

# **Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group**

**November 26th 2003**

## **Minutes**

### **Brooks School**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6.03pm

Meeting called to order

Quorum noted

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed guests: Tony Smith, Career counselor, Brooks Secondary School, and two students, Karl Riley and Hayley Creasy. Members introduced themselves.

#### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Agenda was accepted with additions.

#### **Review of Minutes**

Minutes from November 12<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and accepted as amended. Amendment to October 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes was also suggested.

#### **Safety Procedures**

Facilitator noted the safety procedures, fire exits and first aid information for the building.

#### **Correspondence**

Copies of recent correspondence were provided for members:

Response to CAG from Ministry of Forests re: FIA funding

Wildwood Ratepayers letter to Weyerhaeuser re: PMP

CAG's response to Weyerhaeuser re: PMP

Thank you to Triton Logging for field trip to underwater logging operations

Rod noted that a letter would be sent in the next few days in response to CAG's concerns regarding the PMP.

### **Action List**

Action list was reviewed and several items noted as completed. Others were ongoing and some will be completed in the near future.

### **Open House 2004 sub-committee**

Members discussed Open House 2004. Date has yet to be decided – spring or fall? It was noted that since there is a lot of planning involved, a date in the early fall would be more appropriate. Members volunteered to form sub-committee and agreed to hold a short meeting at the end of this meeting.

### **Old Growth sub-committee**

Members volunteered to form a sub-committee to discuss the management of old growth for a perpetual supply. It was noted that a lot of discussion and exploration would be required. Rod noted that he would be available at any time to discuss old growth strategy with sub-committee.

### **Field Trip – Triton Logging and Weyerhaeuser's trial plots**

#### **November 1 2003**

Members reported on the field trip that took place on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2003. Photographs were on display, and Triton underwater logging operations using remote vehicles (sawfish) were described.

Members also visited part of the TFL where trail plots are being used Bioherbicide and fungus trials. Members suggested a return visit in the spring to see how the trials have done.

Members also reported on a visit to a riparian management area at Freda Creek, where lots of trees were left on the ground. Area showed *variable density spacing*, which is used to give trees more room to grow and to encourage old growth characteristics. Rod noted that the work was done under FRBC and the

rules stated that no wood could be recovered for profit. Rod noted that an application will be made to FIA to recover the wood and income would be put back into the FIA fund.

Member noted that the area seemed to look a mess and expressed concern about the waste of good timber that was lying on the ground.

*Question* – Age of the stand?

*Answer* – 60 or 70 years

*Question* – Is there a report that states where FIA money is allocated and spent?

*Answer* – In April or May funds are made available and company submits a proposal. Rod noted that after two or three seasons there would be some ambrosia present in the wood. FIA has new guidelines and profit goes back into the fund.

### **FSP Audit**

Member reported results of recent FSP audit that took place November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Sites audited were: Block ST226 and Block LL162 (Tues. 18<sup>th</sup>)

Block PD410 and Block NA910 (Wed. 19<sup>th</sup>).

Gullies and buffers were checked and the results of windblow were obvious in some areas. Culverts, creeks and streams were also checked. Buffers were also checked at Branch 41 - block LL162 – it was noted that one buffer was 32 meters that should have been 30 meters. Helicopter ride and boat trip were enjoyed by member. One area was not accessible because of snow.

*Question* – Was time in the office shortened and streamlined compared to last audit?

*Answer* – Half a day was spent in the office –

*Question* – Who's checking whom?

*Answer* – Ministry of Forests is checking Weyerhaeuser for FSP in terms of results

*Question* – Who picks the blocks?

*Answer* – Forest Service chooses blocks of particular interest and Weyerhaeuser organizes transportation etc. Check lists are used – buffers, gullies, streams, creeks and culverts were checked.

Member suggested that a lot of questions should be asked when participating in an audit.

Facilitator noted that they are required to audit ten blocks a year. Four were audited on the last audit.

Two members expressed an interest in participating in the next FSP audit.

### **FSP – Annual Public Display**

Facilitator noted that the public display of the FSP would be at the Town Centre Mall on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:00pm. CAG members were invited to view plans and contribute comments.

### **Certification Watch Conference**

Facilitator noted that the next certification watch conference will take place in Vancouver with a field trip to Kamloops. Weyerhaeuser will be participating and scholarships are available to cover costs. Excellent speakers will be attending and it is a good opportunity for members to find out what's going on globally. It was recommended that members look on the website for more information [www.certificatiowatchconference.com](http://www.certificatiowatchconference.com)

### **Forest Education**

#### **Tony Smith**

Tony introduced himself as career counselor for the Powell River school district. It was noted that students rarely ask for work experience in the forestry industry. Students are under the impression that it is a "dead industry". Since Powell River has been chosen as the Forestry Capital, the school district has been working on development of a forestry program. Draft of forestry program was provided. At least twenty students will be required to run the program. Recruitment will begin at the grade 10 level for grade 11 courses. Forestry program (grade 11) meets the science requirement for high school graduation. Course would also meet requirements for BCIT and Malaspina Forestry Technician courses –(but not for UBC).

