

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
March 23, 2005
Minutes
Marine Inn

Attendance: refer to attached sheet
Quorum noted

6:00pm: Meeting called to order

Welcome

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Safety Review

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

Code of Conduct

Facilitator noted code of conduct.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and accepted with additions.

Review of Minutes of March 9th 2005

Minutes from March 9th were reviewed, and accepted with one amendment.

Correspondence

1. Members' reports on FRPA meeting
2. Letter of resignation from Fran Ferguson
3. Note of thanks to Fran Ferguson
4. Note of thanks from Steve to Bill Beese for info on biodiversity and invitation to CAG meeting
5. Copy of letter to Minister of Forests Michael deJong, re VR and pending sale to Brascan
6. Correspondence from Ray Balogh – absence from Stillwater until May 15
7. Reply from Shannon Janzen – re April 27th CAG meeting
8. Notification of District FSP expectation meeting - all licensee and MOF meeting at Coast Hotel – April 12 2005 – Two CAG members will attend.
9. News release – Province, Nature trust and Weyerhaeuser expand MacMillan Provincial Park
10. Weekly transition update from Craig Neeser

Company Updates

Handout of company updates was provided.

1. Phillips Arm Planting

- Impact Reforestation has started planting in Phillips Arm on Monday March 14th. They are expected to be finished by Thursday March 17th.

2. BC Coastal One FSP Update.

- Steve and Walt will be attending a FSP meeting in Courtenay on Wednesday March 30th.
- Purpose of the meeting is to go over the Rationale document and recent information gathered from MOF FRPA training sessions.

3. Phillips Arm Update

- Production Plans have changed for Phillips Arm. Current plan is now to harvest 77,000m³ of heli wood.
- Falling is expected to begin early in May.
- Helicopter is currently planned to arrive in Phillips in July.

4. LL-162 Investigation Update

- Opportunity to be heard (OTBH) has been set for the investigation into the removal of trees within the (RRZ) riparian reserve zone of creek 1 within LL-162 for May 6th at the MOF office.

Indicator Review

Facilitator provided a list of 18 important commitments presently living in CSA indicators. Auditor's performance requirements from report of June 2004 were noted.

1. Compliance with local Fibre Sales agreement – *Members noted the importance of keeping commitments that have already been made- re community values and access to local fibre*
2. Develop a strategy to ensure old growth timber is available to local small business in perpetuity – *Members discussed strategy for old growth recruitment for future harvesting. Old growth characteristics are also acceptable – salvagers have also been providing fibre. Need to ensure community stability for small businesses.*

Question – Will Weyerhaeuser honor historic agreements?

Answer – Yes, it is in the SFMP

Question – Can Weyerhaeuser be held responsible for employment levels in the community?

Answer – Indicator is redundant as indicator stated” increase or maintain employment levels” – (this has not happened recently). Weyerhaeuser could give an economic explanation.

Members noted that CAG has made improvements over the years with the fibre agreement – 5% per sort up to 20,000 cubic metres per year

3. Compliance with FSP –

- Members noted concerns whether old growth zones, retention and buffers that are in the Stillwater Pilot project will stay (if the FSP is rewritten).*
- Members noted that only Block 1 has an FSP and Block 5 will also need to have an FSP.*
- Member noted that a new company could change FSP, but CAG could challenge any changes to the Stillwater Pilot project*
- Company could operate under an FDP until 2006*
- Weyerhaeuser has applied to extend FDP until 2006 to provide some sort of “bridging”*
- Annual report shows that Stillwater Pilot Project has made money for Stillwater*
- If FSP is terminated-there has to be a very specific reason and rationale for doing so.*
- No where else in the province has an FSP like Stillwater’s*
- CAG will have to have discussions with new owners re future of FSP*
- Company will meet minimums standards*
- CAG and company have established a level of trust over the years*
- When M & B sold to Weyerhaeuser, there were conditions of sale asked for?*
- CAG has the power to ask for a handshake document” on the table that has some value and validity*
- Brascan will be traveling around the province in April speaking to communities- – CAG will show what’s important to this community*

Member suggested a letter of invitation to Reid Carter /Brascan when they come to Powell River.

