

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

April 14th 2004

Minutes

Westview Pizza

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Quorum noted

6:16pm: Meeting called to order

Welcome

The Chair welcomed members and introduced new guests.

Doug McCormick was welcomed as the new champion for Stillwater Timberlands Weyerhaeuser Community Advisory Group

Paul Kutz, Forester with Weyerhaeuser was introduced. It was noted that Paul will attend occasional meetings and will take over the recreation segment.

Tony Smith, teacher and career counselor at Brooks Secondary school campuses, was welcomed and introduced. Tony will be the person acting as interim member for education. It was noted that enough interest has been generated from students to begin a forestry course next year at the Grade 11 level. Administration will be finding a teacher to teach the forestry course, and hopefully that person will be the education representative for CAG.

Safety procedures

Facilitator informed members of fire exits, first aid stations and attendants in the building.

Members' Introductions

Members and guests introduced themselves.

Code of Conduct

Facilitator noted the Code of Conduct that was usually posted at CAG meetings and read the rules from the Terms of Reference.

Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and accepted as amended.

Review of Minutes

Minutes of March 24th were reviewed and accepted – no amendments.

Discussion of item from March 24th minutes

Member asked about two statements from the minutes of March 24th.

"Member noted that First Nation probably wouldn't be concerned where the clawback was taken from." Members recalled that the statement was accurate. However, Doug noted that Sliammon is *very* concerned about the 20% clawback

"Thanks to Rod" - paragraph was discussed and member noted that it was reported as stated.

Discussion of item from March 10th minutes

Old Growth discussion

Regarding the amount of old growth that is available. Members asked for the exact number of hectares. Doug will find answer to questions on Old Growth.

ACTION – Information will be provided on how much old growth there is and how much is available for logging.

Correspondence

e-mail correspondence from IWA member - resignation – discussion later

Letters of thanks to former members

Invitation to Ken Matthews from BC Timber Sales – facilitator noted that the invitation has been accepted and plans will be made soon for Mr. Matthews to attend a CAG meeting

Recreation

Question - Any truth to the rumours that forestry may assume responsibility for recreation?

Answer - An agreement has been signed between Weyerhaeuser and the Ministry of Forests.

Member requested a copy of the agreement.

ACTION – Copy of agreement between Weyerhaeuser and the Ministry of Forests regarding recreation will be provided for members.

Member asked whether agreement would apply to cabins in the area. (Knuckleheads etc.)

Not a lot of information at this time but there is a mechanism in place for Ministry of Forests to maintain some but not manage.

Member noted that Section 57 contract has approval for the climbers' camp.

Review of Action List

It was noted that some items have been completed and some are still ongoing. Answer were provided to previous questions –

HB-170 – Member noted that trail access has been changed into cutblock from Main road

Forest Range Practices for Cabin – LWBC – existing status section 102 – co-op management plan working on changed requirements.

Windsor Lake 909 - Plans going ahead for conventional logging beginning next week – road will be built through OGMA. Members will be kept updated on progress.

Action List "parking lot" – to be discussed next time.

Certification Watch Conference

Members were provided with notes from the conference from Dennis Fitzgerald. Facilitator noted that it was unfortunate that no one from CAG was able to attend this year's conference.

News Release – Environmental groups, Forest workers and First Nations say FSC is the only credible certification system

Rainforest Action Network – information on old growth logging etc. Weyerhaeuser, certification and other logging issues. Members can find more information on www.ran.org

Company Updates

Doug McCormick

Forestry week – no plans so far but a field trip will be put together soon

Meeting – markets are growing – improvements predicted

R.I.R is at 0%

SFMP will be ready soon – May 15th deadline

Local Fibre Supply – working with Ray Balogh on local supply issues – Company sometimes purchases more logs than they sell. Problem is not having anyone around for prices.

Phillips Arm – operations have started up in Phillips Arm due to the fact that the company thought they might lose it. Outlook at present is 50-50 to stay. There are two old growth blocks, 2nd growth hemlock – one private – heli-block.

Stillwater had a profitable first quarter and the outlook for the next quarter looks good.

Costs - \$10 - \$14 below target for this year. Reasons – some blocks

(GI-204) didn't happen in the first quarter. Forecasted values were for

heli- and lack of road.

20% clawback

Question – Who is making the decisions on the 20% clawback?

