

# **Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group**

**January 26th 2005**

## **Minutes**

**Brooks Secondary School**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Quorum noted

6:03pm: 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.

### **Code of Conduct**

Facilitator noted code of conduct.

### **Wilderness Watch**

Member announced that a new Wilderness Watch organization has been formed. Seven local organizations will participate to watch for vandalism in the forest.

### **Review of Minutes of January 12th**

Minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup> were reviewed, discussed and

accepted with amendments.

### **Community Forest update**

Member noted that "FSP" that was mentioned in the minutes for the community forest should be "FMP"- (Forest Management Plan). It was noted that a request for a 90-day extension has been sent to the Minister – there is a deadline for the application. Delays are due to timber surveys that need more time. It was also noted that First Nations consultation is not yet complete.

Members suggested that letter of invitation should be revised to allow more time for information to be known.

### **Correspondence**

Draft letter to Community Forest committee

Invitation to Plutonic Power Corp.

Reply from Greg Hemphill - response to CAGS' letter to Michael deJong

Members noted that the reply was not satisfactory, and suggested a letter of response.

**ACTION** – Letter of response to be sent to Greg Hemphill regarding community values.

Correspondence from Mark Scott re: seed use under FRPA.

Paul Kutz explained the differences in the two classes of seeds that are used. Facilitator noted that the information would be kept on file and would be useful for indicator review work.

### **Action List**

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

**others have been completed. Members were asked to review "parking lot" items.**

## **Access**

Member noted that Alpine Club members have recently hiked areas around D-Branch and some areas are inaccessible. Goat Lake Main, Eldred River areas are close to flooding.

Continuous rain over the last few weeks has left holes and debris on the roads.

Member noted that half of the bridge on A-branch before mile -7 has collapsed.

Paul Kutz noted that the company is aware of the problem, and will be fixing it up.

Member noted that this year has been exceptional when it comes to the amount of rain and snow, and asked what standards do the group expect to be maintained.

Paul Kutz noted that the legal requirements are for active roads (as defined on legal documents) to be maintained.

Member noted that an unusual year for record rainfall and snow will naturally cause some bumps in the road, and access could be impaired.

Member noted that sometimes debris could be moved quickly from the culverts with a shovel.

## **Company Updates – Stephen Chaplin**

BC Coastal FSP Meeting.

- Next FSP meeting is planned for Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Nanaimo.
- We will be reviewing Draft 4 of the FSP with the group.
- Steve will do a comparison between the two FSP's (BC Coastal & Stillwater), and present to the group once the final draft version of the BC Coastal FSP is complete.

## **EMS / Certification Updates**

Currently updating our EMS / ISO 14001 internal website.

Creation of a new 2005 EMS Field Guide for the Contractors. It is a collection of most of the common SOP's that an operator needs to know and follow to minimize the chance of an Environmental Incident while doing their job.

In the process of conducting the annual EMS training with our Employees and Dependent Contractors

**Question - Member asked for definition of "dependent contractor"**

**Answer - Steve noted that they would be a small owner –operator that could be under the umbrella of Weyerhaeuser’s EMS.**

**Copies of the new EMS booklet were provided for the CAG library. Booklet is new this year. Steve noted that, as in previous years, CD’s will be updated and sent out during the first week of February. Steve noted that the booklet covers all aspects to protect the environment and to minimize potential hazards.**

**Member noted that advisory group members had requested that a copy of the access regulations be included on the next printing of the SOP’s. This measure was to ensure that contractors do not park machinery on the road, that blocks access to the public. Member noted that there have been communication problems in the past regarding access.**

**Paul Kutz suggested that this item could be included in the checklist that all contractors have to use.**

**Member expressed concern that the agreement to include access on SOP’s was not carried out, and was concerned about the lack of continuity.**

**Steve noted that a solution would be found before next meeting and the matter resolved quickly.**

**ACTION – Access rules regarding blockage of roads to be included in written documents for contractors.**

Certification Group – Meeting next week in Nanaimo.

Delta Mill is now back to work.