ACTION – Send request to Reid Carter to meet with CAG when they come to Powell River.

Members noted that they hoped that information would be passed on from Brascan to other companies as and when they become involved with crown lands.

Members suggested a list of community benefits from the Stillwater Pilot project could be obtained from Doug McCormick.

ACTION – Presentation to be prepared for Reid Carter/ Brascan

4. # and extent of violations of the FSP zoning
5. Compliance with FPC (FRPA), MWLAP regs
6. Compliance with Central Coast LRMP process and results
7. VQO objectives established and met
8. Compliance with Stillwater's communication and consultation policy
Communication policy has worked well in the past
9. Improved road, recreation and interpretive signs are maintained and are visible – completed - *Improved signs have been provided -*
10. Maintain current commitments to fund maintenance of the Canoe Route – done

Questions and concerns regarding the Canoe Route

Members noted that when FIA funding was cut, Weyerhaeuser paid for the Canoe Route maintenance.

Members asked whether buffers could change?

Where 30-50m before - could they become only 2.5metres in future?

Certain recreation sites will be grand fathered – province is taking bids on assets for private tourist ventures.

Recreation Inventory

Members asked for a copy of the recreation inventory that is done every five years.

ACTION - Find out about recreation inventory for Powell River

(Handout) - Items 11-18 still to be discussed

11. Company meets its commitments towards the establishment of Millennium Park
12. Company meets its commitments to the Sunshine Coast Trail
13. The company meets its commitment to reestablish road access to Mt. Alfred and Glacier
14. Compliance with Government consultation process requirements
15. Company ensures that CDPR follows through in testing Wildwood's water supply for glyphosate and triclopyr
16. Company encourages dialogue between Corporate and community partners regarding the enhancement of local value-added industries.
i.e. ultramodern sawmill, composite wood product development
17. Maintenance of CSA and ISO certification and continuing exploration into FSC certification
18. Access Management Plan

Letters of support from Community groups

Question – Are recreation sites in jeopardy?

Answer – Majority of recreation features could be gone if the Stillwater Pilot is threatened.

Members suggested a letter could be sent out to community groups to inform the general public about recreation sites and community values

ACTION – Send letters to other community groups for support of recreation tourism sites and community values etc.

Community Forest Update

It was noted that the application for the Powell River Community Forest is almost ready. Committee is working with the forest service, looking at the AAC to see where it will come from.

Public consultation and Open House will take place April 13, 2005 between 6pm and 9pm.

Committee will come to CAG with a separate presentation at a later date.

Lot 450

Harvest plans for Lot 450 in Wildwood were provided. Members noted that the land belongs to Norske and the logs belong to Weyerhaeuser. 10,000 cubic metres will be cut, beginning April 4th. Members were hoping for some protection for the walking trails in Wildwood. Member noted that the roads have been in place since September. Member noted concerns that CAG was not informed of harvesting that seems to be happening very fast.

ACTION - Check previous meeting minutes for questions on future logging in Wildwood.

Next meeting – April 13 2005

QMI auditors will attend next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55pm

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Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Eagle Walz - Chair	Primary	Recreation
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Jane Cameron - 2nd Vice-Chair	Primary	Member at large
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Dan Waslewski	Alternate	Citizens
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment/Access
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Recreation
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt. (Regional)
Jeff Mah	Primary	Local Govt. (Municipal)
Andy Davis	Alternate	Citizens
Erika Hein	Primary	Youth
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
14 Seats represented		
ABSENT		
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Tony Smith	Primary	Education
David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt. (Municipal)
Les Falk	Alternate	Local Govt. (Regional)
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Recreation
Andrew Pinch	Primary	Tourism
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
Resource – others		
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	