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**CSA Community Advisory Group  
To Western Forest Products  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Minutes  
Western Forest Products Boardroom**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Meeting called to order  
Quorum noted

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chair welcomed Stuart Glen, Jeff Ternan and group.

**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.

**Review and Acceptance of Agenda**

Agenda was accepted with the addition of the following items. A request for input from the group regarding topics and issues to discuss at the January 18, 2010 meeting the BCTS, and a discussion regarding areas that members consider important to protect as the CAG has been made a stakeholder for the Powell River Regional District Parks and Greenspace Plan.

**Correspondence**

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

- Emails inviting First Nations to meetings
- November and December letters to PRPAWS

**Operational Information Update**

**Current Activities**

**Harvesting** – CH-019, CH-539, CH-558, ST-147, ST-154, ST-157, ST-159, ST-228, ST-245

**Road Construction** – OL-747, OL-625, OL-554

**Engineering** – ST-287, WL-950

**What's New on the Map**

**New Blocks** – None

**New Roads** – None

**Cutting Permit Approved Areas** – None

**Map Updates**

**Logging Complete** – GI-114

**Road Construction Complete** – ST-159, ST-247

**Engineered Blocks** – TH-500, TH-501

**Engineered Roads** – TH-500, TH-501

Note: No new blocks or roads are located along the Sunshine Coast Trail.

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes**

Draft minutes from Island Timberlands December 9th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**Jeff Ternan –Stillwater Forest Operation 2010 Update**

Jeff informed the group that forecasts suggest that the forest industry will continue through 2010 with markets much as they have been for 2009 with recovery beginning in the first quarter of 2011. Jeff said that there already appears to be a little bit of recovery, so perhaps 2010 may see the improvements forecast for 2011. WFP will be selling more to overseas markets such as China, Taiwan, and Japan. Since the company restructured making timberlands profit centres instead of cost centres, Stillwater will be selling more outside the company for the best prices, rather than supplying WFP mills. Jeff shared the division's organizational chart and said that they hope to fill the vacancies. They recently had one of their engineers return.

**Topics to Discuss with BCTS**

The group put forward the following topics to be discussed at the Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with BC Timber Sales:

- Apparently logs were hauled on the Haywire Bay road in December when the frost was coming out. The trucks were quite possibly over weight and the road is a mess. A lot of people are wondering who's going to pay for the repair. The road is heavily used for recreation.
- Logging in the Jefferd Creek watershed
- What are the logging plans for the year?
- Where will logging take place?
- How much volume is planned for the year?
- Group would like more info about logging in Olsens/Theo
- Do you foresee regular meetings with CAG in the future?
- Many requests for a look at the maps

**CAG Named as Stakeholder for Parks and Greenspace Plan**

Chair informed group that the Regional District has named the CAG as a stakeholder for parks and greenspace plan. The Regional District wishes to review plans for parks and greenspace and the chair asked the group what were their favourite areas and which they would like to protect. The group suggested the following:

- Stillwater Bluffs
- Area surrounding Duck Lake
- Millennium Park
- The top of Penticton Street
- Beach road endings

**Stuart Glen – 2010: Moving to the new CSA Standard Z809-08**

**Mandatory Discussion Topics: Where we're at and priorities for 2010**

“Stillwater – Status of Discussion Items” attached.

Mandatory discussion topics are one of the additions to the new standard. As topics can be considered covered if they have been reviewed in the last few years, Stuart prepared a matrix listing all of the mandatory discussion topics from the new standard as well as the date that each topic was covered in the past. Stuart explained the matrix to the group and pointed out topics that still need to be addressed.

**Action:** Stuart/chair to invite Chief Councilor Clint Williams, Forestry Manager to see if he would be interested in attending a CAG meeting.

**Core Indicators: Overlaps and Gaps – priorities for 2010**

“Updated VOIT – Stillwater” attached.

Changes to the new standard include a number of Core Indicators. As many of the Stillwater Division's indicators are duplicates (or similar) to the core indicators, Stuart created a matrix comparing indicators and making suggestion to drop, keep, or amend existing indicators. He discussed each suggestion on the matrix with the group. Stuart will write up suggested wording for each of the new indicators for the next meeting and the group will go through each and agree or amend.

**Stuart Glen – Update on Plutonic Deactivation Plans**

Stuart provided an update from the last Outdoor Recreation User Group (ORUG) Meeting. Dave Hodgins and Colin Palmer were also at the meeting.

Relevant to the DFA, three areas were discussed where Plutonic is completing deactivation now that they have completed their transmission line installation.

