

**CSA Community Advisory Group
To Island Timberlands
February 10, 2010
Minutes
Town Centre Hotel**

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 read to group.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair welcomed Denise Tierney, Island Timberlands Forest Information Systems.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

- Emails inviting First Nations to meetings
- December and January letters to PRPAWS.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from Western Forest Products January 13, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Operational Information Update

Engineering Active

Cutblock

Okeover – ongoing

883255 (Warner Road)

Issues

Sunshine Coast Trail, harvesting adjacent to road, visuals.

Numerous adjacent houses, visuals, drainage concerns, Cranberry Ratepayer Association.

793208 (Lee/Loubert Road)

Residents.

Logging Active

Cutblock

5 cutblocks in Olsens
Thors Cove

Issues

Adjacent B&B and oyster farm.

Road Construction Planned Next

Cutblock

984408 – Fiddlehead

3 cutblocks on Cortes Island.
793208 (Lee/Loubert Road)
Roberts Creek / Sechelt – 3 cutblocks.

Issues

Giovanni Lake Trail – to be re-established after harvesting.
Many.
Residents, urban interface, trails.
Urban interface, mountain bike trails, domestic water intakes.

Logging Planned Next

Cutblock

984408 – Fiddlehead.

cutblocks Sechelt (Halfmoon-Carlson)

Issues

Giovanni Lake Trail – to be re-established after harvesting.
Powerlines and gaslines.

Engineering Planned

Cutblock

Proposed Millennium Park.
883405 – near load out
892307 Stillwater Mn
Paradise area (next pass).

894352 (Horseshoe Lake)
Valentine Mountain.

Issues

Urban interface / public.
Urban interface / public.
Near Forest Warden Camp
Myrtle Creek, visuals. VIA completed for previous block.
Portage trail.
Sunshine Coast Trail.
Valentine Park.

2009 Plan

17 km. of road construction.
175,000 m3 of harvesting.

2010 Plan

10.1 km of road construction (2.9 km in DFA).
120,000 m3 harvesting (52,000 in DFA).

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Comment: People have been wondering why you have been digging wells.

It is a requirement that had to be met to subdivide a piece of land for the Stillwater sort. When Weyerhaeuser sold WFP got the crown assets and facilities and IT bought the private lands. There were some areas where there was some overlap. One of them was the Stillwater sort. The subdivision is to separate WFP's land from Island Timberlands. In order to do that subdivision we had to prove there was water.

Comment: They wondered why you hired a water driller from out of town when we have lots.

I heard that from people at the sort.

Comment: The blocks are very big and have been approved at the Regional District and with the province. If the company were to subdivide them into smaller blocks it would have to go through the Regional District office again.

Question: How big are they?

ACTION: Wayne to find out how big the blocks actually are.

Question: Is there going to be any more clean-up on the block logged last fall at spur 18 near Horseshoe Lake?

I'm not sure. I thought the salvage was done.

Comment: It is a mess. Trees are in the creek.

ACTION: Wayne to find out if any more clean up is to take place.

Question: Have you planted Fiddlehead?

Yes. I'm almost certain.

ACTION: Wayne to confirm that Fiddlehead has been replanted.

Question: What is happening out at St. Vincent's Bay? Will the road be public access?

St. Vincent's has been for sale for five years. Public access will be up to the new land owner. It has not yet been sold, but four or five different parties are looking at it.

Company Update

Makenzie shared a safety alert regarding a tubular gate being left partially open and obscured by brush. An individual caught part of the gate in his truck's brush guard. A metal tube from the gate broke free, came through the wheel well, and right through the firewall onto the seat. The individual came through unscathed, but the outcome could have been a lot worse. Members were cautioned to drive slowly and be aware of hazards. Let us know if they see anything of a safety concern for us to review.

Makenzie presented Island Timberlands' new website. New website is directed towards an audience made up of community members, individuals searching for work, and others that want to learn more about Island Timberlands. They are still in the process of improving it.

Comment: Under "Community" the Powell River CAG is not listed. What it shows is all of the things your company does with school children.

I know. I made note of that and we will add you. The "Community" page is meant to be active. We will be changing it as new events happen.

On the "What's New" page there is a blog. If you add a comment it gets emailed to Makenzie, she will review them and post them. The intent is to get feedback in and get information out.

Question: I had someone ask me how IT fit into the Southern OCP review. Could you explain.

Comment: Chris Dawes, Director of Real Estate for Island Timberlands, has been on the official community plan focus group working group. He's been at least four or five meetings actively participating in the discussions. He is also part of the Open Parks and Space Plan working group. Island Timberlands has been very much involved.

Denise Tierney, Forest Information Systems

Denise presented the attached PowerPoint document "Information Management".

Many groups rely on the Information Management team's data. Island Timberlands' contractors and consultants can access IT's data from their home offices. It is a citrix system which they can log on accessing IT's system and data live. They don't have to buy the very expensive software and IT's information people don't have to worry about which data they have.

Question: How much of your data is old?

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The majority of data is “old” (say, more than a year) however, much of it is static in nature. For example, contour data does not change much over time therefore, there is no need to frequently replace.

Question: If I asked you about an area could you tell me the age class and species that is there?

Yes. I'd have to ask our inventory forester if the area had recently cruised.

Question: Does the MoFR have the equivalent information or better than you have or are you way ahead of them in knowledge? Are you ahead of the provincial government that is making the regulations for you?

Depends on the government department. Some ministries are more advanced than others. I don't know exactly where the MoFR is at, but we would have more current information for our land. Their information would be very general and broad based.

Question: Are you required to give your private information to the MoFR if they ask?

I know if it was a private enquiry we can refuse, but I don't know in the case of the government.