### ***Woodlots and Demonstration forests***

High school level Forestry students in other areas (Lumby, Invermere and Port Alberni) are getting actively involved and getting work experience credits in local woodlots. It was noted that Principal Kevin Morris may get an opportunity to visit the woodlot in Lumby (Okanagan) this weekend and will report back to the school.

## **Woodlinks ([www.woodlinks.com](http://www.woodlinks.com))**

Ministry of Education recognized course – need to generate enough interest in students and to let them know what's available. Good example was Lambert Park School on Victoria – very successful program so far. Students have access to wood and are manufacturing wood products.

### **Marketing**

Students need to be shown opportunities in the forestry industry.

**Suggestion** was made that it is important to get students interested at the Grade 6 level, and interaction between high school grade 12 students has been tried and was successful. Grade 12 drafting students helped younger students at Henderson School in the past. Continued interaction was recommended.

**Suggestion** from member – Field trips with Weyerhaeuser could be arranged to take students out to the forest. Rod offered to be available to show students what happens at the office as well as in the trial forest in Paradise Valley.

**Suggestion** – National Forestry week – (May) field trip for students could be arranged. Students need visual ideas to get interest in forestry. January and February is the time to plan for next year.

*Question* – Great idea for courses – but will there be jobs?

*Answer* – Tony noted that HRDC has predicted that at certain higher, technical levels, there will be job growth. The construction industry needs skilled workers, and is appealing to schools to get more students interested in the trades. Rod noted that there are different opportunities for foresters since certification. FIA, Price Waterhouse Cooper and CSA are all looking for foresters. A large number of foresters will be retiring in the near future. Member noted that students would be better educated about the forest and even if they don't pursue a career in forestry, they might make good politicians etc.

### **GIS Mapping**

Rod noted that another area of interest might be GIS mapping – Weyerhaeuser could show students around office to see how things are done.

### **Wood manufacturers**

Member noted that a local value added manufacturer recently advertised for help at the schools and only one application was received from a fifty-one year old – young people don't seem interested. Recent bad publicity and downturns in the

industry have turned students off. We have to turn around and make students aware of opportunities in Powell River.

***P.R Wood***

Member suggested that members of the PR Wood association would welcome visitors (students) to show them what goes on in the community.

***Other options***

Tony noted that showing students the other options is a good idea. Courses such as geology are not available. It was noted that carpentry and joinery grade 11 and 12 are available already and could easily be blended with the Woodlinks course with an exam at the end? There are always enough students to take carpentry and joinery. There is a teacher already qualified to teach Woodlinks.

***Forestry teacher*** – School would need to hire someone to teach forestry course.

***Sub-committee***

Facilitator noted that a CAG sub-committee was formed and held meetings a year ago to discuss forest education and consensus was that if the interest and excitement could be created at a younger level – it would be better all around.

Chair thanked Tony for the information and invited CAG members to contribute further ideas and suggestions for forestry education by e-mail.

**ACTION** - Further ideas and suggestions for forestry education to be sent by members by e-mail.

**Break 7:45 – 8:00pm**

**Block 5 PMP**

**Rod Tysdal**

Handouts were provided from government website on Integrated Pest Management Act. [www.gov.bc.ca/epdpa/pestact/index.html](http://www.gov.bc.ca/epdpa/pestact/index.html)

Discussion paper is also available on line. Public comments will be accepted until January 15<sup>th</sup> 2004. Members were asked to check website and to respond to the government with comments.

Map of Block 5 – Phillips Arm was shown and proposed zoning for herbicide use was shown.

Areas shown included:

**Green** – no herbicide use – maps shows productive forest and rock and ice

Phillips Lake – protected

Goat and Deer winter ranges

Riparian reserve areas

Grizzly Bear habitat – alluvial flats

100 meter line drawn around creek

**Blue** – Wildlife habitat areas –100% netdown areas - herbicides can be used with special permission and constraints. Operating zone 3 – same as in block 1

Cluster and spot treatments used around trees

**Orange** – can use herbicides under normal restrictions

Light tan was also used on the map.

*Question* – How are the steep watersheds being managed?

