new youth member to the group.

Agenda

Agenda was accepted and additions were made.

Review of Minutes from February 27th

The minutes from February 27th were reviewed and amendments noted. The minutes will be posted to the website www.cagstw.org

Terms of Reference Review

It was noted that a review of the Terms of Reference was scheduled before June. Members noted that the established system seemed to be working well, but some items may be in need of review.

Shaw Cable – Public Exposure for CAG

Member noted that a verbal invitation for an interview from Shaw Cable had been received. Discussion followed on the format and different possibilities that could be presented. Ideas and suggestions for the show were brought forward and discussed:

History of Community Advisory Group

Review of CAG's work to date

Phone – in question and answer period

Prepared questions and answers

Phone – in session

Shaw to attend a regular meeting

All members to participate

Opportunity to get more members of the public interested

It was decided that a sub-committee should be struck to plan and prepare for the Shaw Cable presentation. Member who has had previous experience with television presentations volunteered to be part of the sub-committee.

ACTION – Sub-committee will meet to arrange Shaw interview / presentation

Review of Action List from February 27th

Action list from February 27th was discussed and several key items addressed:

Access committee will set up time to work on maps showing trails and access routes

Water testing of creeks was discussed and some questions raised regarding herbicide levels – Questions regarding records of WCB claims for exposure to herbicides – Discussion on proper dress when working with hazardous chemicals - safety gloves and good washing habits etc. No known WCB incidents or claims in this area regarding herbicide use

Campsites – members asked previously for the number of campsites maintained by Weyerhaeuser. Answer was provided (17) Indicator will be tracked from year to year and CAG will monitor that company meets its public commitments

New member asked for clarification on values, goals and indicators. An explanation was provided and a brief outline of the CSA criteria given – Multiple use of forest resources and multiple benefits to society were used as examples.

Review of Action List from February 27th

Continued

Blowdown on east side of Mount Troubridge – CAG member has spoken to Weyerhaeuser about making wood available to small business. It was noted that there are thirty good sized old growth trees - Douglas fir, yellow cedar and mountain hemlock

Education – Plans for meetings of the sub-committee are in progress and will begin soon

FSC update received and information provided to members

Invitation to Shearwater – will be invited when plans/report finished

Correspondence

Draft of letter regarding CAG's concerns regarding dwindling supply of old growth to strategic support team at Stillwater – in progress.

2. Reply to Lori Kemp from Weyerhaeuser was read to the group

Neil Hughes

Overview of proposed logging plans for Atrevida Loop

Maps of the Atrevida loop area were provided for members. Further to discussions with Lori Kemp at the February 27th meeting, Coast Mountain Hardwoods' position was explained. It was noted that the company was aware of the concerns raised by Lori Kemp, area tourism operator. It was noted that consultations had taken place and issues were noted. It was noted that the company would work to meet concerns regarding water, trails, old railway grades, and old vets to be retained. It was noted that hydrologists would be consulted to look at water concerns.

DRAFT maps showing logging plans were provided. It was noted on the map that the area is covered under Sliammon AIP and has been on hold since September 2001 due to a government order to wait until the land agreements were settled with First Nations. It was noted on the map that major interests in the area have been discussed with concerned citizens at a number of on-site meetings as well as at the home of a local resident. It was noted on the map that extreme care has

been taken to ensure locals have been consulted with. Map noted that "Commitments have been given"

Draft maps were shown, and public review of forest development plans was discussed.

Members who had been involved with the area previously disagreed on whether written commitments had been received. It was noted that there had been a commitment from Weyerhaeuser to reply in writing to requests that were made.

ACTION – Follow up on reply to Lori from Coast Mountain Hardwoods regarding list of concerns and issues discussed last summer (August) regarding the Atrevida Loop plans

Meeting continued "in camera" – five minutes

Members returned and decided that the area in question was not in CAG's area (TFL39- BLOCK1)

Suggestion that maybe an ombudsman - or someone at arm's length could help resolve the situation. Member offered to speak to Neil and re-visit issue since it is a community concern.

BREAK -7:30pm – 7:48pm

CSA – Z809-2002 Revision Backgrounder: Summary of key Changes

Sustainable Forest Management: requirements and Guidance Document

Members were provided with the above documents for review. It was noted that wording changes for criteria and critical elements would make it easier to understand. It was noted that input from CAG was important. Members were asked to e-mail comments on the changes before the May 2nd deadline.

Trip to Phillips Arm

Rod Tysdal

Proposed trip to Phillips Arm was announced. It was noted that CAG members would be able to get some idea of the Block 5 area so that CSA indicators can be developed.

