

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

January 12th 2005

Minutes

Brooks Secondary School

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Quorum noted

6:01pm: Meeting called to order

Welcome

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and accepted with additions.

Safety Review

Facilitator noted safety rules – fire exits and first aid attendants in case of emergency. It was noted that fire exits have changed due to new construction that has begun at the school.

Review of Minutes of December 8th

Minutes from December 8th were reviewed, discussed and accepted with amendments.

Questions from minutes of December 8th

It was noted in the minutes that fines could range from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. What are the actual fines for Stillwater?

Answer - Fines have ranged from \$400 to \$6000. There are different fine amounts for each section. Levels of fines usually depend on the impact to the environment. Fines are higher if there has been an impact to the environment and lower if due to

administrative non-compliance.

Question – Is it permissible to take the minutes of CAG meetings for discussion at ratepayers meetings?

Answer – Yes - after approval by members the minutes are a public document. Copies of minutes are available for viewing at the public library, on the CAG bookshelf at Weyerhaeuser office and are also posted to the CAG website www.cagstw.org

Field Trip

Question – Have any plans been made for a January field trip?

Answer – Facilitator is still waiting to hear from Brian d'Anjou and to co-ordinate details with Paul Kutz for trip.

Correspondence

Letter of thanks to former member Terry Peters

Letter of resignation from Carol Sansburn, education seat

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Letter to Honourable Roger Harris, Minister of State for Forestry operations – re: Community Forest

Letter to Honourable Michael deJong, Minister of Forests re: community values and the new FSP

Question – Regarding the Community Forest letter – Is there anything in the Community Forest proposal that states that the forest will be managed in an environmentally sustainable manner?

Answer – Member who is on the Community Forest committee noted that the application for a Community Forest license must be accompanied by an FMP.

(Forest Management Plan)

Question – What standards would they use?

Answer – Steve noted that they would use the latest government standards – Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) Copies are available on the government website.

LRSY (Long Run Sustainable Yield) and AAC (Annual Allowable Cut) are set by the Ministry of Forests.

Discussion followed on the understanding of the word "sustainability". Is CAG's understanding of the word the same as the Community Forest committee's understanding of the word?

Member wondered whether the municipal Community Forest would meet CAG's definition of sustainable.

Member noted that by legislation they are not required to, but will meet government legislation requirements. Ministry of Forests is granting the license, so concerns (about sustainability) should be addressed to the Ministry.

Member noted that sustainability means different things to different people and is subject to many interpretations.

Member suggested that "not destructive to the environment" would be a good way to describe "sustainable"

Members suggested that a Community Forest committee representative could possibly come to CAG with more information.

ACTION – Letter of invitation to be sent to Community Forest committee

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Action List

Action list was reviewed and discussed. Some items are still ongoing, and

others have been completed.

FSP audit – member's report

Copies of member's report from December FSP audit were provided.

Access

Member noted that Alpine Club members have recently hiked areas around Goat Lake Main, Diane Main and Diane Valley.

Member noted a new slide at mile 38, but bridge is still useable. Lots of avalanches are fast flowing down under the road, leaving some 'high tide' debris.

Diane Valley - Whiskey Two crossing – there is a major barricade restricting access to vehicular traffic. Public access has been severely cut down in that area despite discussions to try to keep open.

Question – Have Alpine Club members been up to the Diane Valley and is it reasonably accessible?

Answer – Yes- it is accessible to foot traffic around the upper end of the road. Member noted it is assumed that the road is scheduled to be rebuilt after harvesting.

Member noted that companies involved should be made aware that there must be secure access for foot traffic, with a bucket width dragged down the length of the road to make a nice and wide walking surface.

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Member noted that discussions to keep the road open seem to have gone by the wayside. By closing off the road, company has made it impossible to get in. Contractors will be blocking the road.

ACTION - Members will pursue the issue of access to the Diane Valley.

Question – Is the area in question the area that is protected as the last completely unlogged valley?

Answer – There were some trade-offs with the High Falls - Diane Lake area getting more protection.

Members will continue to monitor values in that area, and get a commitment that people could walk on the road.

Member asked about exploring the possibility of quad vehicles on the road.

ACTION - Member will prepare a report on the history of access with photos of the Diane Valley and Whiskey – Two crossing.

