

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
February 8, 2006
Minutes
Town Centre Hotel

Attendance: refer to attached sheet
Quorum noted
6:00pm: Meeting called to order

Welcome

Facilitator welcomed everyone.

Safety Review

Safety rules were noted – also fire exits and first aid attendants in case of emergency.

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct was posted and noted.

Welcome and Introduction to Island Timberlands guests

Chair welcomed and introduced guests.

- Diane Medves – Corporate Forester, Island Timberlands
- Kraig Urbanoski- Field Planner, Island Timberlands
- Bill Waugh – General Manager, Island Timberlands

Members introduced themselves around the table. Member noted that this meeting would include Island Timberlands for the first time. Meeting is closed to the public. Island Timberlands guests will get a chance to see how CAG works.

BCTS

(BC Timber Sales)

Chair noted that BCTS is also ready to come and meet with CAG. There are areas of mutual interest. A date will be set for a meeting. CAG is expanding. Members are part of a well-educated and experienced group.

LRMP

It was noted that the completion of the central coast LRMP clears the way for Phillips Arm Land Use Plan to be signed off. Protected areas that were set aside under CSA for Grizzly habitat will be in effect.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and accepted with additions.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from January 18th were reviewed and accepted. No amendments. It was noted that members can review and amend minutes at any time if necessary.

Minutes from February 1st (FSP) meeting will be available next time.

Correspondence

1. Letter of thanks to Don Allan, PRREDS
2. Letter of thanks to Dave Gabelhouse, Community Futures
3. Letter to Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts- recreation officer request
4. Letter to Chair-School board requesting a new alternate or education seat

Action List

Action list was reviewed. Some items have been completed and some are still ongoing.

Access

Members for access noted no concerns at this time.

FIA funding

Members asked about FIA funding and whether consideration had been given to improving boat launch facilities at the lakes. Boat access is important for tourism and local boat owners.

Paul Kutz, who looks after FIA funding, requested that member send an e-mail outlining proposal. FIA funding for next year proposals will be done within the next month.

ACTION – Send e-mail to Paul Kutz regarding boat launch facilities improvements that may be eligible for FIA funding.

Notice of upcoming Meetings

FSP - Cascadia's Open House – Town Centre Hotel February 20, 2006 - 4:00pm – 9:00pm

FSP – CAG members will meet to discuss the new FSP on February 22, 2006. Location TBA. (6:30pm-9:00pm). Members should do homework.

FSP Summary

It was noted that the FSP summary (20 pages) is now available. Copies were provided and also sent by e-mail to members.

Operational Information Map Update

Steve Chaplin

Maps were posted and information sheets provided. Steve noted that there are not a lot of changes since last month.

Current Activities

Harvesting – GI-098, FH-027A, TM-300, WL-926A (Poling of R/W)
Road Construction - ST-331, PD-453A, ST-259
Engineering – ST-184, BT-650, LL-066

What's New on the Map

New Blocks: – ST-324
New Roads – None
Cutting Permit Approved Areas – None

Map Updates

Logging Complete – WL-909 (Conventional Portion), ST-155A, ST-149A
Road Construction Complete – TM-218, ST-317
Engineered Blocks – PL-001 (Re-Engineered), HB-174, LL-064,
TM-181B
Engineered Roads – None

Question – What is the final status of the road in WL-909?

Answer – Conventional logging is finished, road is drivable and still open.

Question – Where will the log dump be located in Henderson Bay?

Answer – Around the point. Block is being re-engineered and building out to re-engineer dump site. Cabin owners have been consulted.

Question – How many cubic metres per month will be logged fir the next few months?

Answer – Total of 400,000 cubic metres will be logged from TFL39 - Block 1 this year. Haven't seen plans for next year.

Employment concerns

Member noted that the dryland sort is presently half shut down and half of the employees are laid off. Several jobs have been lost in the last month. Will this trend continue?

Steve noted that they are waiting for the snow to clear in some areas before logs can be brought to the sort. Company is looking at spreading things out between sorts.

Kraig noted that operations for March show conventional logging timber going through the sort.

ACTION – Provide plans for the next few months regarding dry land sort operations. (Steve)

Question – With intended sale to Western Forests, are plans being altered or “put on hold”?

Answer – Everything is the same. No change of plans that were submitted in October 2005.

Paul Kutz noted that he would report back to CAG about the ongoing status of the road at WL-909.

ACTION - Report back to CAG about the ongoing status of the road at WL-909.

Question – Is the cutblock on the east side of Goat Lake/Frogpond Lake engineered now?

Answer – No, the area is still under snow.

Question – When there are proposed cutblocks, is there a possibility that they could be shown on the maps ahead of time?

Answer – Yes- will bring map and show where proposed areas of interest are. Future blocks are shown on maps for the first time, but are not always ready. It is difficult to know whether it is an area of interest.

Question – Is TM-300 the island in Lois Lake, across from the recreation site?