Answer – Corporate decisions – Weyerhaeuser is in discussions with Forest Service in Nanaimo. Discussions on what’s in and what’s out include private land or not. First Nations are also involved – (8%)

Sliammon has approached Weyerhaeuser and would like to get back together for discussions. Weyerhaeuser wanted to deal with TFL 44 first.

TFL 39 Block 1 discussions will begin soon.

Question – Are other Weyerhaeuser coastal operations recording a profit?

Answer – South Island has the best performance – all private lands

West Island – not showing profit

Queen Charlottes – lost \$\$

Campbell River – broke even

Pt. McNeil – lost \$\$

Question – What are the expectations for Phillips Arm if part of Phillips Arm is in the clawback for small business and First Nation?

Answer – Would expect First Nation sees part of Phillips Arms as their portion.

Member noted that it would be a nightmare to try to manage small business in that area.

Doug noted that Weyerhaeuser would prefer to keep all of Phillips Arm, but corporate strategy would favour giving all back to the government as part of the 20%.

Talks will continue in Nanaimo and company has noted if Phillips Arm is split – it would prefer an East/West split not North/South.

Suggestion - Member asked if there was any way of taking the Canoe Route out of the TFL for part of the 20% clawback?

Doug noted that there would be private lands involved – Canoe Route goes through the centre between Lois and Horseshoe Lake.

Field Trip

Facilitator asked for suggestions for a field trip – either Wednesday evening or a weekend. Maybe a look at VR or the area around Windsor Lake. Member referred to silviculture workshop and noted that there was a block that would be suitable for an evening outing.

Lake Buffers – ST-269 and TM-188

Member noted concerns about the buffers that were approved in October 2001 under the Forest Stewardship Plan. It was noted on the map that 30-metre buffers were to be left around Ireland Lake. Member observed what looked like only 10-metre buffers from the main road. Doug noted that TM-188 was approved under cutting permit before implementation of the Stillwater Pilot Project and approval of the FSP.

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ACTION – Doug will look into the size of lake buffers at ST269 and TM-188

FSP Audit

Member reported on FSP audit that had taken place today (April 14th).

Block that was audited was UL-806. Two CAG members attended the audit and noted that the block was a very large one. Visual quality objectives were discussed. Member was amazed at the size of the block – 214 hectares with 86 hectares logged. Streams were discussed and further discussions on visual quality were noted around Lewis Lake. Members thought that the loggers had done a wonderful job.

Doug noted that it was a good audit and very well attended. One Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection representative, two members of CAG, five Forest Service staff and Weyerhaeuser staff were present. Visual quality from Lewis Lake was a big item and Weyerhaeuser foresters believe objective has been met. M o F staff is still looking into it. The discussion is whether or not the visual impact is subordinate on the landscape. Doug described the way foresters made decision to harvest – there were two "holes" in the horizon.

Paul noted that the Forest Service seems not to be "in sync" with S3, S4 and S5 streams and did not understand the classifications.

Question – Who is doing the research on streams?

Answer – Weyerhaeuser, DFO and Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. SFU if providing some funding and report will be out eventually.

Report on the second day of audit (April 15th) will be provided next time.

Member noted that the area near Inland Lake looks good now with large retention patches.

FSC Press Release

Chair noted that the FSC press release that was noted earlier may have implications for the group in the future.

CSA Audit

Facilitator noted that the next CSA audit is scheduled to take place on May 25-28, 2004. Chain of custody and EMS systems will be audited. Auditors will attend the CAG meeting on May 26th.

SFMP

Facilitator requested that the new SFMP would be ready for review on May 12th.

ACTION – New SFMP to be ready for review by CAG by May 12 2004.

BREAK 7:30pm – 7:40pm

Open House Plans for 2004

Facilitator noted that plans for this year's open house will be discussed at next meeting. It was noted that the advertisement of a good speaker would probably encourage more members of the public to attend.

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Local Sales Agreement

Member noted that CAG does not want to see anything less than what was there in the agreement before.

Indicators

Final copies of indicators for the 2004 SFMP were reviewed. A few minor changes were noted.

Facilitator gave a brief history of the creation of the indicators. CSA criteria was explained to new members, and it was noted that the document was a "living document" and could be revisited at anytime during the year. It was

noted that many hours of work were needed to complete the set of indicators that CAG produced and owned. It was noted that there will be further training for new members and facilitators in the near future.

ACTION – Further training to be arranged for new members and facilitators in the near future.

