

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

May 8th, 2002

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

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

Introductions

Guests were introduced

Agenda

Agenda was accepted and additions were made.

Review of Minutes from April 10th and 24th

The minutes from April 10th and 24th were reviewed and amendments noted. The minutes will be posted to the website www.cagstw.org

Correspondence

Letter of resignation was read from Mike Robinson, alternate for education seat.

It was noted that a new alternate has been found and will be introduced next time.

Several items of correspondence were included in packages.

FSC update

Reply from Gordon Campbell

Copies of four letters written by CAG as a result of meeting with Harold Long, MLA on May 3rd.

Letter to Rod Visser re: traveling forum and request to come to Powell River

Letter to Gordon Campbell, Premier, regarding Millennium Park support

Letter to Gordon Campbell, Premier, regarding 24/7 Access Stillwater Main

Letter to Gordon Campbell, Premier, regarding liability for user groups

It was noted that Mr. Long has been asked to come back to a meeting with CAG before the end of June.

Results-based Forest and Range Practices Regime

Discussion paper for public review and comment

Results-based forest practices code documents were provided and website address given. It was noted that there is an interesting "feedback" section on the website. It was noted that members had to read and study the document in order to respond. Member noted that there are a lot of grey areas that need clarification. It was suggested that member or members go to Nanaimo (the closest location) if no meeting is planned for Powell River.

Members concerns were noted - that the document did mention "visual quality" but did not have any section that addressed "access" and nothing that considered the needs of recreational users.

Action List Review

Action list from April 24th was reviewed and previous items were updated and discussed. **ACTION** – Facilitator will phone Shaw cable to request filming of upcoming forestry tour.

Members noted that there were problems with communications and suggested that CAG should have a phone number exclusive to CAG.

ACTION – Facilitator will look into a separate phone line or voice mailbox for CAG to advertise and answer enquiries from the public.

Discussion regarding location of trails on top of debuilt roads – ongoing. Weyerhaeuser noted that trails will still be built but not in high-risk areas. It was noted that there were some areas of major concern in the North Island area.

Socio – economic study

Member noted that the deadline for public input has been extended, and website address will be provided.

ACTION – Member will provide website address for information on Socio economic study by the Ministry of Sustainable Resources.

Letter to Ministry of Forests re: handicapped access to campsites.

Member noted that the free camping passes for the disabled has *not* been cancelled, but there will be a program in place to ensure that the passes are not abused.

Signage

Weyerhaeuser noted that signage that was discussed at an earlier meeting will be done with the help of FIA funding- and \$100,000 has been requested for recreation to fix signage and maintain the canoe route. It was noted that new "RADAR" signs that contained safety messages had been recently erected on the Stillwater Mainline.

Research projects

It was noted that some of the money available from FIA would be used for research projects such as the study of squirrels, birds and Marbled Murrelets.

BREAK 7:15pm -7:35pm

Report of May 3rd meeting with Harold Long, MLA

and review of minutes

Chair noted that a meeting that was scheduled for May 3rd had taken place. It was noted that an agenda had been sent to Mr. Long's office ahead of time so that Mr. Long could come prepared to answers questions on the following subjects:

24/7 Access of Goat Lake/Stillwater Main to Dodd Lake

Latest news on liability – re non-profit organizations being asked to take on recreation facilities re: Sunshine Coast Trail, Knuckleheads, Emma Lake and the South Powell Divide

Liability re: wilderness roads being devolved to non- profit organizations

Status of negotiations on Millennium Park

It was also noted that the facilitator twice spoke at length to Mr. Long's constituency assistant and provided background information on the topics for discussion. It was noted that the information was not passed on and therefore Mr. Long came unprepared for the meeting.

It was noted that Mr. Long promised to take concerns to Victoria and requested four letters from CAG addressing the above area of concern. Letters were delivered by fax,

e-mail and regular mail.

ACTION – Member will provide package of liability information.

It was noted that Mr. Long was asked to return to meet CAG members before the end of June.

Minutes from May 3rd were reviewed and accepted and amendments noted.

Trip to Phillips Arm

Rod Tysdal

Proposed trip to Phillips Arm was discussed. 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. Facilitator noted that videotape on the Phillips Arm area has been ordered from TV station for CAG use.

Details: – number of members planning to take the trip, boat transportation and overnight stay were discussed. Tentative dates August 10-11, 2002. Numbers to be finalized by June 1st.

Question: Members asked whether Phillips Arm plans would go ahead

Answer: It was noted that it would go ahead

Question: Dry land sort for sale?

Answer: Weyerhaeuser is actively looking for a buyer

Forest Tour - Saturday May 11th

Information on planned May 11th forest tour:

Buses leave Inn at Westview at 9am returning at 5:00pm.

Public advertising in local newspaper

CAG members and friends will attend

Lunch at Nanton Lake – 80 expected

CAG presentation - membership list to be posted

Displays and maps will be provided by Weyerhaeuser at different stops

Forest Education Committee Report

Member noted that two meetings a month are being held. Information and materials to develop curriculum for teachers is being gathered. It was noted that a short informal survey taken recently showed no interest in forestry at the grade 12 level. It was noted that a program that could be developed from Kindergarten to Grade 12 that is *fun* and would build interest. It was noted that CAG would come up with a proposal to take to the school district for future planning. Julie Clark from Malaspina College will attend the next meeting.

Next forest education meeting will take place on May 14th.

ACTION - existing curriculum to be obtained for next meeting.

