

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

Sept 10th 2003

Minutes

Westview Pizza

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:15pm: Meeting called to order

Quorum noted

Welcome and Introductions

The chairman opened the meeting and members were welcomed back after summer break.

Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted with additions.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from last regular meeting on July 2nd were reviewed and adopted as revised. Minutes from informational meeting on pesticide management plans on August 13th were also reviewed and accepted. Member noted that further discussion was required for pesticide planning. It was noted that Neil Hughes would bring a presentation to CAG meeting with further information. Member noted that all other steps noted on the handout (1-5) should be covered before pesticide use.

Shaw Cable coverage – Open House

Member asked about Shaw Cable coverage of Open House that was

held in June. It was noted that the facilitator had checked with Shaw and was told that some items were edited out of the video.

Correspondence

Letter from Michel deBellefeuille. Facilitator noted letter from Michel deBellefeuille of Weyerhaeuser in Nanaimo. It was noted that Michel would attend some CAG meetings in the future and oversee certification issues on the Coast. Michel noted that the idea of a central CAG or executive council as discussed at the Nanaimo conference, was not planned at this time.

Invitation to Septic education event. Invitation from the Regional District to attend the "Malaspina Onsite Septic Education Event" that will take place on Saturday, September 13th 2003. Topics will include

- New sewage regulations
- Alternative systems
- Constructed wetlands
- Alternative system approval
- Onsite system maintenance
- Local issues

Member suggested that the Powell Lake Float home association should be invited if not already on the mailing list. Member will ensure that an invitation is sent.

Plans for the coming year – Rod Tysdal

Rod outlined some of the issues to be discussed in 2003.

List items to be scheduled for the fall

Indicator review – before the end of October

Strategy for management of Old Growth for Value Added timber business

Parking areas for recreation areas, picnic sites etc.

Brushing and weeding, Pesticide management plans – new draft Sept 24 meeting

Bioherbicide and Biosolids updates

Education in schools – indicator

Millennium Park update

Field Trips – plan ahead for Spring and Fall

Local log sales – new improved policy draft – on-site pricing a priority – member asked for draft to be available before next meeting.

Indicator Review timeline

Member suggested a Saturday workshop to review indicators; others suggested one meeting in October to concentrate on indicators.

Annual Report

Copies of the Annual Report on Objectives and Indicators were provided for the group with apologies for lateness, due to the difficulty of getting information. Rod noted that the economic profile of the community report had some inconsistencies due to the fact that the same information categories were not available as in past years.

Question – Regarding comment column on page 24 (Stand Level Retention by Stewardship Zone) where stated, "Exceeds by %"?

What does this mean?

Answer – Goal is stated in column #2, Actual in column #5.

Discussion regarding the size of Old Growth zones and OGMA's (Old growth management zones.

Question from member regarding 6.4% profit – before or after taxes?

Answer – Before income taxes.

Question – How many cubic meters were logged?

Answer – 696,143 cubic meters from the DFA, 760,000 total for the whole Stillwater operation.

ACTION - Facilitator noted that members should study the annual report before the next meeting (September 24th).

Local Sales

Rod noted that member and Weyerhaeuser had met and revised the policy for local sales. On site pricing a priority.

ACTION – Draft of improved policy for local log sales to be available before next meeting.

Pesticide Planning Management

Rod explained recent government changes to the old permitting system. It was noted that the pesticide control branch requires management plans dealing with vegetation. It was noted that there are different ways to deal with brush. Five-year plans will include zoned areas for different types of treatment, and different levels of consultation. Maps will also be provided for Powell River, Texada, Lasqueti, Phillips Arm and Sechelt areas to show different management plans. CAG will have input into zoning for Powell River. It was noted that in some areas pesticides will not be used (Haslam Lake watershed).

Question – What about lot 450 – will public living in close proximity be consulted?

Answer – Consultation will address those areas of public interface.

Question – Wildwood watershed area of Powell Lake – will there be community consultation?

Answer – Head of Powell Lake – limited public consultation, closer to intake there will be more public consultation.

Question – Northern boundaries of watershed drain into Powell Lake?

Answer – Yes

Rod noted that the government initiative to change the process has created a big undertaking for Weyerhaeuser, and they have stalled in the past but are now looking ahead and the planning process is now under way. Public consultation will include First Nations, general public and CAG.

Member asked whether plans are appealable. (Save answer for next meeting)

Question – Who grants process permits?

