

**CSA Community Advisory Group
To Island Timberlands
February 11, 2009
Minutes
Westview Pizza**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Meeting called to order
Quorum noted

Safety Review

Facilitator noted fire exits and first aid attendants in case of emergency. Meeting place in case of emergency was noted.

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Community Advisory Group was reviewed

Welcome and Introductions

Chair welcomed Makenzie Leine, Wayne French, and CAG members. Jacques Prairie, who has recently transferred to IT's Northern Operations introduced himself. New CAG members were introduced and welcomed.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

- Emails inviting First Nations to meetings

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from Western Forest Products January 14th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Action List

Action #1 – Makenzie to break down the cost of setting up a new certification program by cubic metre – Makenzie doesn't feel comfortable giving an estimate and would like to discuss with the chair

Action #2 – Makenzie to find out how much harvesting is going to continue in the Powell River area this winter and how it compares to previous years' harvests. – Numbers to be presented in Wayne's OIM – Done

Action #3 – Makenzie to find out if IT received any data collected from the Rod Tysdale experimental forest with the purchase of the land – Wayne said that they did not have the information – Done

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Action #4 – Group members to provide Colin Palmer with a list of people involved with value added industry in Powell River area - Done

Action #5 – Makenzie to provide Colin Palmer with contact names for Woodtech 21 group in Port Alberni - Done

Island Company Update

Makenzie said that Island Timberlands is still operating despite current global economic conditions although not quite at full capacity. They are focusing on their customers and concentrating on being a reliable source for those customers. The outlook for 2009 is grim, some prices are what they were in the 1970s, and things are getting worse because some of their customers mills are shutting down all over the world. The employees and contractors are staying focused on safety and the environment. They are evaluating on a weekly basis where they are going and ensuring that they are getting the right product to their customers. They are staying very flexible so they can meet their customer's demands as quickly as possible.

Question: Where are you cutting back?

Makenzie said that they are cutting back not by area but by product. For instance we are cutting back in cedar. It is very up and down. The customer needs are all over the place so we are trying to be very flexible.

Wayne said the strongest component right now is Japanese saw logs. We've been asked to look at each block and even over here we have postponed a couple of blocks.

Makenzie said that guys like Wayne and Jacque will be working very closely with our marketing group.

IT has an internal audit going on right now focused on paper work and documentation. In their last EMS streamline this summer it was decided that the contractors should focus more on having up to date documentation in their offices. There is to be a third party audit on March 9th to re-register for ISO and a surveillance audit for sustainable forestry which is a week long audit with SAI Global.

OI Update

Engineering Active

Cutblock

Sechelt (4 cutblocks) (2009 construction and logging).

Olsens (5 cutblocks) (2010 logging, 2009 construction).

Thors Cove (2010 logging, 2009 construction).

Potato Creek (2009 construction and logging).

Cortes Island (2009 and 2010).

Issues

Halfmoon/Carlson – none.

Roberts Creek – public.

None.

Adjacent B&B.

Windthrow.

Visuals.

Operational costs.

Public.

Road Construction Active

Cutblock

793417 – Lois 0.5 km.
891252 – Stillwater Main 4.5

Issues

None.
None.

Logging Active

Cutblock

894156 – Stillwater Main 9.5
882351 – Paradise

Issues

None.
Visuals. VIA completed.
Previously reviewed with CAG.
Urban interface cutblock.
Falling started Dec.5.
January production.

Road Construction Planned Next

Cutblock

793408 – Canoe Main (2009).
984408 – Fiddlehead (2009).

Issues

Visuals.
Giovanni Lake Trail – to be re-established after harvesting.
Urban interface / public.

2 cutblocks in Sechelt.

Logging Planned Next

Cutblock

891254 – Stillwater 4.5.
883251 – Lot 450.
884103 – Duck Lake.

Issues

None.
Urban interface / public.
Community Watershed.
Riparian revised to meet new ITLP matrix.
Trails.
Urban interface / public.
Funeral services.
Discussions with cemetery staff re: notification of services to stop operations.

883262 – Cemetery

Engineering Planned

Cutblock

Cortes Island.
Sechelt
St. Vincents Bay.
Valentine Mountain.

