

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

January 28th 2004

Minutes

Brooks School

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6.18pm

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 January 14th 2004 were accepted as amended.

Correspondence

Correspondence from the Regional District – Chair noted that a Regional District representative would hold the seat again for another year.

E-mail from North Island Woodlands Advisory Group facilitator – request for future agendas and suggestion that members from their group could attend a future CAG meeting when topics of interest arise. It was noted that this would provide an opportunity for networking with other groups.

Members agreed that it would be beneficial to share ideas.

Letter of thanks to member who resigned.

Letter to Rod Tysdal regarding safety concerns and follow up

With reference to the above, Rod suggested that the contract supervisor from Weyerhaeuser could possibly come and speak to CAG members, and would also be willing to attend the next Wildwood Ratepayers meeting.

Members discussed and agreed to the above.

(Agenda item for February 11th)

Review of Action List

Action list from January 14th was reviewed. Items were discussed and it was noted that some items were completed and some are still ongoing. It was noted that updates on Phillips Arm would become a regular agenda item.

PMP Update

Members were provided with copy of part of the PMP that deals with public consultation, as per request at last meeting. Rod explained the appeal process. Members were under the impression that there would be a forty-five day appeal process, but it was noted that the period would be only thirty days. It was noted that all who wrote in would be notified. Rod noted that the company does not expect the plan to pass the first time.

Questions were raised regarding well owners and whether they would be considered. It was noted that the 200-meter rule would apply and Weyerhaeuser would always consult neighbours where wells are a concern.

Member asked what would happen in the case of a new well – would it be the owner's responsibility to let Weyerhaeuser know? Rod noted that the company would be aware of existence if registered water license was in place, but would always check with neighbours before spraying.

SOP for Public consultations for watershed areas –

Copy was provided at member's request. Rod explained procedures and check lists that have to be used.

Ravine area of Wildwood

In answer to previous inquiry for member, it was noted that there are no plans to heli-log the area at present. Plans still have to be made.

Access

Update on road access in the Southview Road and Theodosia

Map of Theodosia area and update were provided in answer to member's request. Logging is finished for now, road is blocked but could be opened again in the future – it was noted that the road is on private property

Recreation applications from Land and Water BC

Members discussed applications for licenses from recreation groups such as sea kayakers and Bible schools. Member pointed out that licenses of occupation would only allow groups to use the land and would not exclude anyone else. It was noted that a lease would mean exclusive use for the leaseholder. Members were advised to read the applications carefully. Member voiced concerns that some areas such as the Knuckleheads cabin could become overcrowded. Rod suggested that someone from the Ministry of Forests could come and speak to the group regarding the applications and what is being done about them.

(Agenda item for February 11th)

Suggestion from member - Ministry of Forests and Land and Water BC staff could come to CAG meeting to discuss new recreation licenses. Member noted that ministry personnel from the coastal planning division of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management and would be in town on February 11th and maybe arrangements could be made for them to attend the CAG meeting. Member also suggested that Greg Hemphill should be invited since he was involved with the initial stages and could answer members' questions and concerns.

Member noted that no information was available from the local forest service office when enquiries were made regarding recreation applications

ACTION – Member will provide contact information to facilitator in order to plan for February 11th – Ministry of Forests night.

Indicators Review

Facilitator noted that the sub-committee had met and discussed several

Indicators. Changes and additions to indicators were discussed.

New Indicator #8– Cooperate with the central Coast LRMP and honor the moratorium placed on the Phillips Lake Spruce Flats and estuary until the flats are designated a protected area.

Objective – No logging in the Phillips Lake Spruce flats.

Indicator # 33 - Change Block 1 or 5 to Block 1 and 5.

Indicator # 35 – take out "all"

Goal for indicator # 36 was discussed – re-worded.

Indicator # 38 – testing Wildwood's water supply for pesticides will be a one time only test by the company.

Indicator #44 – A few indicators were combined – re-worded.

Indicator # 73 – Early public consultation indicator.

Rod suggested ten minutes on the agenda at each meeting could be used for company updates to let CAG know what's coming in the future.

Member asked whether coastal groups were combining as rumours had been heard.

Rod noted that the 20% take back would affect operations on the coast.

Indicator # 75 - Current list of partnerships and community involvement – Members discussed and noted that they wish to know about all partnerships and initiatives in the community. Members suggested that this item could be included with new item on the agenda -"Company updates"

Member noted that they would like to know about jobs that are available, and to get updates on trail building and other work that is taking place in the community by groups such as the BOMB squad and PRPAWS.

Indicator #49 – Cost comparison between helilogging and conventional logging by block where helilogging is being considered

Objective – Conventional logging used as much as possible to support local employment and community stability

Goal for the above indicator – Job level in forest sector is supported, maintained or enhanced to ensure economic stability within the community.