Answer – Ministry of Environment – land –

Question – When Weyerhaeuser puts together plans, after 45 days is plan approved? What if there are disagreements?

Answer – Government has requirements re: zones, and company risks plan being revoked if not followed.

Question – Who audits?

Answer – Pesticide Management branch.

Question – Will there be opportunities for amendments if new bugs such as the gypsy moth appear?

Answer – Each year areas will be identified and amendments may include another area.

Member suggested a speaker (Sheila Darr) who could come to a meeting to give more information.

ACTION – Member will check into availability of speaker on pesticide management.

Question – What are the deadlines for public consultation?

Answer – Oct 11th for Powell River, Oct15th for Sechelt and Campbell River. Company needs to hear from CAG before October 11th.

Question – Date plans will become effective?

Answer – Government approvals can take a long time.

Brushing Summary

Copies of brushing summary were provided. It was noted that *Bioherbicide update* - Spraying has begun this week but could be delayed by rain.

Biosolids update – Good results at Gibson’s Beach- not so good at Spring Lake where fifty loads were scheduled but only two were dumped as sludge turned to liquid. It was noted that Weyerhaeuser is waiting for a report from the consultants.

Break – 7:45 – 7:55pm

WL909 - Windsor Lake

Handout was provided re: harvest Plans for Windsor Lake 909 and proposed Recreation Facilities. It was noted that after discussions with Georgia Coombs, manager of the Canoe Route, the idea of overnight camping at the Windsor Lake site was not one that they want to encourage. Two other satellite campsites are available at Dodd Lake and Lois Lake. Suggestion was for public use of the Windsor Lake site for day use, picnicking rather than camping. The idea of an outhouse at this location was not well received because of possible vandalism.

Question – Is the south side of Windsor Lake accessible by road?

Answer – No – the south side trail down the mainline is a ten-minute hike.

Member noted that volunteers were willing to build the satellite campsite and that no work would be required by Weyerhaeuser.

Logging plan identifies the site for "possible future consideration". Also the whole shoreline is available – access points could be used for campsites.

Member suggested that the load-out site would be ideal as a small area will be made larger (by the removal of trees) and area could be easily re-surfaced for a suitable picnic site. It was also noted that the need for an outhouse or latrine at the site was necessary and need not be too expensive. Members agreed that they liked the idea of improvements at the site and agreed that an outhouse is a necessity. Member noted that Powell River was trying to develop "world class" facilities and that vandalism could be dealt with if it happened.

Question – Would site be used only once or would logging take place again in the future?

Answer – Use would be minimal if used later – heli-bunching will take place at Windsor Lake WL909, and there may some opportunity left in future, but not in the near future. It would be out-of season if used. It was noted that the site has no official designation – it is an informal campsite only.

Members agreed that the idea of the float used for logging would be a good feature and also the re-surfacing of the site with hydro seeding would be a nice feature. Facilitator asked around the table for comments on the site. All members agreed that an outhouse was needed and was high on the list of priorities for this site. Member also noted that Powell River wants to be known for "world class logging and recreational facilities".

Doug noted that an application has been made for six different spots on the south east side to fall 0 – 5 trees, and on the west side to fall 0 – 10 trees. Member noted that campers and canoeists sometimes prefer sites that are not accessible by car.

Rod noted CAG's concerns and request for an outhouse and will pursue outhouse suggestions with the Ministry of Forests. Application will have to be made and buffers taken into consideration.

Doug noted that Weyerhaeuser must do everything according to the law, and standards are attached.

Rod noted that the Canoe Route and the Sunshine Coast Trail are maintained to Park standards.

It was noted that harvesting will begin this month, late September or early October – flying wood out late October and early November, and some in January.

Suggestion – Maybe a field trip could be arranged to this area.

Suggestion – Maybe someone could take photos could be taken of before and after?

Question – Will the road be closed?

Answer – Maybe closed

Member noted that access to a climbers' camp is needed.

Recreation Plans for 2003

Rod noted that FIA funding has been available for the maintenance of the Canoe Route. \$35,000 has been spent this year. Good comments have been received. Markers will improve directions.

Trail from D210 to Mt. Alfred

Plans for trail building from D210 to Mt. Alfred glacier – Alpine Club is waiting to get Section 102 approval for classification of trail. Three bridges were pulled out. If approved, bomb squad will be involved. If plans go ahead, glacier could be accessed in one day instead of two.