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Company Updates – Stephen Chaplin

BC Coastal FSP Meeting.

- Meeting was held on December 15, 16, 2004
- Reviewed draft three of the BC Coastal FSP
- Currently the document is written in a format, which addresses all the legal objectives and orders, such as the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan (VILUP), and Powell Lake Landscape Unit.
- A backgrounder document will be produced later this month to help define and support the FSP.
- Presentations to the CAG groups are planned for early in February.
- Steve is currently working on a power point presentation on understanding FRPA and the requirements for a FSP under FRPA. Plan to present to the group on the Jan 26th meeting.

Question – Will hard copies of the power point presentation be available?

Answer - Yes

Employee Updates

Jeff Cathcart has started working full time at the office as a Field Engineer

FSP Public Mall Display

Well attended on both days

Main concerns from public were, Logging in Jefferd Creek Watershed, Exporting Logs to

the USA, Logging in the Townsite (Lombardy Street), Amount of logging in Powell River (Lot 450 and Gibson's Beach), Destruction of trails in Lot 450, Millennium Park, and amount of retention left around streams.

57 People signed the Guest Log

20 People filled out the questionnaire

Members thanked Steve for the time and effort that was put into the display, and also for adjusting the times at CAG's request.

Steve thanked members for the time that was spent at the mall

Member noted that community values were not emphasized at the display.

Member noted that it was a positive and educational experience.

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Investigations

MOF is proceeding with the investigation into visuals for the following areas; CH-536, OL-543P, OL-543, and BT-631.

MOF investigation into LL-162 is nearing completion

State of Weyerhaeuser and rumours of possible sale of Weyerhaeuser to

Brascan.

Rumours are floating around town about sale

Rumours that Powell River office could become a field office and that Nanaimo office will do all the work

Other companies have looked at BC Coastal Forestlands in the past

No-one knows yet what will happen

Re-structuring is always being looked at

Press announcement will tell when time comes

Will continue as before until someone tells us otherwise

Any changes could be six months away

Operational Information Map Update– Block 1

Extra maps were provided for members – Canoe route, Powell River area and monthly operational maps were available.

Current Activities

Harvesting – ST-048, LC-006, WL-912, TM-224

Road Construction - GI-098, TM-191, FH-027

Engineering – GI-054, NA-911, ST-151, ST-184

Salvage Areas – Powell Daniels, Chippewa, Goat Island, Lewis Lake (UL-806), Goat Lake, K Branch, B Branch.

What's New on the Map

New Blocks – There are no new blocks / future areas this month.

(Note: New blocks are highlighted on the OIM Map with a bright Yellow text box. These blocks are appearing on the Map for the first time.)

New Roads – There are no new roads this month. (Note: New roads are highlighted on the OIM Map with a bright Yellow text box. These roads are appearing on the Map for the first time.)

Cutting Permit Approved Areas – There are no new cutting permit-approved areas this month.

New Salvage Areas – Rainbow, Daqleish

Annual Silviculture Update – Annual map update showing planting, and brushing areas. Steve noted that this is a new layer to the map.

Map Updates

Logging Complete – None

Road Construction Complete – None

Road Construction Update – None

Engineered Blocks – None

Engineered Roads – None

Question – Is there any Weyerhaeuser activity in Theodosia? There are concerns about the road going in through the Marine Park.

Answer – There is an alder forest license and private land in the Unwin Lake area – road has to go through parkland to get to it. Ask BC Parks office about concerns.

ACTION – *Member will check with BCParks regarding road through Marine Park in Theodosia, and report back to members.*

Terms of Reference Committee Report

Members expressed disappointment about the meeting (Jan 4th – 1:00pm) that was scheduled during the daytime when some members of the committee could not attend because of work schedules. Members requested that future meetings be scheduled in the evening.

Handouts were provided showing suggested changes and additions to the Terms of Reference.

Members discussed suggested changes to roles of chairs and facilitator, and agreed to the addition of a section on "Agendas" and Breakout committees".

Members suggested more changes and additions to the draft. A revised summary of changes will be e-mailed to members for review.

Members agreed that the task of review of the Terms of Reference would continue at future committee meetings until the task is finished.

Member noted that location of break out meetings and cost should be considered. Weyerhaeuser boardroom is available at no cost.

Other members did not think that cost should be a factor since members volunteered their time and worked hard for the group.

