

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
December 14, 2005
Minutes
Town Centre Hotel

Attendance: refer to attached sheet
Quorum noted
6:02pm: Meeting called to order

Safety Review

Facilitator noted safety rules – fire exits and first aid attendants in case of emergency.

Introductions

Prospective new members Monty Tyrwhitt-Drake and Mark Forsyth were introduced.

Meeting venue

Facilitator asked for feedback on new meeting place.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and accepted with additions.

Salvage Presentation – Rory Maitland

Video presentation was shown. It was noted that the Powell River area is quite unique.

- Area was ravaged by fires years ago.
- There is a lot of second growth forest.
- Salvaged wood is used mainly for shakes and shingles.

Video showed Goat Lake Forest employees going out in boat to salvage sites. Areas for salvage are shown on maps.

Salvaged wood is cut into 24-inch lengths for shakes and 18-inch for shingles.

Question – Is any variation on length allowed?

Answer – When cutting in the bush – ½ inch variance is allowed. Occasionally they are “trimmed up” at the mill.

Question – How many cords in a pallet?

Answer – 4.3 cubic metres in one pallet

Question – Are the chips used?

Answer – They were used for the Kraft mill, now are sent elsewhere.

Question – How much wood is there still in the bush?

Answer – They are going back a second and third time. Economics show that it is feasible. Price has gone from \$200 a cord to \$800 a cord for cedar shakes.

Question – Will there be a fourth pass?

Answer – Yes – some areas have had fourth and fifth pass, and have been salvaged again and again.

Question – Some of the wood salvaged is long straight and clear cedar – is any suitable for boat building?

Answer – Have found a certain amount, mostly fir, but mainly they are looking for two-foot lengths of wood. Short lengths are good for the helicopters.

Question – Where is the market for the salvaged wood?

Answer – 90% is for the US market. It used to be the lower mainland then it just got too expensive.

Question – What percentage of shakes and shingles is flown out?

Answer – 99% is flown out.

Question – What about supply for Goat Lake Forest products?

Answer – We buy a certain amount of logs from other salvagers.

Question – California banned shakes – how does that affect business?

Answer – Certain states allow shakes with class “C” fire rating. There is a huge market. Cedar shakes and shingle bureau has guys that go out to promote side wall shingles as well as roofing.

Question – What about certification? Does it help to market the wood?

Answer – Not really – people don’t really care.

Question – How long can salvage market keep going- rough estimate?

Answer – Tough question – it is a diminishing resource that is not renewable on the Mid-coast and Sunshine Coast. It is the last step before chips and hog fuel.

Question – Is there enough wood available locally?

Answer – Yes- it is available through the Stillwater Dry Land Sort. They are also sorting for other people.

Question – What is the waste factor?

Answer – There are no magic formulas – maybe 20-30%.

Question – Goat Lake bought a dry kiln – what is it used for?

Answer – Mostly for second growth lumber.

Question – Does the industry impact the environment?

Answer – Forest Practices Code is followed. There are a lot of criteria regarding wildlife etc. The mess left behind is dispersed, and no problems are created.

Question – How many salvagers are out there?

Answer – This was a bad year. There are between 50 and 75 active people in the salvage business now.

Facilitator noted that salvaging of timber is an economic benefit to the community. CSA guidelines include “economic benefits to the community.”

Introductions

Jeff Ternan, Stillwater Manager was introduced. Two members of the public were also welcomed. Members introduced themselves around the table. Facilitator noted that meetings are tape-recorded.

CSA Indicators

Members were provided with copy of final draft of the summary of values, objectives, indicators and targets for 2005.

Facilitator noted that the document is a living document, and changes/additions can be made throughout the year. It was noted that the final summary will be passed on to Steve so that the new SFMP plan can be written. Minor changes and spell checks were noted.

Question – Regarding spills – what is recordable and reportable?

Answer – (*Jeff*) There are legal requirements for reporting spills. Any spill to water is reportable. Contractors are now required to record any spillage incidents.

Members noted that some new terms should be added to the glossary.

Question – What does “harvest the profile of the forest” mean?

Answer – (*Walt*) Assuming that the stand is accessible, harvesting will be spread out and evenly distributed. In the past, all the easy timber was logged first.

Question – What is the non-timber value of the forest?

Answer – Facilitator noted that there are really no measurables for mushrooms, salal pickers etc. There are values to the community, employment etc. All are important but hard to measure. Facilitator will look at other advisory groups’ values to compare.

ACTION – Facilitator will check with other group re non-timber values

Question – What is meant by conventional and unconventional harvesting?

Answer – Heli-logging and skyline harvesting are unconventional – other methods are conventional.

Member highlighted concerns about trails and an item that was missed from indicators. Members suggested a list of trails from FSP (with recognized status or not) to be included in document.

ACTION – Members will compile list of trails to be included.

Question – With regards to trails and historical use, would the company ask someone for assessment?

Answer – Company recognizes value of trails and wants to maintain them.

Member noted that there is an overlapping economic interest in the forest – harvesting and tourism – hiking, climbing and tourism are a big economic to the community.