Terms of Reference Committee Report

Terms of Reference committee reported on suggested changes:

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1) Mandate – slightly expanded to include-

c) To provide community, industry, First Nations and government with the opportunity to share information and learn from each other

2) Objectives – add-

h) Retain ownership of intellectual property created by the advisory group

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3) Operating Principles

Re-word-

g) A quorum will be constituted by more than 50% of the active seats

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c) Alternates

Discussion on new alternates and whether relatives or spouses should be allowed to

sit in alternate seats? Continue discussion next meeting-

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7) Public participation in Meetings

b) Speakers wishing to make a presentation to CAG, will submit to the committee for their consideration, a written request and overview of the subject matter

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8) Consensus process

b) Consensus will be defined as a general agreement on a conclusion or, conversely, no substantial disagreement with that conclusion. The parties involved may not agree with every aspect, but taken as a whole, a decision based on consensus satisfies the major interest and concerns to the extent that the members can all support it.

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Recorder

Tapes of meetings will be kept for 60 days after the acceptance of the minutes developed from the tape

Discussion followed on how long to keep the tapes – re-visit this item next meeting

ACTION - Electronic copies of the Terms of Reference to be sent out with changes in red for review before next meeting.

It was noted that input was required from members. It was also noted that 50% consensus was required to make final changes to the Terms of Reference.

It was noted that the Annual General meeting will take place in June, Terms of Reference would be reviewed and elections would be held on that date.

Access sub-committee report

Access sub-committee showed recreation maps and noted that the maps were still a "work in progress". Trails were marked and some trails were still to be added. It was reported that consultation with the Alpine Club and others (BOMB squad and PRPAWS) is ongoing.

Concerns regarding liability were noted and it was noted that a letter had been sent to Gordon Campbell regarding concerns for recreation sites on crown land. Handout from "*Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia*" was distributed to members.

ACTION – Criteria for risk assessment website address (and password) to be obtained for members as discussed at previous meeting.

It was noted that meetings for Access sub-committee had been planned since January 9th, and it was suggested that the meetings could be speeded up and the maps completed as soon as possible.

Operational Information Map

Doug McCormick

Maps were provided for members to review. It was noted that the hook-up road from Stillwater Main to Goat Lake one-way loop was the latest addition to the map.

It was noted that the operational information map remains unchanged.

It was noted that two changes to the FSP map were added as a result of public comments:

Rainbow Lodge – *area of concern*

Traditional Use sites – added to the maps. First Nations have been out with Weyerhaeuser and picked out two different sites and are willing to have sites displayed on the maps. It was noted that they are "current use sites" not historical sites and won't be harvested for three years.

Weyerhaeuser's response to CAG's comments on the FSP will be delivered in the next couple of days-

Three areas of concern will be noted:

Herbicides – Weyerhaeuser position on herbicides will remain the same

Adjacency will go from 100 meters to 200 meters

Green-up – Weyerhaeuser's position stays the same at 1-meter green-up

Discussion on the three items above continued. Weyerhaeuser noted that the rationale given to the Forest Service was that their plans were in keeping with the Vancouver Island's Land Use Plan. It was also noted that the proposed zoning package covered different zones – timber, old growth, habitat. It was also noted that variable retention would be used and when done well no area would look like a clear-cut. Weyerhaeuser noted that they would only use 1-m green up where there were no visual concerns, and it would not be used all over. If approved, members would have an opportunity to go out and look at the results. It was noted that public comments were still being looked into, and an issue regarding Marbled Murrelets was an area of concern. It was noted that a meeting with Ministry of Water Land and Air protection was planned for May 15th to deal with this item. It was noted that the date for final submission of all public comments to Ministry of Forests would be within two weeks.

Weyerhaeuser personnel left the room.

Discussion on letter of response to Weyerhaeuser's letter was held in camera.

Weyerhaeuser personnel returned to the meeting

Members asked Weyerhaeuser what that combination of 200m adjacency and 1-m green-up would look like and whether the trees that were left with VR would be left forever or whether they would be cut down in the next rotation.

Question – What would the area look like? (In the scenario) – variable retention in 40 hectares then 200 m leave strip then 40 hectares variable retention then another leave strip - then carry on for a certain distance -is there any limit to this?

Answer – No

Question – Then 3 or 4 years later, at 1-m green up, company would come back and cut the leave strips between but not the VR trees

Answer – Correct

Question- How long do the VR trees stay? –when trees grow up around sixty years or when they reach maturity, then company goes back and cuts but leaves the old ones again?

Answer – They stay. Theory of variable retention is that trees that are left provide structure for future rotations.

CAG's response to Weyerhaeuser – members noted that they would stick to the comments that had been agreed to in the first letter, and would remain firm in their comments:

100% no herbicide use

300-m adjacency

3-m green up

ACTION – Final FSP letter to Weyerhaeuser to be drafted before May 15th

ACTION – Member will provide more information regarding use of alternate methods such as girdling.

ACTION – Members request that Weyerhaeuser cc the group when letters that refer to the Community Advisory Group are sent to others.

Recreation map was reviewed. To be completed.

Next meeting May 22nd – Coast Hotel – 6:00pm

Open to the Public at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned 9:55PM

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group		
May 8th 2002		
Attendance		
Name	Position	Member Seat
Present		
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation

Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Recreation
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Planning
George Ferreira	Primary	Recreation
Jack McLinchey	Primary	Motorized recreation
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized recreation
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
Absent		
Mike Robinson	Alternate	Education/Planning
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Doug Fugge	Primary	Youth
Taylor Holbrook	Alternate	Youth
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Karen Duff	Alternate	Citizens
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business

<i>9 seats in attendance</i>		
Resource - other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Doug McCormick	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	