Members noted that job levels in the community were an important concern and noted that heli-logging should usually be the second choice when there is a choice for efficiency. Members noted that helilogging pilots are mostly from out of town and the money earned does not usually stay in the community.

Member noted that costs and decisions on helilogging or conventional logging are out of CAG's control, and that Weyerhaeuser has the right to do the job the cheapest way. Rod noted that the company has a contract with the helicopter company for a certain amount of volume, so tries to go and find the volume. It was noted that the Windsor Lake block could be done conventionally but company would like to do helilogging for environmental reasons and other forest values. Ministry of Forests asks for the least cost alternative method, even though it might involve building a road around the lake, close to the shoreline, through an OGMA. Member noted that it was disappointing that Land and Water BC could say it was ok to build through an OGMA. Rod noted that 11.4% of the productive land base (terrain) is set aside for heli-logging and if the helicopter is not used the cut could be cut by 10%. Member noted that local pilots are actually employed by local company. It was noted that "least cost analysis" was required for Ministry of Forests in order to make a decision on method of harvesting to be used. Member suggested a letter to the Ministry of Forests from CAG to address concerns with respect to OGMA's.

ACTION – Letter to be written to Ministry of Forests regarding CAG's concerns regarding OGMA's and road building plans and list of other concerns – helilogging etc.

Member noted that some local employment is generated from heli-logging – truck drivers and dry land sort employees have to handle the wood.

Member suggested that two indicators could be combined.

Member suggested that there were some questions surrounding the Goat Island heli-block – maybe the Ministry of Forests could answer those questions?

Maybe members could compile a list of items for the Ministry of Forests.

Member suggested that the indicator regarding heli-logging should be taken out and left as an item in a letter to Weyerhaeuser? Members voted in favour of taking out the indicator for heli-logging, and addressing concerns in a letter.

BREAK 8:20 – 8:25pm

Planning ahead – Agendas

Members were asked to contact the facilitator to arrange for agenda items to be included by the Wednesday following each meeting.

Mandate

For the benefit of new members, CAG's Mandate was discussed as outlined in the Terms of Reference. Several points were clarified and discussed.

It was noted that the Terms of Reference committee would meet again in May to complete the annual review of the document.

PMP update

Rod noted that PMP for block 1 has been submitted. A few copies were available for members and electronic copies of draft for Blocks 1 and 5 are available upon request.

Forest and Range Practices Act

It was noted that the new act will soon be implemented and that Forest service plans will soon take the place of the old forest development plans.

New Stumpage System

It was noted that the new stumpage system would come into effect on February 29th. Member asked whether the new system would enhance the government's take.

It was noted that there would be no drop for old growth; an increase is expected for alder and second growth. Rates area expected to climb.

Suggestion was made for Greg Hemphill to be invited to CAG meeting to discuss forestry issues.

ACTION – Letter of invitation to Greg Hemphill to be sent.

Training for Foresters

Upcoming dates for training are February 10,11 and 12th 2004. Some public education may be available.

Forest Dependent Business Seat

It was noted that the resignation of member leaves the primary seat vacant. Vacancy was discussed and Paul Goodwin was elected as the primary with Paul Holbrook continuing in the alternate seat.

Access – Blocking of Roads

Member noted that EMS training was scheduled for contractors and employees. Member asked about list of EMS training sessions and list of names Suggestion was made that amended access management plan could be put on SOP's

ACTION – Amended access management information to be included on SOP's for contractors.

Group Business

Member encouraged other members to bring forward other issues of concern, and thanked CAG for the time taken to deal with Wildwood Ratepayers water concerns. Next meeting for the Wildwood Ratepayers will be February 18th at James Thomson School, at 7:00pm. Open to the public and all CAG members are invited to attend if interested.

New Member Packages

Member noted that it would be useful to put together a new member package and suggestions were invited regarding contents. Members were invited to e-mail suggestions to facilitator.

Request for Speakers

Member suggested that invitation should be sent to two future speakers – If budget allows for traveling expenses – Matthew Lucas from First Nation Isaac band, and Tom Holmes from Weyerhaeuser.

ACTION – Invitation to be sent to Matthew Lucas.

ACTION – Invitation to be sent to Tom Holmes

20 % Takeback

Members asked if there was any news on the 20% takeback – Rod noted that there is no news yet but company should know more by March 31st, 2004.

Old Growth sub-committee

Members of the old growth sub-committee were asked to meet to arrange a meeting soon.

Adjourn 8:56pm

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group

January 28th 2004

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.
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Ken Jackson – Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Rec.
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
Russell Storry	Primary	Local Govt (Municipal)

<i>13 seats represented</i>		
<u>ABSENT</u>		
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt (Municipal)
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education
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	