Member asked about empty space for heli-logging indicator – it will be left on the document for discussion at a later date.

Access

Member for Access reported snowdown conditions produced some stems across the road. Members noted that the Alpine Club members have cleared up to "B" Branch and Emma Lake Trail. Member advised that anyone heading up the trails should carry a chainsaw at this time of year in order to avoid getting stuck.

Member noted that regular brush cutting and maintenance is required to maintain access.

Member suggested that an access sub-committee should be held and members of the Bomb Squad, PRPAWS and members of the public will be invited. Suggested time for meeting is 7:00pm, Thursday, April 22nd, 2004 at the Weyerhaeuser office. Date and location to be confirmed. Previous sub-committee members were invited to attend, and any other members who may be interested.

ACTION – Access sub committee meeting to be arranged.

Operational Information Map

TFL 39 Block 5 Phillips Arm

Map of Phillips Arm was provided for the first time. Map showed cut blocks on the Forest Development Plan.

Harvesting is being carried out in two areas, Blocks PA-614 and PA-614A. Felling is about 1km from camp at low elevations – hemlock- some hand and some mechanical.

Private lot (710) has been felled – conventional with heli-yarding.

Member asked about buffers on the river. It was noted that there is no harvesting taking place below the mainline. (Indian reserve)

It was noted that there was a three-year moratorium on the area north of Phillips Lake (Grizzly Bear habitat). Area has old growth spruce, balsam, hemlock and some cedar.

PH-171, PH-539 Crown block cutting permit

Operational Information Map

TFL 39 Block 1

Handout showing current activities was provided.

Harvesting in LL-054, GI-100, HE-517, HE-519, TM-182 (CAG leave patch) and GI-204 (audit April 15 04).

Engineering in WL-909 – going back to conventional logging (not Heli-logging)

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Facilitator asked whether there was a difference in the turn around time for cutting permit approval with the Stillwater Pilot project

Doug noted that time lines improved originally from two months to two weeks, but since problems with Sliammon, there have been hold ups and it now takes two months. Since letters from Sliammon have not been forthcoming, discussions between government and Sliammon take more time.

Road building has begun for ST-048, UL-801, WL-910 and HB-170

New road spur for UL-801

Engineering has begun for two blocks at Haywire Bay – HB-165 and HB-174

New cedar salvage area – March Lake

Blocks that are finished – CH-537, GI-21A, HB-109 and ST-144B.

Question – Active logging HE-517 and HE519 – is it coming from Chippewa?

Answer – Yes.

Extra maps were made available for members.

Labour Seat

Facilitator noted that since the resignation of IWA member had been received, discussion was needed about ideas for a new labour seat.

Member noted that IWA member would be missed.

Member asked whether member had made decision to resign or whether IWA had withdrawn its support for CAG?

Member suggested that maybe there was a dispute between IWA and Weyerhaeuser?

Members suggested an invitation to all other unions should be sent out.

ACTION – Send invitation to unions for new labour seat

Member noted that contractors for Weyerhaeuser were probably evenly split union and non-union workers.

First Nation Seat

Member asked whether there was First Nation's participation.

It was noted that there is a seat available for Sliammon but they choose not to participate at this time.

If working relationships with Weyerhaeuser mend, there may be some participation in the future. First Nations speaker from Vancouver Island will be coming to CAG meeting soon.

Next meeting – April 28 2004 – Brooks School

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

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Attendance

Name	Position	Member Seat
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<u>PRESENT</u>				
Eagle Walz - Chair	Primary	Recreation		
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation		
Jane Cameron	Primary	Member at large		
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt (Regional)		
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment/ Access		
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens		
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent		
Jeff Mah Russell Story	Alternate Primary	Local Govt (Municipal) Local Govt (Municipal)		
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism		
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors		
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Recreation		
Nancy Hollmann Tony Smith	Primary Primary (interim)	Environment Education		
12 seats represented ABSENT				
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens		
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation		
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business		

John Passek Bill Maitland	Alternate Alternate	Motorized Recreation Contractors		Local Govt (Municipal)
Andrew Pinch	Primary	Tourism		
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education		
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent		
Kevin McKamey Alternate Contractor				
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business		
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment		
Resource – others PRESENT				
Doug McCormick Paul Kutz	Stillwater Stillwater	Weyerhaeuser Weyerhaeuser		
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator			
Pam Dowding	Secretary			