*Answer* – Gullies are assessed and buffers are left. Company looks and sees what is flowing into fish habitat. Company looks at potential, gathers soil information and stability

*Question* – There seems to be so much run-off in that area

*Answer* – Yes- there is lots of run-off. Soil stability tests and geotech studies are performed - Five classes from 1) less risky to 5) most risky – (no roads can be built)

*Question* – Since slopes are so steep – is aerial spraying done?

*Answer* – No aerial spraying is done.

*Question* – First Nations consultation – how is that being done, and does Weyerhaeuser have a previously existing agreement as referred to in the PMP document? There are five different First Nations to consult?

*Answer* – Yes – In block 1, Sliammon not communicating with Weyerhaeuser at present. Sechelt band do not want any herbicides used on their traditional territories.

*Question* – Is it the government's job to consult with First Nations or Weyerhaeuser's job?

*Answer* – Weyerhaeuser tried without success and handed back to the government

*Question* – Is there any sort of letter of agreement with First Nations so far?

*Answer* – No, letter is needed for the Ministry of Forests

*Question* – What is the history of First Nations consultation for block 5 so far and what other consultation will be done?

*Answer* – Consultation on harvesting has been good so far, blocks were walked.

PMP plans were sent and meetings requested but so far – no reply

SFMP plans were sent and meetings requested but same – no reply

It was noted that the First Nations are inundated with referrals from various places (mines, parks and Weyerhaeuser lands) with request for feedback at the present time.

*Question* – In general what kind of consultation process has there been for Block 5 so far?

*Answer* – Same as for block 1. Comments have been received from:

The Regional District – a meeting is scheduled fore December 11<sup>th</sup> 2003

Powell Lake Cabin Owners – requested Weyerhaeuser to suspend the process. Reply has been sent

Municipality of Powell River sent letter requesting that Powell Lake be treated as a community watershed and asking for IWMP support for Powell Lake

Wildwood ratepayers sent letter – members were provided with copies of correspondence from Wildwood ratepayers

Community Advisory Group letter and comments – copy of correspondence provided

*Question* – Just a request for feedback from First Nations?

*Answer* – Yes, they have no obligation to respond. They are very busy with treaty negotiations and referrals create a lot of work.

*Question* – What happens if a culturally modified tree is identified? What constraints are there?

*Answer* – Culturally modified trees can't be touched

*Question* – Can pesticides be applied without First Nations permission?

*Answer* – Yes

*Question* – Which newspapers were used to advertise the block 5 PMP?

*Answer* – Campbell River, Sechelt and Powell River – low level of public response was noted.

*Question* – Given the low level of public response to newspapers ads would the company consider a different type of outreach and use different strategies – maybe TV, daily or channel 4 or radio?

*Answer* – No – We will advertise again in the newspapers for 45-day response.

Member noted that the public chose not to show up despite advertising by both Weyerhaeuser and CAG, the interest just doesn't seem to be there.

Rod noted that there will be a public display in the mall for the FSP, and in his experience, not many people show up for public processes. Comments can also be made for block 5 at the public display.

Member noted that when there is a controversial area, such as Okeover or Wildwood, then the public will show up and there is a response.

### **Millennium Park**

#### **Eagle Walz**

It was reported that a meeting between Mayor Stewart Alsgard and Eagle Walz had taken place.

Municipality has received a letter from Norske Canada giving first right of refusal to buy some of Norske lands that include areas of lot 450, the old golf course and part of the

proposed Millennium Park.

Deadline to respond is December 31, 2003.

Municipality has to express an interest, or the lands will be put on the open market, sold early in the New Year, logged and developed.

Powell River residents value Willingdon Beach Trail.

Support from residents is needed to make Millennium Park a reality.

Agreements on land swap proposals have not come to fruition.

Earlier Memorandum of Intent would have seen an exchange of lands and timber located between Duck Lake and Paradise Valley for Millennium Park land (52 hectares) that would be equal in value.

Millennium Park would include part of the Willingdon Beach Trail, and a 200m wide corridor along McFall Creek up toward Cranberry Lake.

Municipality already owns the front part of the Willingdon Beach Trail, but not the part with the historic logging machinery display back to the haul road gate.

MLA Harold Long brought forward to provincial government this proposal to arrange land swap, but government will not act unless there is also an expression of interest from the municipality.

Municipality must contribute since it would be the main beneficiary; Millennium Park would likely be a municipal park, not a provincial park

Previous Municipal Council supported the idea of Millennium Park - current Council needs to pass a resolution in favour of participating in the acquisition.

Municipality does not have a lot of funds right now - and a \$4 million dollar referendum for borrowing for a new library and an improved Complex has recently been turned down by residents.

Help from the community is needed. Letters to Mayor Alsgard and Council and to Harold Long, MLA are requested to move the Millennium Park off the back burner and bring about its establishment.

