

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

January 14th 2004

Minutes

Brooks School

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6.07pm

Meeting called to order

Quorum noted

Welcome

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted with additions.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from December 10th 2003 were accepted. No amendments.

Correspondence

PMP correspondence – copies of Pest Management Plan correspondence were provided.

Letter sent to Harold Long regarding CAG's support for the proposed Millennium Park

Millennium Park update – Options- dated Jan 01 04

Millennium Park presentation to council – Jan 13th 2004

Facilitator noted that letter of invitation to Sliammon First Nation was not sent out due to discussions with member. (Invitation was declined.)

Millennium Park Update

It was noted that there should be some news within two weeks. Extension of the deadline to February 29th was noted. It was noted that both Weyerhaeuser and Norske want to make a deal. Participation of all other parties is required – Sliammon, Municipality and the Powell River Waterfront Development Corporation are all working to produce a program that will be acceptable to Norske.

Question – Is the land taxed as a forest?

Answer – Assessment done by BC Assessment and is taxed as Class 4 industrial, a high tax rate.

Question – What about Sliammon's role?

Answer – Sliammon wants to participate in cultural, eco-tourism and maintenance of the park. They can't just contribute dollars from the AIP without something in return.

Fundraising Drive

It was noted that a fund raising drive will begin for community contributions. Members of the public will be able to buy one square meter for a dollar and will be recognized in a book and on a plaque with names of contributors. Member noted that there may also be some participation

from the provincial government. Further updates can be found on the Millennium Park website www.....

Review of Action List

Action list from December 10th was reviewed. Some items were completed and some are still ongoing. It was noted that updates on Phillips Arm would become a regular agenda item.

Forest Education Update

Rod noted that arrangements have been made for two groups of students to come to the office on January 23rd and February 10th. Office orientation will be followed by a field trip out to the woods.

Member for education noted that the school board is holding off on development of a big program until the interest is shown. Students will be made aware of forestry programs and interest level will be the key to developing the course.

Scholarships for Community

Rod noted that scholarships for students would now be awarded to members of the community as well as dependents of Weyerhaeuser employees. Company is establishing school programs with eighteen campuses. 2000 or 3000 annual scholarships will be available in communities where Weyerhaeuser operates. Applications will be available at local high schools. Several courses are available for scholarships at BCIT, UBC, and Simon Fraser University. Courses will include wood products, chemical science, tool and die, environmental science and natural resource management, and will begin in September 2004.

Safety concerns on highway near Gibson's Beach

– Logging along the highway – November 2003

Rod noted that an ongoing investigation is taking place concerning an incident where no traffic control was observed. Contract supervisors have been questioned. Traffic control personnel have still to be questioned. Procedures for logging along hydro lines were described. Rod noted that plans for that block were written up in November 2002, and procedures for yellow and green line ribbons were not written up until 2003. The area may not have been ribboned off in accordance with the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for harvesting along power lines. Members expressed concerns that proper procedures were not followed, leading to a potentially dangerous situation.

Loaded logging trucks traveling too fast

Member observed that loaded trucks operated by Malaspina Enterprises are traveling too fast along the highway near a residential neighbourhood.

Facilitator noted that one of the values and goals created by CAG is for better communication between Weyerhaeuser and the contractors on the ground. Member noted that the Department of Highways has inspectors for over height and overweight trucks, and the police should be ticketing any speed violators.

Rod noted that EMS (Environmental Management Systems) training is scheduled for this month.

ACTION – Members will write a letter to Weyerhaeuser regarding the above safety concerns with thanks for the follow up.

Operational Information Map

Operational Information map was posted. Rod noted that there was no handout this week since so little activity is taking place at this time.

Members reviewed map. It was noted that four blocks have been taken out of the Hotham Sound/Freil Lake area due to the 5% clawback for small business.

Question – Did Weyerhaeuser engineer the blocks and were they paid?

Answer - Weyerhaeuser engineered and were paid for the engineering.

Pest Management Plan (PMP)– update

Members asked about the final draft for Block 1. Rod noted that it was sent in a week ago to the government. PMP for Block 5 (Phillips Arm) is still under draft. Copies final draft for block 1 will be provided for CAG. Rod showed a sample of a "Notice of Intent". Weyerhaeuser proposes to give copies of NIT's to the Regional District and CAG on a regular basis. A detailed site assessment (DSA) will be shown when one is done. There will be another forty-five day public review period when plan is approved.

ACTION – Copies of final PMP draft for Block 1 to be provided for members.

Process for Sale of Fiber to Local Small Business

Copies of new agreement were provided. Members discussed contents and agreed on the improvements. It was noted that someone would be available to help purchaser with prices and requirements.

Member asked whether mechanisms were in place to get specialty quality wood (high quality second growth or old growth) for timber frame houses. Rod suggested that buyer should talk to Keith Shillito about needs.

Member agreed with the new process and hoped that it will work in the future.

Membership List

Facilitator asked members to review membership list and to update information if necessary.

Break – 7:30 – 7:42pm

Plan for HB-170

Rod noted that plans are being prepared for HB-170. Visual impact could be a concern as there is a trail around the west side – some minor changes may be required. Member suggested that a meeting at the office could be arranged to review plans and to discuss visual impact.

ACTION – Member will review plans for HB-170 at Weyerhaeuser office (visual impact concerns).