Answer – No- it’s near 7-mile on Stillwater Main.

Company Updates

Steve Chaplin

1. Western Forest Products – Transition team has been formed for Cascadia sale to Western Forest products. 12-18 team members. Michel deBellefeuille for Environmental issues and Al Dewar for Safety.
2. SFM plan is half done. Plan will be ready for review for March CAG meeting.
3. FSP review period is from January 27 – March 27, 2006.
4. FSP summary available – (easier to read version)
5. Extra copies of FSP draft and FSP background information are available
6. New 6-page document with some amendments provided (if plan is later than May)

Steve showed Cascadia website and links to FSP. www.cascadiafp.com
Maps area available in the office.

Package of information has been sent out to First Nations.
CD available with maps for FSP

Question – Could a CD be available on the CAG bookshelf?

Answer – Yes - will make one available.

ACTION – Provide CD with maps for CAG bookshelf.

Facilitator noted that all comments and written responses are recorded (see Pilot Project)

It was noted that members have three opportunities to respond to FSP.

1. On behalf of their constituents
2. Personally
3. As part of CAG table

Member noted a difference in the old and new FSP's - Zones are gone?

Steve noted that they have not listed zones but used the LUP.

New FSP includes a number of values

Government has objectives and practice requirements

Company has to write results and strategies according to FPPR standards.

Variable Retention

Steve noted that FPPR standards do mention VR. Absence of not seeing something in the Cascadia FSP doesn't mean it's a practice we not going to continue. It just may not be in there. Right now we are still doing VR; no one has told us to stop doing VR, and until someone does, we will continue to do VR. Paul Kutz is on the VR planning committee. Capacity to write that in there the way the framework is that -we are meeting the legal framework and writing results and strategies.

Paul noted that VR It is part of the FRPA – results based legislation and company has to achieve results according to Forest practices code. 1995 guidebook is used. Company is not told “how to” but has to have strategies to achieve objectives. Paul noted that he is part of a VR committee and has not been told of any changes to company policy on VR.

Question – If something were to unduly affect timber supply – are OGMA's at stake? If something was set aside before how is it affected?

Answer – there are opportunities to move an OGMA but the company has to find a suitable replacement. If new plan is approved, OGMA's. wildlife habitats and riparian areas will all continue. They are not using percentages in the new plan. We still want to have timber supply area

VR- Bill Waugh noted that he worked on a VR committee (Section 64 of the regs quantify what VR is). VR was voluntary before. Now they can come out and be

measured, and company has to meet the criteria. Company is doing VR by doing requirement limits in regulation.

Steve noted that LUP's that we have now show wildlife tree patches. When doing VR, requirements in the land use plan show what the limits are.

*Question – A specific example- where it was written in before –
“High Falls Lake- northern half is an old growth zone and the southern half is an old growth zone – our agreement in the Pilot was that the southern half would have some harvesting in it, and the northern half will not.*

Answer – Steve noted that they haven't had that conversation yet.

Member noted that it was cut and dried before-we knew that there was going to be an old growth zone there and now there has to be a conversation?

Steve noted that no one knows what the plans are for the northern half - it hasn't been discussed. Steve noted that old growth zones, enhanced buffers, zoning and trails protection is still there, but not in the FSP. Three issues that the group has brought to my attention - old growth zones, enhanced buffers, zoning and certain trails that had protection before are not in the FSP.

If they don't have legal orders and objectives they are not in the plan. The government and Greg Hemphill has to look at all the visuals, recreation, landscape unit plan, legal orders and objectives and look at plan to see if Cascadia is meeting them with results and strategies. We did not speak to those things outside those legal requirements

Mapping upgrades

Paul Kutz provided new upgraded maps showing Nanton, Lois Dodd Lakes.

Plutonic Power

Any members interested in being part of a Plutonic Power breakout committee were asked to contact Chair. Member noted that the current Plutonic plan was not on display at the public library.

New members background meeting

Facilitator noted that a new members' background meeting will be arranged soon.

Next meeting for FSP Review

February 22, 2006

RSVP please

Chair closed the meeting and thanked members and guests.

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm

**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
Dave Rees- 2nd Vice Chair	Primary	Tourism
Eagle Walz	Primary	Recreation
Monty Tyrwhitt-Drake	Alternate	Recreation
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment/Access
Mark Forsyth	Alternate	Environment/Access
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt. (Regional)
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Kathy Kirk	Primary	Education
Erika Hein	Primary	Youth
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Recreation
Don Krompocker	Primary	Labour
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
14 Seats represented		
ABSENT		
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
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
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Dan Waslewski	Alternate	Citizens
Andy Davis	Alternate	Citizens
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Diane Medves	Island Timberlands	
Bill Waugh	Island Timberlands	
Kraig Urbanoski	Island Timberlands	
Stephen Chaplin	Cascadia Forest Products Ltd.	
Paul Kutz	Cascadia Forest Products Ltd.	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	