**Break 7:07 – 7:14pm**

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**Review of Indicators**

**Members reviewed indicators and discussed data collected.**

**Indicators that were discussed were –**

### **1. Fires**

*Objective – To avoid burning forestland through operationally caused fires*

*Indicator- # of fires and hectares burned by category- suggested change will be*

*The total ha burned annually through operationally caused fires.*

*Target – no operationally caused fires.*

### **Insects and disease**

*Objective – To minimize timber loss to insect and disease – suggested change – **To manage timber loss due to insect and disease***

*Indicator - % of the DFA that is impacted by disease or insect attack*

*Suggested change – **Areas impacted by disease and or pests are identified and managed.***

*Target – **There are no identified areas unmanaged.***

### **3. Windthrow**

Objective – To minimize affecting forestland through windthrow that is operation related. Suggested change – **To manage forestland for windthrow conditions that are operation related.**

Indicator – suggested - **The annual area affected by operation related windthrow as a % of the total area harvested in the year.**

**Target – The annual area affected by operation related windthrow as a % of the total area is zero.**

Members noted that there is not always enough baseline data for windthrow. Steve noted that natural blowdown in salvage areas is tracked and acceptable targets are based on the size of the timber and cutblocks.

**Break - 8:19 – 8:30pm**

**FRPA presentation**

## Steve Chaplin

Copies of presentation were provided.

Presentation was in three parts –

New Forest and Range Practices Act – what it means for the public and forest companies

Forest Stewardship Plans – general structure and intent

BC Coastal One Plan FSP – general overview

**Questions on the presentation were tabled for the next meeting.**

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## Advisory Groups' Conference

**Member noted that requests for an opportunity to meet with other advisory groups have been ignored. Sharing of information would have been beneficial. A spring conference for all groups was suggested.**

## FSP Draft

**Facilitator noted that the draft of the FSP includes some community values. Steve noted that Diane Medves and Steve Chambers would present the FSP draft to CAG when ready.**

**FRPA training website was provided for access to more information –**

**[www.for.gov.bc.ca/code/](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/code/)**

## Field Trip

**Field trip will take place on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2005.**

## Local Employment concerns

**Member noted that citizens are concerned with local employment levels, and suggested that members should look into the indicator concerning employment and socio economic values soon. Member noted that 20% that has gone to BCTS is not necessarily creating jobs for Powell River workers. Member noted that the BCTS website – [www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/) does not address sustainable communities.**

**Next meeting – February 9, 2005. Location TBA.**

**Meeting adjourned 9:39pm**

<b>Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group</b>		
<b>January 26<sup>th</sup> 2005</b>		
<b>Attendance</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>Eagle Walz - Chair</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Joanne Cameron-Nordell</b>	Primary	Local Business
<b>Paul Goodwin</b>	Primary	Forest Dependent
<b>Jane Cameron - 2nd Vice-Chair</b>	Primary	Member at large
<b>Debby Waslewski</b>	Primary	Citizens
<b>Dan Waslewski</b>	Alternate	Citizens
<b>Jeff Mah</b>	Primary	Local Govt. (Municipal)
<b>Michael Conway Brown</b>	Primary	Environment/Access
<b>Dave Rees</b>	Alternate	Tourism
<b>Erika Hein</b>	Primary	Youth
<b>Jack McClinchey</b>	Primary	Motorized Recreation
<b>Tony Smith</b>	Primary	Education
<b>Fran Ferguson</b>	Alternate	Recreation
<b>Paul Holbrook</b>	Alternate	Forest Dependent
<b>14 Seats represented</b>		

<b>ABSENT</b>		
<b>Patrick Brabazon</b>	Primary	Local Govt. (Regional)
<b>Nancy Hollmann</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>Bill Maitland</b>	Alternate	Contractors
<b>Andy Davis</b>	Alternate	Citizens
<b>Rory Maitland</b>	Primary	Contractors
<b>David Gabelhouse</b>	Alternate	Local Govt. (Municipal)
<b>Les Falk</b>	Alternate	Local Govt. (Regional)
<b>Lorne Marr</b>	Alternate	Recreation
<b>George Ferreira</b>	Alternate	Local Business
<b>John Passek</b>	Alternate	Motorized Recreation
<b>Andrew Pinch</b>	Primary	Tourism
<b>Dianne Mason</b>	Alternate	Education
<b>Kevin McKamey</b>	Alternate	Contractors
<b>George Ferreira</b>	Alternate	Local Business
<b>Resource – others</b>		
<b>Stephen Chaplin</b>	Stillwater	Weyerhaeuser
<b>Paul Kutz</b>	Stillwater	Weyerhaeuser
<b>Cathy Bartfai</b>	Facilitator	
<b>Pam Dowding</b>	Secretary	