Rainy Day Lake to Saltery Bay

Plans are going ahead for second leg of the trail from Rainy Day Lake to Fairview Bay will be completed this fall. Sections of the Saltery Bay Trail require consultation with Sechelt Indian Band. It was noted that the Rainy Day Lake to Saltery Bay section will be a nice trail, with three benches built and a nice Oceanside walk.

Sunshine Coast Trail from Fiddlehead Farm

Two possible options for the trail from the former Fiddlehead farm

area are under review. First route would follow the creek to Giovanni Lake riparian zone and would include some private land. Second route would go along creek but there would be liabilities because of wooden boardwalks. It was noted that people are getting lost in the area at present.

Emma Lake Cabin

Neither lake nor trail has Section 102 standing (user maintained). No FIA funding is available unless Section 102 standing applies.

Question – What is Section 102?

Answer – Part of the Forest Practices Code, removes land from timber harvest land bases. Certain standards and conditions apply. Government won't give new Section 102 unless someone accepts responsibility to maintain. Member noted that most trails were user maintained.

Question – What about brushing for B-branch – to be maintained for 4x4 values in Access management plan?

Answer – Brushing not agreed to – 4x4 accessible. FIA funding is available to maintain access to trail heads.

Member suggested re applying for funding under a new heading, maybe using the words "rehabilitation" and "restoration" instead of "recreation".

It was noted that FIA funding was expected to have a similar budget this year to last year.

Millennium Park

Member asked whether there were plans for harvesting in the proposed Millennium Park area as some trees have ribbon markers.

Rod noted that there are no plans to log inside the boundary of the park from Marine Avenue north up to the power line. Other areas that are owned by Norske could be logged. Weyerhaeuser wants to go slow, Norske wants

to move fast. Development of plans for lot 450 are in progress. CAG could request a map and review of plans for lot 450.

Question – Where are plans at for the Millennium Park and who has control?

Answer – The municipality, Norske, Weyerhaeuser and the Provincial government. A land swap could still be arranged. Weyerhaeuser does not want to give away as a park but would now be willing to accept a swap with some discount instead of full value. Member noted that there could have been a piece in Paradise Valley that would have been suitable for a swap but government was not interested since no money involved.

Operational Information Map from Aug 12th

Facilitator noted that the operational information map was made available for members in August. Members were able to keep up to date over the summer hiatus with new blocks and new roads.

Operational Information Map – Sept 10th

Operational information map was provided for September. New roads and blocks were shown.

Question - Member asked how many kms of new road are being constructed.

Answer - Approximately 5 km in progress now, around 65 – 70 km per year. Next year will be less.

Question – How long does it take to get a permit?

Answer – If everything goes smoothly, First Nations letter is received and ok, permit could be obtained in ten days to two weeks. It depends on how many blocks.

Question – How much land is under the Sechelt band?

Answer – Areas shown on map are Sechelt – Weyerhaeuser is on good terms with Sechelt Band but not on such good terms with Sliammon – government has to consult with Sliammon, then permits can take a month.

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Prospective new member

Member asked whether a prospective new member could be invited to CAG. Individual could be a second alternate to the value added sector.

Members agreed with the idea.

ACTION - Member will invite possible member to CAG meeting.

RSVP for next meeting – September 24th

Facilitator noted that members should let secretary know whether they will be attending each meeting.

Dodd Lake

Member noted that the play area at Dodd Lake has a rough rock surface. Would it be possible to put some road mulch on top?

ACTION - Rod will look into surface at Dodd Lake (road mulch needed)

Member also noted that volunteers would be available to help with the Mt. Alfred trail near D. branch, but expressed concerns that the area seems dangerous and noted that there are slides in the area.

Triton Logging – Lois Lake

Member asked whether an invitation could be issued to Triton Logging to make presentation to CAG on underwater logging. Members agreed that it would be an interesting topic.

ACTION – Member will issue invitation to Triton Logging to attend CAG meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group		
Sept 10th 2003 - Attendance		
Name - Present	Position	Member Seat
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation

Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment/Access
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt (Reg.)
Russell Storry	Primary	Local Govt (Mun)
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Rec.
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
<i>10 seats represented</i>		
<u>ABSENT</u>		
David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt (Mun)
Joanne Cameron-Norwell	Primary	Local Business
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Rec.
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Andrew Pinch	Primary	Tourism

Les Falk	Alternate	Reg. District
Dave Perrin	Alternate	IWA
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Jason Lennox	Alternate	Tourism
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment
Resource – other-present		
Rod Tysdal	Stillwater	Timberlands
Doug McCormick	Stillwater	Timberlands
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	