Break – 8:04pm – 8:12pm

Review of how members report to constituents

Members were asked to give information on how they report to constituents.

Members noted that they communicated with many different groups in the community. Contact with members of the public is made through many different organizations. Monthly meetings with other organizations and newsletters are opportunities to report what's happening with CAG.

Members noted that they reported to their constituents in many different ways:

1. School and friends (youth)
2. School and college (educators) –Forest education programme beginning in February
3. Municipal council – report to Mayor and council
4. Regional District – report to Regional District Board – CAG has provided some useful information in the past
5. Citizens seat - Ratepayers meetings – Townsite and Wildwood
6. Recreation – hikers, Naturalist club, Alpine climbers clubs and PRPAWS monthly meetings
7. Recreation – ATV's and motorized recreation vehicle owners groups, trail builders
8. Rod and Gun club- monthly meetings
9. Tourism office – reports to tourists, hikers, bikers and canoe route users
10. Contractors report to other contractors in the community and work closely with Weyerhaeuser regarding safety standards, fire response etc.
11. Local business reports to other small businesses and constituents
12. Forest dependent member reports to value added businesses, small saw mills,

salvagers

13. Member at large reports to general public and answers enquiries from all citizens

14. Environment seat reports to all acquaintances and out of town guests who are interested in the forest

Facilitator thanked members for their reports.

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Website Hosting

Members were asked whether they wished to change servers from a local company to another server that could offer more services.

CAG's website was discussed and it was decided that members were not interested in expanding the website with chat rooms and message boards at this time. Members also discussed the community value of using local business as much as possible. It was decided that the group will continue with the local server.

ACTION – CAG will let local web server know that business will continue as usual.

Indicator Review

Members were provided with binders containing pages for indicator review. It was noted that due to the late hour, members should review at home and bring comments to the next meeting. One hour will be scheduled (early) for indicators at the next meeting. Member suggested that an information session for new members could be held prior to the next meeting. Member also suggested a copy of the acronyms used would be useful to have at the front of the binders.

Members agreed that it will be a lot of work, but were pleased with the new layout. Facilitator will arrange for the new members information session to begin at 4:30pm, prior to the next meeting

ACTION - Members should review indicators at home and bring comments to the next meeting.

New Business

Member suggested that there may be an opportunity in the community for a value added business to provide charcoal for marketing world-wide and to third world countries for water purification uses.

Member noted that a local businessman had explored the possibility in the past of producing charcoal for export from burning slashes - not sure whether it was followed through.

ACTION – Member will get in touch with Drosdovech to find out what if anything was done about charcoal production.

Plutonic Power Corp

Member asked whether an invitation had been issued for Plutonic Power staff to come to CAG meeting with more information on proposed project. Facilitator noted that she was in contact with the company and that they were waiting to purchase GIS maps of the area from Weyerhaeuser. Plutonic will be looking at the maps for zoning. Member expressed concern that the company seemed to know little about the area and the zoning that is already in place. Member suggested that the invitation should be sent again.

ACTION – Invitation to CAG to be sent to the Plutonic Power Corp.

Field Trips

Member suggested that a future field trip could include a visit to a local value added business.

Auditor's Report

Member noted that the auditor's report from last certification audit included some recommendations to CAG. Facilitator noted that she was aware of the suggestions in the document and would be following it closely.

Next Meeting – January 26th 2005

Meeting Adjourned – 9:05pm

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group		
January 12 th , 2005		
Attendance		
Name	Position	Member Seat

PRESENT		
Eagle Walz - Chair	Primary	Recreation
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
Jane Cameron - 2nd Vice-Chair	Primary	Member at large
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt. (Regional)
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Dan Waslewski	Alternate	Citizens
Jeff Mah	Primary	Local Govt. (Municipal)
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment/Access
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Erika Hein	Primary	Youth
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Recreation
Andy Davis	Alternate	Citizens
Tony Smith	Primary	Education
Fran Ferguson	Alternate	Recreation
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
15 Seats represented		
ABSENT		
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors

David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt. (Municipal)
Les Falk	Alternate	Local Govt. (Regional)
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Recreation
Andrew Pinch	Primary	Tourism
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
Resource – others		
Stephen Chaplin	Stillwater	Weyerhaeuser
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	