

# Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

December 10th 2003

## Minutes

### Westview Pizza

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:15pm: Meeting called to order

Quorum noted

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Agenda was accepted with additions.

### **Review of Minutes**

Minutes from November 26th were reviewed and accepted as amended.

### **First Nation invitation**

Member asked about First Nation consultation. Letter of invitation to Sliammon to participate in CAG meetings was discussed. Member suggested that a CAG meeting could be held at Sliammon. Members agreed.

### **Correspondence**

Invitation to Maynard Harry to participate in CAG meetings. Members discussed and agreed that a personal invitation would be appropriate.

Invitation to Verne Kinley of P.R. Wood to participate in CAG meetings. Members approved the letter with current date.

Letter received – cc: Weyerhaeuser's response to Wildwood

Ratepayers' concerns re: PMP and water quality.

Letter received – Weyerhaeuser's response to CAG's letter regarding the PMP.

Discussion and questions regarding the above letter. (#4)

### **Weyerhaeuser's response to CAG's letter regarding the PMP**

*Question* – When amendments to PMP are contemplated what is the time frame for consultation with CAG?

*Answer* - As soon as contemplated

*Question* – Are there any amendments that do not require public review?

*Answer* - Significant amendments will require public review. Regulations say what is required but there may be some grey areas. Notices of intent will be brought forward to CAG.

Member requested clarification re: section 2 regarding when public consultation is required.

**ACTION** - Rod will get clarification on public consultation regarding amendments to PMP.

*Question* – What happens next?

*Answer* – Company will submit plan to government and if they are satisfied with plan – there will be a 45-day public review period.

Rod noted that a PMP update would be given at each CAG meeting.

**ACTION** - PMP update to be provided for members.

*Question* – Will there be a copy of consultation report for CAG?

*Answer* – Yes – consultation report will be provided when done.

Member suggested that CAG should decide what is a significant amendment –  
(*item for future agenda*)

Member noted that the item in the PMP regarding rare vascular plants should be built into the CSA indicators.

*Question* – What type of signage will there be? Will they be at both ends of the trail?

*Answer* – Signs will be according to current requirements – company could work out the wording with CAG

*Question* – How long will signs stay?

*Answer* – Seven days as per requirement but open to discussion. PMP is a living document and there are things that can be discussed anytime.

*Question* – Re: item # 13 in letter regarding costs that will not be included in DSA's detailed site assessments. Why no costs included?

*Answer* – DSA's will look at impacts and biological and physical features- company wants to keep separate from economics. Assessments will be made biologically and then cost decisions will be made.

*Question* – Will operational information maps include PMP activities?

*Answer* – Yes- all will be shown on the map.

### **Stand Activity Report** – handout provided

*Question* – Is database complete for all species?

*Answer* – Yes – more species information is available at the office, files are available for all blocks. Vision is used mainly for salmonberry.

### **Conducting Business at Weyerhaeuser office during IWA strike**

Member suggested that facilitator and secretary should not cross the picket lines during the current IWA strike. Member noted that CAG should be neutral on issues connected with the strike so as not to offend any single seat at the table. It was suggested that the Weyerhaeuser office should not be used for sub-committee meetings for the duration of the strike. IWA noted that the strikers were not stopping people from crossing the picket line to the Weyerhaeuser office. Members were asked to consider the position and voted in favour of not crossing the picket line.

IWA member thanked CAG for their support.

## **Report of the Small Scale Salvage Review Committee**

Members were provided with handout – Report of the small-scale salvage review committee that was published December 2003. MLA's have provided advice to help revitalize salvage programs. It was noted that further information is available on the government website. The Ministry of Forests is expected to respond to the report's recommendations in Spring 2004.

### **Reorganization of Seats**

Member noted that wider representation was desired for CAG. Vacant seats include First Nations, labour and environment.

Proposal was made to enlarge composition of the group by one more seat.