Member's Resignation

Member representing forest dependent business noted that a lot had been learned over the last four years. Member asked what the group gains from being members of the Community Advisory Group. Member noted that he was disappointed with the clear cutting of lot 450, and was not sure whether Block 1 deserved CSA approval. Chair asked whether member was resigning from the group, and the answer was "yes"

Chair thanked member on behalf of CAG for the last four years contribution. It was noted that contribution from the value added sector had changed the way CAG thought and had been very helpful. Thanks again to member.

Indicators Review

Facilitator noted that Rod needs indicators finalized so that the SFMP can be written.

Changes and additions to the indicators were discussed.

Water quality –

Question - How are unrecognized watersheds recognized?

Answer – Weyerhaeuser knows about all legal water licenses, and consultation with neighbours is carried out when operating in the area.

Rod suggested that CAG may like to see SOP for public consultation and will bring to next meeting

ACTION – SOP for public consultation for water shed areas to be provided.

Member suggested that "drinking" water should be specified in the indicator for water quality.

Volume of exported timber – add "by species" (37a) Amount of timber

that stays in BC to be reported. Time should be traced by chain of custody rules. It was noted that most customers are happy with 70% certified wood, and are not

demanding 100% at this time. Members noted that a lot of information was learned from Richard Ringma's (log sales) presentation and suggested that a return visit would be helpful.

3. Ongoing consultation with CAG regarding the process for Sale of fiber
 - continuing discussion with old growth committee and local businesses.

Helilogging vs. conventional logging

Gather data on economic impact of Weyerhaeuser operations using community resources. Members asked for profit difference between conventional logging and heli-logging. Community Futures or PRREDS could help with statistics.

Future agenda item - Continue discussion when IWA member is available.

Question - Member asked about logging in Wildwood in the ravine area – will helilogging be used for just a few trees or will it be used more extensively?

Answer – Rod will get answer.

ACTION – Rod will get details of helilogging in ravine area of Wildwood.

Water quality

Question – Has baseline water testing been done yet?

Answer – Weyerhaeuser has written to the municipality and will pay for initial testing – not done yet.

Public Involvement - Member suggested that early consultation is important for such events as important as the PMP. Discussion followed on CAG's mandate and how much more public participation is needed and how difficult it is to get the public to come out to public forums and meetings. Facilitator suggested that members could suggest new ideas for public outreach.

ACTION – Members could suggest new ways to get public participation in CAG.

Question regarding *24/7 access for public from Tinhatch Junction to Dodd Lake and Khartoum Lake campsites* – It was noted that Weyerhaeuser is aiming for the above access.

Amount of rebuilt road etc. add build these roads where *environmentally* feasible –

discussion.

Access Plan review – discussion re: equipment on roads etc, better communication between contractors needed.

Access

Member noted that the deactivated road in the Southview Road/Theodosia area looks like a bombsite with piles of logs and debris on the road. May not be Weyerhaeuser operation but should be addressed. Mess could be due to vandalism. Member suggested that EMS training could include training regarding leaving equipment on the roads. Improvements to SOP's were suggested. Rod will check into situation at Southview Road site.

ACTION – Southview Road and Theodosia – debris and logs on deactivated road?

Facilitator asked member to review indicators and to get back with suggestions by e-mail. Indicator sub-committee was formed to re-word and finalize indicators.

It was noted that Rod would try to consolidate some indicators.

Next meeting

Jan 28 2004 – Brooks School. RSVP's are required. Members were asked to send in agenda items in advance of the meeting so that time can be allocated.

Sub-Committee – Old Growth

Members who have volunteered for the old growth sub-committee will be contacted to set up a meeting date.

Sub-Committee – Indicators

Members who have volunteered for the indicator sub-committee will be contacted to set up a meeting date.

FIA funding and Section 102 approval

Member asked whether funding had been approved for Emma Lake hut and South Powell Divide. No news yet on funding or Section 102..

Privatization of camps etc.

It was noted that some individuals (such as climbers and Bible Camps) have been applying for licenses to use the backcountry. It was noted that some commercial recreation groups would now have *licenses of occupation* to operate recreation facilities such as the canoe and kayaking operations. It was noted that there would be no *exclusive* use of crown land. The province is only now enforcing legislation that was passed in 1998. Member for the Regional District agreed that they are ok with the regulation. Other members saw a potential for conflict if too many people showed up at one location (such as the Knuckleheads Cabin) at the same time. Rod noted that Land and Water BC have received other applications. Member requested a list of applicants.

ACTION – Copies of applications for licenses to be provided to CAG

Meeting adjourned 9:09pm

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group		
January 14th 2003		
Attendance		
Name	Position	Member Seat
<u>PRESENT</u>		
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Jane Cameron	Primary	Member at large
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt (Regional)
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Rec.
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent

Kathleen O’Neil	Primary	Education
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt (Municipal)
Ken Jackson – Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
<i>14 seats represented</i>		
<u>ABSENT</u>		
Russell Storry	Primary	Local Govt (Municipal)
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Rec.
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Andrew Pinch	Primary	Tourism
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment
Les Falk	Alternate	Local Govt. (Regional)
<u>PRESENT</u>		
Resource – other		

Rod Tysdal	Stillwater Timberlands	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	