Details to be planned later – boat transportation and overnight stay were discussed. Tentative dates August 10-11, 2002. Numbers to be finalized by April 15th.

Indicators for Phillips Arm

A list of sixty – eight indicators that may be specific to Phillips Arm were provided. More could be added after the trip to the area.

It was noted that there are some LRMP protected areas (Spruce flats). It was suggested that CAG might want to have an indicator referring to the flats. It was noted that there are no formal trails, and no commitment for trail or road access at present.

It was suggested that members look at the indicators that already exist and review with the SFMP book

FSP Public Review

Members who were present at the mall display with Weyerhaeuser noted that there were no negative comments heard. Maps and information on the FSP were given out. Some questions were answered and comments noted in the book that was available.

The Chair noted that it was important for CAG members to be seen at the mall display. Weyerhaeuser thanked members who volunteered to attend.

It was noted that a letter of response from CAG would be drafted at the first meeting in April. Items of interest (connectivity) to be brought forward and added to the letter.

ACTION – Copy of written comments from the public to be provided for CAG

Ministry of Forests handout

Changes to MOF's role in public recreation & roads

Members were provided with copies of the presentation and discussed the contents. Concerns were raised regarding the planned changes and the speed at which changes may occur.

Campsites no longer maintained

Removal of access to recreation sites and trails

De-activation of roads and bridges

Effects on local economy and tourism businesses

Sites could be sold or leased to private enterprise

It was noted that legislation was being written so that government could not be sued if mishaps occurred.

Members decided to draft a letter to government to address their concerns on the Ministry of Forest's proposed changes.

ACTION – Letter to be sent to Premier Gordon Campbell and other government officials

Members asked for invitation to be sent to Greg Hemphill to address recreation and other issues.

ACTION – Greg Hemphill, District Manager of the Ministry to be invited to CAG meeting

Socio - economic Study

It was noted that CAG would give input to the Socio-economic study that is being updated by Shearwater. An invitation will be issued to Shearwater to attend a CAG meeting in the near future.

It was also noted that the Socio-Economic Profile for the Sunshine Coast Forest District was being done by the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, and it was noted that CAG input would be welcomed.

ACTION – Member will provide more information on the government study of the Socio-Economic profile

Members noted that it was important to keep up to date with what's happening, especially when drastic changes are planned.

Millennium Park update

Member noted that a letter of intent was about to be signed off by municipal government, provincial government, Weyerhaeuser, Norske Canada. Final compensation agreements regarding the land swaps between Weyerhaeuser and Norske Canada have not yet been reached. It was noted that it was one of Weyerhaeuser's objectives to have agreements in place by year-end. It was also noted that the Millennium Park was not on the top of the list for the provincial government at this time, and that there were other areas to be considered (Cathedral Grove for example) on Vancouver Island.

ACTION - Maps of the proposed Millennium Park to be provided for members at next meeting

Website

Suggestions for the re-design of the website (www.cagstw.org) were brought forward:

Links to other sites – PRCN, Visitor's Bureau

Listing in the Community Service Book

CSA should be written out Canadian Standards Association

SFMP – should be Sustainable Forest Management Plan

Re-organize buttons and combine some items

Keep current events and notices on top

More maps to be posted on the website

ACTION – Website will be re-designed and changes made as soon as possible

ACTION – Community Advisory Group address and website to be published in next edition of the Powell River Community Services book

CAG's obligations to help economic development and social wellbeing of the community

Concerned members again stressed the importance of action to help the community. It was noted that small communities such as Powell River are suffering severe socio economic stress.

It was decided that the letter to government was of utmost importance and would be drafted as soon as possible. It was also noted that the local MLA Harold Long and the Minister of Sustainable Resource Management Stan Hagen were scheduled to be in Powell River on March 22nd. Member agreed to deliver the letter in person on March 22nd.

Suggestion was made and members agreed that CAG should issue a public statement after the Ministry of Forests changes have been addressed.

Next meeting March 27th – Coast Hotel – 6:00pm

Open to the Public at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned 8:43PM

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group		
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Attendance		
Name	Position	Member Seat
Present		
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Recreation
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Mike Robinson	Alternate	Education/Planning
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Karen Duff	Alternate	Citizens
Doug Fugge	Primary	Youth

Absent		
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Planning
George Ferreira	Primary	Recreation
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Taylor Holbrook	Alternate	Youth
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
<i>9 seats in attendance</i>		
Resource - other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Neil Hughes	Weyerhaeuser	North West Hardwoods
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	