Issues

Public.
Urban interface / public.
Possible visuals.
Sunshine Coast Trail.
Valentine Park.
Urban interface / public.
Community Watershed.
Development costs.
Urban interface / public.
Forest Warden campsite.

Duck 3.

Proposed Millennium Park.
Stillwater Main (2 cutblocks).

Princess Louisa (helicopter and single stem).

Visuals.

2009 Plan

17 km. of road construction.

175,000 m³ of harvesting.

Stillwater Production 2006-2009

Harvest Year	DFA	Non DFA	Total
2006	119,000	56,000	175,000
2007	134,800	7,200	142,000
2008	217,000	20,000	237,000
2009 Plan	110,000	80,000	190,000

Question: Where on Valentine Mountain will you be logging?

We don't know yet. We have some pretty difficult access issues.

Question: Are you going to be coming down to the highway on Canoe Main?

Yes.

Comment: You'll have to be very careful with the public traffic when you go up that way.

Yes. We're at least a month away from working there, but it will be signed when we are working there. The production people and the people that will be working there know that the primary road use is access to the canoe route and that it is a heavily used public road. We are working less than a kilometre from the highway so it doesn't make any sense to go around.

Question: Have you any sense of how much timber you have left over here after this year?

We have lots of timber in Princess Louisa, Potato Creek, Sechelt, Cortez, Olsens, and Stillwater proper. 2009 and 2010 are heavier to the non-DFA area because at this time they have more timber than our markets are after.

Question: A few years ago the community was not very happy with the logging at Canoe Main. Are you planning to manage it differently this time?

Yes. We are actually working above the power lines. I've already talked to our production people about it. We have put in a partial harvest area. We have to machine fall near the power lines because we are not allowed to hand fall near power lines. They are going to have to manage the two concepts together.

Makenzie said that another thing that they are doing with blocks that could be contentious is tightening up their communications.

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Question: On the cemetery block one neighbour is the regional government. Have you talked to the other neighbours.

There are twelve houses that border on our property. I knocked on every door. I talked to people at eight of the houses. Nobody that I talked to knew that there was a logging road behind there and that there were trees. If people weren't home I left a letter in their mail box and I haven't heard back from any of them.

If there is a service we will shut the machines down.

Debris Management

When you first finish harvesting there is a lot of wood at roadside. We have one special group of people dedicated to nothing but salvage. They coordinate all of the different salvage activities after the prime harvesting is done. You will have two or three different levels of salvage people go in. We need to get better in some of our blocks with response time.

After the last meeting, Makenzie spoke to the salvage coordinators. They have an individual coming into all of IT's blocks that are within two kilometers of urban interface. They are forwarding firewood to the roadside, grinding material and sending it to Catalyst. A commercial cutter has access to the firewood. They are having conversations with minor hockey and they are going to be selling and doing the administration for firewood permits. The first block they are going to start with is the sort and then Myrtle Creek.

Question: Is there concern about over cleaning a block?

Yes. There is research that supports leaving debris for the critters. You have to strike a balance and when you are close to an urban interface you have to lean towards the cleaner side because not everybody appreciates the benefits of debris.

Question: Is the grinding operation revenue neutral or do you have to subsidize?

We don't make any money off of it. Catalyst covers the cost of grinding and transportation. I don't think the grinder makes any money off of it.

Question: Why is the grinder doing it if not for a profit?

Perhaps it is drumming up other business for him with Catalyst.

Wayne said that he wanted to emphasize that what a block looks like the day that they move the machines out is not how it will look a short time down the road. Numerous levels of salvagers come in after that.

Question: Do you cover all of that when you knock on doors.

We just notify people that there is going to be activity. We don't tell them about each stage of the operation and exactly when it will happen.

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Comment: I just wondered if people were aware that it would be a three year operation until completion.

We are trying to squeeze that tighter together. We try to give them an idea as to how long it will be.

Pruning

Wayne displayed some photographs of trees pruned for windthrow by a local helicopter contractor at both the sort and at Myrtle Creek

Question: How stable are the roots in that softer ground?

Root depth in these kinds of circumstances is always a concern. That is why we've done the pruning. There are no guarantees with wind.

Question: Have you had any feedback from the Friends of Myrtle Creek?

No. Nothing.