Member proposed a seat to deal with Weyerhaeuser holdings in Block 5 (Phillips Arm), and any other Weyerhaeuser activities north of town including the Theodosia Valley. It was noted that Jane Cameron was willing and interested in serving in that capacity.

Discussion followed and members pointed out that there were other individuals (contractors, trappers, fishers) who were involved in activities in Phillips Arm. It was noted that the member was familiar with the area and could consult with others who have involvement in block 5 and report back to CAG if there were any concerns. Members noted that activities in block 5 have often been an "afterthought" and indicators that were written were suggested indicators. Facilitator noted that a "member at large" position could be created similar to the seat held at the North Island Advisory group. Members agreed that a representative for block 5 would be beneficial, and suggested that members for block 5 should get in touch with members of the crew working up there. Phone contact could be established with contractors and IWA crew and any concerns (environmental or other) could be relayed. It was noted that no one else had come forward to volunteer for the position. Jane noted that she would be spending time on the phone and would gather information that could be pertinent to CAG. Members asked for Rod's opinion. Rod noted that Block 1 was the one that got the most attention, and didn't want to see Block 5 neglected in terms of representation. It was also noted that block 5 is used by a fisheries program, recreational helicopters, hunters, salvagers, loggers and engineering crews. Member noted that once seat was established, foresters and others involved with block 5 could work with member for block 5.

*Motion-* Member at large seat be created to focus on block 5.

*Seconded.*

*Passed. One opposed*

Member asked for nomination from floor for Jane Cameron to take the primary position of member at large.

Members voted in favour (one opposed).

### **Environment/Access seat**

*Motion* - Member for environment requested name change to environment/access seat.

*Seconded*

*Passed* - Members voted in favour – none opposed.

### **Operational Information Map**

Members reviewed map and operational information map update. Members noted that the new grid on the map was helpful for identifying areas.

Members were also provided with coloured small-scale map and list of abbreviations. It was noted that there was not a lot of activity on the map due to the current IWA strike.

Rod noted that no herbicides would be used in Lot 450. None will be used around the water intake for Wildwood around the west side of Powell Lake around Chippewa Bay. It was noted that 30-meter buffers for no herbicide use will be in place around the lower end of the lake, with 20-meters on the east side of the lake. 30-meters buffers will be in place up to Goat Island and Rainbow Lodge and Hole in the Wall.

*Question* – Can logging be done right up to the edge of Powell Lake?

*Answer* – Yes

*Question* – Who has the license for alder around Haslam Lake?

*Answer* – Northwest Hardwoods (Weyerhaeuser) has the alder license. Western has conifer license and Weyerhaeuser has alder.

*Question* – When will the PMP be done?

*Answer* – Hopefully by the end of the year, then when plan comes back there will be a 45-day review period.

*Question* – Has there been any dialogue with drinking water officer Glen Clarkson?

*Answer* – Not yet. We will share information when information becomes available.

*Question* – Weyerhaeuser will pay costs one time only for testing?

*Answer* – Yes, to establish a baseline

*Question* – What's going on in the Haslam Lake area with the alder license?

*Answer* – Plan includes Haslam Lake area and commitment not to use herbicides in community water shed.

*Question* – If plans changed, would that be an amendment?

*Answer* – Yes, if plans changed and herbicides used, that would be a major amendment, subject to public review.

Map provided had grid as requested and handout showed monthly activities.

Member requested same type of map for Block 5.

**ACTION** – Map of block 5 will be provided for members.

Notation about abbreviations – HT (Heather) should be HE

FL – Hotham Sound (Freil Lake) – not shown.

### **20% Take Back**

*Questions* were asked about the 20% takeback – Any news? Where and when will takebacks happen?

Rod noted that the 20% take back could include the above area (FL- Hotham Sound). Forest Service will decide by June 2004. Management in Nanaimo wants it done as soon as possible. Earlier 5% clawback for small business was scattered and spread out throughout the TFL, but 20% will be lopped off as one area.