Member noted that the *Stillwater Pilot Project FSP* includes a list of trails. Facilitator noted that the operational information map shows where logging is planned.

Question – What about new trails that are created? Public is concerned about maintaining the quality of trails.

Answer – Members can go to the Ministry of Forests to see harvesting plans. New trails can be brought to the attention of CAG and can be added to the list.

Question – What about other recreation features?

Answer – They are included in harvesting plans for contractors.

Steve noted that the existing FSP is still in place. When new draft comes out (in January) there will be time to comment.

Election

Two members were nominated for the position of second vice-chair. Dave Rees was elected for the position.

Operational Information Map Update

Steve Chaplin

Map was provided.

Current Activities

Harvesting – GI-098, WL-909, FH-027A, ST-149A

Road Construction –FH-027A

Engineering – Working on Harvest Plans and other office work

What's New on the Map

New Blocks: – HE-518, LL-064, LL-065, LL-066, NA-919, PD-440, ST-103, ST-227, TM-224B

New Roads – None

Cutting Permit Approved Areas – None

Map Updates

Logging Complete – EL-668A, GI-021A, HB-170, PD-208, ST-149, WL-910

Road Construction Complete – ST-257, BG Main, ST-155A

Engineered Blocks – CH-538, GL-014, NA-911, PD-246, PD-453, PD-453A, PL-001, PL-002, ST-317, ST-331, WL-027, WL-926A, EL-669, GI-054

Engineered Roads – Frogpond S. Main

Question – What will happen with the trail along Frog Pond Lake?

Answer – Trail runs along the edge of the block. Block has not been engineered yet.

Question – Billy Goat Main- why are there are markings around OGMA's?

Answer – Discussions are ongoing with the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management on relocation of OGMA – could be adding some more area around High Falls Lake.

Company Updates

Steve Chaplin

1. Company has announced that the Island Phoenix sawmill will close on March 6, 2006.
2. Cascadia's FSP will not be ready prior to Christmas. Ad will be placed in the Peak newspaper on January 7, 2006. Public Display will be on January 17, 2006 at the Town Centre hotel. There will be a 60-day public review period. Document will be available on the website. Company will make some hard copies available at the office.

Review of Minutes of November 16, 2005

Minutes from November 16th were reviewed and accepted. Item on page 3 will be amended by secretary as necessary. It was noted that minutes can be reviewed and amended at any time.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence were provided and reviewed.

1. Letter to Mayor Stewart Alsgard
2. Response to CAG's enquiry from Integrated Land Management Bureau
3. Letter from Cascadia to members
4. E-mail correspondence between members

Dianne Valley- Access to Information

Member provided copy of official request that has been sent from the Powell River Alpine Club for information on logging in Dianne Valley.

- Request for copies of documents to establish the cost of road construction into Dianne Valley to date and the estimated cost of construction of the new proposed lower road system
- Request for documents that show clearly how much volume of timber is expected to be removed from the newer lower cutblocks

Access

Member noted that the kiosk at the bottom of the one-way loop needs attention.

Member also noted that access information line does not include information on access to Dianne Valley (closed)

ACTION – Cascadia will look into access info line regarding Dianne Valley and fix kiosk at the bottom of one-way loop.

Questions from public

Request to Cascadia to extend the benefits of the Stillwater Pilot project regarding:

1. Stewardship zones
2. Buffers on trails
3. Buffers on lakes

Steve explained that on December 12, 2005 a public review of the current FSP was held. On January 17, 2006, a public review of the proposed FSP will be held. Members and guests were asked to hold comments until the January 17, 2006 review.

Thanks to Tony Smith

Chair thanked Tony for his contribution to CAG over the last year. Good Luck on his retirement to Vancouver Island.

Sales for 2005

Member requested local sales figures for 2005.

ACTION – Local Sales figures for 2005 to be provided for CAG.

Thanks from Cascadia

Jeff Ternan thanked members for their time and dedication to the process over the last few months and hoped that things will continue successfully in the New Year.

Next Meeting – January 11, 2005

In camera session

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm

**Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
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Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Ken Jackson – Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Tony Smith – 2nd Vice-Chair	Primary	Education
Eagle Walz	Primary	Recreation
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment/Access
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt. (Regional)
Dave Rees	Primary	Tourism
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
Andy Davis	Alternate	Citizens
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Recreation
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Don Krompocker	Primary	Labour
Kathy Kirk	Primary	Education
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Dan Waslewski	Alternate	Citizens
15 Seats represented		
ABSENT		
Erika Hein	Primary	Youth
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Bernie Angel	Alternate	Local Business
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Les Falk	Alternate	Local Govt. (Regional)
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Recreation
Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Monty Tyrwhitt-Drake	Prospective member	
Mark Forsyth	Prospective member	
Jeff Ternan	Cascadia Forest Products Ltd.	
Stephen Chaplin	Cascadia Forest Products Ltd.	
Walt Cowlard	Cascadia Forest Products Ltd.	
Two guests (Public)		
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	