The MoFR would likely not have an interest in our data because they are looking at crown data. However, Agriculture and Lands may be interested in our data, and they have asked us for creek data and property lines. We have cooperated with them, but we could say no, or yes but you have to pay us.

Question: Would you share information on endangered species and wildlife?

Yes. The government doesn't actively collect that information from us.

It varies depending on the feature. The government might contact us and ask if they could come on our land to survey migratory birds. If we discovered a rare and endangered species on our land we would notify the government. We are required to notify the government regarding cultural sites. It is a constant back and forth.

As the type of data and the way we collect data changes, our relationship with government changes. For example, we recently flew LIDAR (laser radar) in the China Creek watershed. It is an incredibly accurate way to measure topography. Wayne can now sit in the office and put a road location in and determine where drainages are. It cuts out a lot of field work. Regional districts are using the same kind of data and we can partner with them to share costs on the flight.

Question: Are forest companies starting to use this new technology?

They are starting to. It is very expensive right now to acquire LIDAR data. Acquisition is a major cost and making the data meaningful is also very expensive. I think it is the coming wave of new technology, but it is very expensive so people are waiting to see how it is going to play out. Will it answer their needs and will they get economic payback from the investment. We partnered with Timber West, the Regional District of Nanaimo, some First Nations Bands, Cowichan Valley Regional District, and Alberni Clayoquot for our 2007 air photography project. We flew a large area and it was expensive, but the partnerships made the cost reasonable.

Access Policy – Makenzie Leine

Makenzie is on a committee that is looking at Island Timberlands access policy. The group is looking at how IT wants to manage access in a way that works for their neighbours and community and works for the company. Right now they have security and gates, and a no overnight camping policy. This is just keeping the honest people out. They still have vandals, dumping problems, and liability issues. They have been talking to security companies to see what their ideas are. They have spoken to clubs and organizations, including ATV and hiking clubs to see what they think. ATV licensing will be a big change for them. Campers come in droves every summer and the company's policy is no overnight camping even though there are great locations and opportunities. The committee is stepping back and looking at the issue as a whole. The result is likely not going to be more restrictions to access, but more controlled access. This will be better for the responsible people that want to access IT's land. They will be able to enjoy themselves and be safe. Hopefully, this will eliminate some of the problems with vandalism, fires, and dumping.

They are hoping to roll something out in the late spring. At that point there will be a full legal review based on liability issues, as well as a review by the company's board and senior managers. This will take time, but the product will be something better than what is happening right now.

Question: Is all of your consulting taking place on the Island?

We haven't consulted with any ATV clubs over here. The problems are the same everywhere and the groups are looking for the same things. We have talked to the BC Wildlife Federation which is the whole province. We've talked to the ATV clubs on the Island and the fish and game clubs on the Island. We've had a lot of feed back. As for as hiking and cycling we feel that if you are on foot and you are not causing any trouble we have no problem. It is the higher risk activities such as hunting, ATVs, motorized vehicles, and downhill mountain biking where we start to see liability problems. If you know of any clubs that have any ideas let me know. ATV is the most challenging because it has the most liability. We know that it is 5% that is ruining for everybody. We haven't spoken directly to any of the clubs in Powell

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River , but we've talked enough about some of your issues such as parking that we are getting a really good picture of what the needs are, where we want to go, and what the needs are in terms of access. One of our problems with ATVs is that there is such huge opposition from another faction of people accessing the woods.

Comment: We are all tax payers and we should be able to all get along. We just have to find our niche. There will be some places as a ATV user, I won't be able to go. Others need to except that there will be other users out there. It is the 5% that are the issue. Licensing will help, but it will still come down to enforcement.

Licensing is coming, but it won't affect us because it is not enforced on private land. We have to be responsible for that enforcement. The good thing about it is we can now say you have to be licensed. For us the big thing with licensing is identification.

Comment: The other good thing about licensing is you will have to be insured.

That is why we have been talking to the clubs. They have insurance.

Question: Why don't yet set up a caretaker at the places where you have problems with people coming every year and charge the people to stay?

That is a thought.

Comment: It is different here than on the Island.

Yes, because the relationship between the tenure boundaries is so convoluted it makes it really difficult to manage access.

Question: How will you police it and deal with the liability?

We have set agreements in place for commercial use to cover things like liability, personal, environmental and so on. When people are accessing our land as individuals the argument that you have for liability is that they are trespassing. The only way around it is to make sure that everybody on your land is insured. It is a challenge.

Question: Have you looked at creating a club where members would have to prove up front they have liability insurance?

Yes. We've looked at that model and Makenzie's personal opinion is that it is a good way to go. They have looked at it from the perspective of starting their own club where you would get a membership and an access permit from IT and sign off on a code of conduct and pay a membership fee. There are some liability issues with it because people are paying you to

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access your land. They have looked at partnering with the BC Wildlife Federation because they have their passport program which they have been piloting in the interior and it is basically the same thing, but it won't necessarily work for all users. They have talked to BC Wildlife about it but with so many access point what would be the incentive for somebody to join when others can just walk in without joining right beside them. The other thing they have talked about is saying here's a list of clubs in the community that we will provide access to if you belong you can access their land if not perhaps you should join one of the clubs. This is because clubs tend to have insurance. All of these options have been reviewed and considered. Exploring these options may or may not result in a change or some form of a change. Reviewing them does not suggest that is what we will do but we are not leaving any stones unturned.

Meeting Evaluation Forms

Meeting Evaluation form was distributed to the group. Makenzie said they have used these with the groups they meet with on the Island and has requested that the group look at filling them out. Group decided to have the form sent out by email and look at filling the form out for the next meeting

Next CAG meeting – March 10th with WFP

Next IT meeting – April 14th

Meeting Adjourned 8:25 pm

**Stillwater CSA Community Advisory Group
Island Timberlands
February 10th
Attendance**

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