*Question* - What are the implications for resource harvesting companies with 25% lost volume?

*Answer* – Large companies will lose but others will be working. Company may buy back the logs that others have harvested. Diversity is good.

*Question* – What about part of the clawback for First Nations?

*Answer* – 10% in some parts of the province, 8% in some other areas. An additional 5% clawback is expected to be allocated to First Nations from an area in the TFL.

*Question* – What about the report of the small scale salvage committee?

*Answer* – It could provide a way to recover lost revenue – maybe 5000 cubic meters of salvage would be included. Company can apply for an additional salvage allowance if cutting at 100%.

**Break 7:55pm – 8:10pm**

### **Areas of Concern**

Chair brought forward the issue of zoning that was discussed for the FSP. It was noted that the number of passes agreed upon was omitted from the FSP. It was noted that there was some misunderstanding in the past with Weyerhaeuser staff regarding one-time passes.

Rod noted that in some instances there could be one pass per rotation, not a one-time pass forever. In this case Rod agreed to disagree with CAG's reiteration of one time only passes. Members agreed to disagree and noted that further discussion would be required. (Future agenda item)

### **Millennium Park update**

It was noted that the Millennium Park committee led a delegation to council on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003. A number of options were suggested.

20% from Weyerhaeuser is going to be re-allocated to the community of Powell River for First Nations, Community forest and small business enterprises.

Committee is trying to convince government to take 2% of the Take Back allocation for the proposed Millennium Park and dedicate for more jobs for the community

98% could be for logging and 2% is the amount needed for the park (\$5-6 million)

Possible creation of a regional park, jointly run with the Regional District and the Municipality of Powell River

Protect what Powell River has had for decades, an oceanfront park

Member asked whether a community forest was a definite possibility

It was noted that the application is being processed, and may become a reality sooner than later.

Member noted that to designate 2% to tourism would be a narrow view, the quality of life in Powell River, real estate, community sustainability and economic benefits should also be taken into account.

It was noted that the deadline for the municipality to respond to Norske could possibly be extended past the December 31<sup>st</sup> 2003 date if it seems that progress is being made.

It was noted that the municipality has reduced Norske's taxes by \$200,000 per year for the next five years, adding an additional \$200,000 every year for a total of \$3 million over a five-year period.

Freeze on funding from Norske will mean that funding for community groups such as PRREDS and the PR Film commission will be affected.

It was noted that the community must be prepared to be flexible - the waterfront is important to the people of Powell River. Norske needs cash and a land swap deal won't work at this time – maybe PRREDS can work with community and get creative ideas.

Member noted that green space is important to this community. Other areas are filling up with houses. Changes can and should be made now to make park happen before it is too late.

### **Logging Lot 450**

IWA noted that the membership of IWA is opposed to logging the area below the highway. It was noted that there are sacred grounds, middens, culturally modified trees, rare mushrooms etc.

IWA member thanked council member for the co-operation and help from the municipality with the fire at the Weyerhaeuser site (picket line)

Member also pointed out that there are salmon bearing stream values to be considered when discussing the logging that may take place.

### **Process for sale of fibre to local small businesses**

Copies of new draft fibre sales agreement were provided. A few items are still to be discussed.



New agreement will improve process to better accommodate local buyers

Keith Shillito will have current price lists and can be reached at the Stillwater office during normal office hours

When Keith is not available, an alternate contact will respond within twenty-four hours

Business plan – Weyerhaeuser will discuss future needs with new buyers

**ACTION** – Process for sale of fibre to local small businesses - Agreement will be re-worded and made available in January.

*Question* – Can a customer reserve a log for later if not immediately available?

*Answer* – Yes

*Question* – If log is not provided that could mean loss of revenue

*Answer* – Company has to be prudent with what's coming down – wouldn't guarantee if log not there.

*Question* – How current is the price list?

*Answer* – Monthly

*Question* – Is the price list posted?