1. Goat Main – up to D Branch
2. Goat 2 road
3. S-Branch (Freda Lake)

Current plans are for Plutonic and ILMB to discuss options for deactivation of Goat Main. Plutonic has deactivation plans prepared for Goat 2 to manage the environmental risks of this road. WFP is going to provide FIA money to construct an ATV/foot bridge over the main creek when the current bridge is

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removed. MOTCA is looking at options for a FRPA Section 57 approval to enable the bridge crossing. The S-Branch road is already deactivated. Options are being reviewed for leaving the existing bridge.

### **Summary of Brian Carson's Water Quality Presentation**

Jane Cameron provided a summary of Brian Carson's report to the Community Forest - Jan 12, 2010.

- Assessments for projects relating to water quality were done using FIA money
- Trigger to quality is sedimentation
- In a watershed rather than fence it off and exclude other users, MANAGE the watershed for multi-use
- Most important part of the watershed is the weir
- It holds back up to 2m in Haslam Lake which allows for a water flow in Lang Ck. in summer and fall
- Lang Ck is the prime salmon creek in the area
- Water is assessed for turbidity which shows how much sediment there is in the water
- Haslam Lake generally has very low turbidity
- Lang Ck has spikes of high turbidity. These are caused by erosion of lake/river banks due to high water and wave action, usually in the late fall. As well, sloughing and failing river banks contribute to creek turbidity which is most at the mouth of the creek.
  
- Concerns at the weir are the proximity of the road and the recreation on the lake
  
- Concerns on the creek are bank collapse, proximity to roads, recreation, and rural development that leads to fecal content in the water.
  
- Concerns with forest operations relate to disturbances, the effects of which reach water, erosion of banks, and roads without proper ditches and drainage. In the Community Forest look carefully at roads crossing streams and roads paralleling streams.

Roads problems which contribute to turbidity:

- Fines on road surface
- Cutbanks made with road building
- Ditches left unarmoured and unvegetated
- Fill failure
- Gullies
- Landslides from road water
- Need to make sure water goes where it used to go
- Windthrow when root wads are torn up near stream banks

Community Forest Assessment

- Around the intake, there are no forest operations, the intake is in good shape, the new road will be good because it will steer people away from the intake
- At the top end of Haslam Lake there is some sedimentation due to culverts which connect directly to the lake. There are some ditching problems, and some slumping. There is a problem area where ATVs are using a very steep road and erosion is occurring

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- Along the creek there are no problems
- Duck Lake looks good – the old road was very well built
- Around Mud Lake there is a section where the road is right beside Blackwater Ck for 400m. Poses a risk.
- Kelly Ck, Myrtle Ck are OK

### Conclusions

- The Community Forest far exceeds the provincial average in good water management
- The Community Forest is managed to a high level of care

### Recommendations

- Always consider sediment production in planning and operations.
- Reduce number of stream crossings to a minimum required
- Have a good riparian buffer
- Don't work during heavy rainfall near creeks because of the mud
- Use coarse materials on the roads
- Consider windfirming riparian areas. If it's apparent that a large tree will fall and the root wad could damage the creek, better to cut it down
- Reclaim and reseed bare banks
- Be proactive in managing recreation. There are some problems being caused by quads, cyclists and hikers
- Always keep artificial drainage away from natural drainage

A discussion followed about the Haslam Lang Integrated Water Management Plan, with reference to the fact that the process has been dormant for a number of years.

Brian's report will be posted on the Community Forest website

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>Jane Cameron – Chair</b>	Primary	Member at large
<b>Mark Hassett</b>	Alternate	Contractor
<b>Dave Rees</b>	Primary	Tourism
<b>Nancy Hollmann</b>	Alternate	Tourism
<b>George Illes</b>	Alternate	Environment
<b>Doug Fuller</b>	Primary	DFA Worker
<b>Colin Palmer</b>	Primary	Local Governments
<b>Paul Goodwin</b>	Alternate	Forest Dependent
<b>Read English</b>	Alternate	Local Business
<b>Ken Jackson</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Andy Payne</b>	Alternate	Member at large
<b>Rory Maitland</b>	Primary	Contractor
<b>9 Seats represented</b>		
<b>ABSENT MEMBERS</b>		
<b>Dave Hodgins</b>	Alternate	Recreation
<b>Bill Maitland</b>	Primary	Local Business
<b>Barry Miller</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>Ron Fuller</b>	Alternate	DFA Worker
<b>Dave Formosa</b>	Alternate	Local Governments
<b>Wayne Borgfjord</b>	Primary	Forest Dependent
<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>Resource – others</b>		
<b>Stuart Glen</b>	WFP	
<b>Jeff Ternan</b>	WFP	
<b>Valerie Thompson</b>	Secretary/Facilitator	

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