Millennium Park Committee consists of members of PRPAWS, the Powell River Garden Club, Powell River Forestry Museum and CUPE Local 798.

New Committee members from other community organizations are sought to help with campaign. Hope to recruit municipal councilor to committee and a First Nations

representative.

New website provides updated information, flyers will be sent out to each household, mall advertising, and newspaper advertisements will be arranged.

Petition will be available at businesses around town

Need to raise funds to make Millennium Park happen

Suggestion that a miniscule part of the 20% that has to be given up by Weyerhaeuser (10% First Nations, 5% small business, 5% for community forest type activity) might be used for creating a Millennium Park

Only a small fraction of 85,000 hectares of timbered land is needed (52 hectares)

Powell River needs its Stanley Park!

*Question* - How much money does municipality have to contribute?

*Answer* - Amount unknown but Weyerhaeuser has stated that they are prepared to reduce amount.

*Question* - Who has the authority to fix the problem?

*Answer* - The provincial government and the Municipality - written or e-mailed letters of support are needed.

Website has form letter on it, and it will also be available in the mall in front of Shopper's Drug Mart and the Powell River Info Centre. Drop-offs are at the Lotto/Post Office in the Mall and at the PR Info Centre on Marine Avenue.

Millennium Park Committee will head a delegation to Municipal Council meeting, ***Tuesday, Dec 9th at 7-30 pm*** requesting that Council pass a resolution in favour of participating in the establishment of Millennium Park.

Meeting with Harold Long is scheduled for early December.

Town Hall public meeting will be held with moderator

Conversations with Greg Hemphill from Ministry of Forests- "about possible solutions

Rod noted that in today's Peak there is a letter from Rudi vanZwaaij about the current situation with Millennium Park, and also a feature on the essay contest

winners for the Millennium Park

*Sunday, December 7th Willingdon Beach - 1:00pm* - Essay contest winners Award Ceremony and readings, plus Human Chain along Willingdon Beach Trail.

Weyerhaeuser will donate air time at Jump radio for Millennium Park

Member suggested that flyers could be handed out on the trail to promote community awareness about what's happening.

It was noted that committee members would also go door-to-door to ask for participation.

Eagle thanked members for their support and hoped that letters would be written to support Powell River's Millennium Park.

### **Regional District update – PMP**

Member noted that the regional District had some concerns with the process and talks have taken place with the provincial government. Neil Hughes will attend the next regular committee meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm to explain the PMP and to answer questions.

### **Areas of Concern**

Chair noted that in response to discussion at last meeting about the number of passes made in management zones – further discussion was needed. Handout of document from meeting of Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000 was provided. It was noted that during the zoning process for the FSP, special management zones were discussed and number of passes for the Sunshine Coast Management zone were agreed upon in the document. Final document will be located and item put on the agenda for December 10<sup>th</sup> for discussion with Doug McCormick.

**ACTION** – Copies of final zoning and identified "areas of concern" document from October 2000 to be copied for members.

### **Next meeting**

Facilitator noted that the next meeting would be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Westview Pizza. RSVP before December 8<sup>th</sup> required. Members were asked to call or e-mail facilitator if there were any agenda items that have to be addressed before the end of the year.

**Meeting adjourned 9:17pm**

## Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group

November 26<sup>th</sup> 2003

### Attendance

Name	Position	Member Seat
<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>		
<b>Eagle Walz Chair</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Debby Waslewski</b>	Primary	Citizens
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
<b>Joanne Cameron-Nordell</b>	Primary	Local Business
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
<b>Michael Conway-Brown</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>Patrick Brabazon</b>	Primary	Local Govt (Regional)
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
<b>Jack McClinchey</b>	Primary	Motorized Rec.
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
<b>Kathleen O'Neil</b>	Primary	Education
David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt (Municipal)
<b>Ken Jackson – Vice-Chair</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Andrew Pinch</b>	Primary	Tourism
<i>11 seats represented</i>		
<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>		
<b>Russell Story</b>	Primary	Local Govt (Municipal)

Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
<b>Peter Ranger</b>	Primary	Forest Dependent
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
<b>Nancy Hollmann</b>	Primary	Environment
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Rec.
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
<b>Sonny Rioux</b>	Primary	IWA
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
<b>Rory Maitland</b>	Primary	Contractors
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment
Les Falk	Alternate	Local Govt. (Regional)
<b><u>PRESENT - Guests</u></b>		
Tony Smith	Career Counselor	Brooks School
Karl Riley	Youth	Brooks School Student
Hayley Creasy	Youth	Brooks School Student
Resource – other		
Rod Tysdal	Stillwater Timberlands	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	