*Answer* – No – prices can vary and are confidential- it is a volatile industry

Mostly second growth is sold now, not old growth

*Question* – Will there be fair prices?

*Answer* – Yes – Vancouver log market prices

Final agreement will be reviewed in January 2004. (Future agenda item)

### **Millennium Park**

*Motion* – That CAG support the creation of a community sustainability allocation of two (2) per cent out of the Powell River Take Back portion to establish Millennium Park and advise the provincial government of this position.

*Seconded*

*Passed* – (unanimous)

A treasure hike through the McFall corridor is scheduled for Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2003. Meet at the complex at 1:00pm.

Further information can be found on the Millennium Park website.

[http://www.prcn.org/forestrymuseum/millennium\\_park\\_crisis.htm](http://www.prcn.org/forestrymuseum/millennium_park_crisis.htm)

### **Safety Concerns**

#### ***Alder harvesting north of town***

Member reported that unsafe harvesting practices took place on the highway near Gibson's Beach on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Alder trees were logged by monster machines with no traffic controls in place. Residents of the area were very upset at the dangerous situation. No flag people were on the road and phone calls to WCB were made. It was noted that one of the CSA indicators was written regarding safety concerns. Phone calls were made to Weyerhaeuser staff and another resident reported the event to WCB.

Rod will investigate and find out what happened and why no one was there to control traffic.

**ACTION** – Safety hazard on November 28<sup>th</sup> on highway near Gibson's Beach- no traffic controls while alder harvesting – Rod will report back to CAG.

*Note:* – IWA was given permission waiver to fall remaining trees along the highway – agreement was violated and they continued to log in an unsafe manner. Sliammon band is upset with Weyerhaeuser and will not allow hauling across land while strike is on.

#### ***Safety - Helilogging –***

Member noted that a dangerous situation was witnessed last year when another company, Alliford Bay logged and lifted timber over the heads of climbers at the climbers' camp- dangerous situation that could have been avoided.

### **Thanks to Weyerhaeuser from Wildwood Ratepayers**

Member thanked Weyerhaeuser for listening and for their response to Wildwood Ratepayers' letter regarding Powell Lake and the water intake. Residents are pleased with the PMP proposals for Wildwood so far.

### **Parks personnel for Powell River**

Member reported that there will be only one parks person for Powell River now and that person will be based in Sechelt. Powell River parks person has taken early retirement.

**Thanks to members from the Chair**

Chair thanked members for their continued participation and noted that there are a lot of different points of view that are expressed at the table. Good communications still exist and members feel that their opinions are heard and are worthwhile.

Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Next Meeting – January 14<sup>th</sup> 2004**

**Meeting adjourned 9:04pm**

<b>Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group</b>		
<b>December 10th 2003</b>		
<b>Attendance</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>
<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>		
<b>Eagle Walz Chair</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Michael Conway-Brown</b>	Primary	Environment/Access
<b>Patrick Brabazon</b>	Primary	Local Govt (Regional)
<b>Russell Storry</b>	Primary	Local Govt (Municipal)
<b>Jane Cameron</b>	Primary	Citizen at large

<b>Debby Waslewski</b>	Primary	Citizens
<b>Jack McClinchey</b>	Primary	Motorized Rec.
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
<b>Kathleen O'Neil</b>	Primary	Education
<b>Nancy Hollmann</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>Sonny Rioux</b>	Primary	IWA
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
<b>Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair</b>	Primary	Recreation
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
<b>Karl Riley</b>	Primary	Youth
<i>15 seats represented</i>		
<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>		
<b>Rory Maitland</b>	Primary	Contractors
<b>Peter Ranger</b>	Primary	Forest Dependent
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Rec.
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt (Municipal)
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens

<b>Andrew Pinch</b>	Primary	Tourism
Les Falk	Alternate	Local Govt (Regional)
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment
<b>Resource – other</b>		
Rod Tysdal	Stillwater	Timberlands
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	