Question: When will you be logging the Millennium Park?

Probably still this fall. There are some difficult issues to manage in that area such as a sewer line and things like that. We have to put some plans together to make sure everything will work out.

Question: Could you describe your plans?

We are not working in the proposed Millennium Park area. That's not on our books right now. It is the other side of the powerline that we are talking about.

Comment: I could tell the group what I know. There are 840 acres of real estate within the city belonging to Catalyst, Sliammon, and Powell River. Of these lands, a majority of it has already been logged. Another portion has been partially logged. The partially logged area is on the top side of the cut, about mid-point, behind Brooks. What is left to log is the upper Millennium Park with approximately 50% retention. The partially logged area I just mentioned will be completely logged leaving a buffer along the highway. On the bottom side of the road there will be a buffer left along the haul road, a buffer along the highway, and possibly a little buffer by the townsite homes. The lower Millennium Park was going to have 50% retention in the upper portion, but there are negotiations to leave that area alone. It looks like there won't be any trees cut in lower Millennium Park. The trees behind Brooks will come out with possibly a small buffer by Timberlane. Other than that everything else has been logged. Cranberry, Gibsons Beach, and all of Catalyst's property down to the mill has been taken out. Negotiation are almost complete and the Millennium Park committee and the City of Powell River are very happy with how the negotiations have gone. Island Timberlands has been very cooperative.

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Makenzie updated the group regarding the replacement of Minister Stan Hagen, who recently passed away. The new minister of Agriculture and Lands, which is the Ministry IT operates under, is Ron Cantelon the MLA for Nanaimo.

Question: How many hectares of trees has IT planted?

Makenzie said she would have to get back to the group with that information.

ACTION: Makenzie to find out how many hectares of trees IT has planted.

Comment: We have an obligation to review the Terms of Reference. Valerie will send an email out to the group requesting input regarding any questions or suggestions for changes to the Terms of Reference. If there are any concerns a meeting will be planned to discuss changes. If there are not any concerns the executive will review and if everything is up to date the existing ToR will be accepted for this year or if there is any changes the executive will come back to the group for approval.

ACTION: Valerie to send out email requesting input for Terms of Reference review.

Comment: A seat review meeting is another annual obligation for CSA. We have had a couple of vacancies. One is a alternate Member at Large. Andy Payne will be coming to a couple of meetings to see how he feels about filling that position. Read English will be coming to join the group in the alternate Local Business seat. That will fill our vacancies.

Comment: Will we be talking about CSA in April?

Makenzie said let me do some homework. If we don't, I think we have time to have a guest speaker. I think it would be timely to have someone from Marketing.

Group had a discussion regarding Timber West's dumping of real estate and the concern of the municipalities on Vancouver Island regarding this action. Island Timberlands was commended for involving the Powell River Region District in their discussions regarding any actions of this nature that could take place here. Member commented that it doesn't make sense for some of IT's land to be used for growing trees for another sixty years.

Makenzie said that Chris, IT's property specialist, has some exciting ideas about land development, including smart growth and green buildings. He doesn't just want to sell off land but plans to be involved in the development stages as well in some key areas.

Question: Has IT sold much land?

Very little and only on Vancouver Island.

Group had a discussion regarding IPP's which was deferred to the next meeting with WFP as any implications regarding IPP's come under the Tree Farm License belonging to WFP.

Next CAG meeting – March 11th with WFP

Next IT meeting – April 8th

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm

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Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Ken Jackson	Primary	Recreation
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Local Business
Doug Fuller	Primary	DFA Worker
Barry Miller	Primary	Environment
Andy Payne	Alternate	Member at large
Nancy Hollmann	Alternate	Tourism
Dave Formosa	Alternate	Local Governments
Colin Palmer	Primary	Local Governments
Mark Hassett	Alternate	Contractor
8 Seats represented		
ABSENT MEMBERS		
Wayne Borgfjord	Primary	Forest Dependent
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
Ron Fuller	Alternate	DFA Worker
Dave Rees	Primary	Tourism
Dave Hodgins	Alternate	Recreation
Read English	Alternate	Local Business
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Makenzie Leine	IT	
Wayne French	IT	
Jacques Prairie	IT	
Valerie Thompson	Secretary/Facilitator	