

Minutes

**Stillwater CSA Community Advisory Group
To Island Timberlands
October 31, 2012
Town Centre Hotel**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00 pm: 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 group.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted with the addition of George Illes speaking about the Powell River Salmon Society.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

- Emails inviting First Nations to meetings
- Email from Sechelt First Nations expressing interest in continuing to receive minutes.
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Powell Forest Canoe Route update

Wayne presented photos showing the Horseshoe River trail before and after IT completed its cutblock adjacent to the portage trail. The photos showed the beautiful upgrade of the trail to whelled status completed this spring (by the BC Rec Sites and Trails Program). These photos were followed by photos showing how the skyline has changed from the trail now that the logging is complete. Wayne explained why certain cut methods were used. For instance there are times that the buffer is wider or narrower depending on how the trail wound through the landscape. The buffer is always a minimum of thirty metres. Some of the photos showed piles of small logs left by the trail maintenance crew. There are areas that will look better soon as the crushed brush will grow back quickly.

Lot 450

There is still no decision regarding the future of Lot 450. Wayne and Morgan met with the mayor and council before coming to the CAG meeting and the main item on the agenda was Lot 450. Wayne has done some field work on Lot 450, but it is just fieldwork.

Question: Where was your fieldwork taking place? Below the highway?

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There were never any plans to go below the highway. All of the fieldwork was on the high side of the highway. The block is adjacent to Brooks school. I heard something different from the mayor than what I'd heard from our office, so I'm a little reluctant to even talk about it. The idea was to have a normal harvesting cutblock on the high side of the highway from Brooks to the powerline as far as the small powerline that goes down to the highway. The plan was to log right to the edge of the highway without leaving a buffer other than some small cedar as a visual screen.

Question: What did the mayor and council say?

Their description of what was going to happen included leaving a buffer along the highway. Morgan said that IT only owns the timber so there is no value to the company to leave anything behind. They probably won't come back for it so ideally they would like to harvest the timber and move on. Then PRC can do what they like with the property. The discussion with the city was that they would like to see some kind of a buffer. The IT directors would be happy to leave a buffer if the city compensates for the timber. The city is not interested in paying anything for the timber.

Morgan said they heard today from the mayor and council (and the MLA was there) was that some time in the past they had a draft long contract developed and that nearly was signed off and then it was revoked by Island Timberlands.

Question: Have they changed their view about what they want left behind for the Millennium Park?

I don't think they have changed the boundary of what they consider Millennium Park, but there has been a lot of discussion regarding the timber.

Question: Do you only get one pass at these trees?

Yes. They had some of these properties on the other side of Wildwood and they had to sign a document stating that they would give up their rights.

Question: Is the school district involved in any of these discussions considering that the property butts up to Brooks?

No.

Morgan and Wayne showed the group what area is considered Lot 450 on a map. They explained that the dates on the map do not actually reflect reality and that they need to put dates on blocks. These dates will often get pushed back.

Grinding along Lee Road

Grinding has just been completed at Lee Road. Approximately 80 loads were hauled out. The wet areas were left because the grinder would not grind these areas. The public was relatively happy. There was a 7am to 5pm Monday through Friday schedule that the company stuck to. They didn't receive any negative feedback.

Morgan said that they scraped all of the wood fibre back from the road (to expose mineral soil, thereby creating a fire break) and deliberated for about 4 months before deciding on grinding.

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Operational Information Map Review

Engineering Active

Cutblock

Issues

Valentine Mountain
Cortes
Sechelt

Road Construction Active

Cutblock

Issues

None

Logging Active

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Issues

894352 (Portage Trail)
894162 (Freda Main)

Trail, pruning to start next week.
None

Heli-pruning will be taking place next week. It will be 'poodle' pruned not spiral.

Question: Why?

Spiral pruning is more expensive, as much as 4 to 5 times as much money. Pruning takes away some of the sail so there is less risk of the tree falling.

Road Construction Planned Next

Cutblock

Issues

793419 (Canoe 004)
883404 (Valentine)

Powerlines.
Visuals, 2 parks, Sunshine Coast Trail

Morgan said that a concerned resident provided a petition with 30 signatures requesting a 50 yard buffer on the trail going up Valentine Mountain. They spoke to him for about 45 minutes regarding visuals from the trail. He wasn't so concerned about how it would look from the top or looking at the mountain from Wildwood or the Lake, just the trail.

Question: Will you consider visuals?

Yes. We will consider visuals from every direction. It will be most difficult to manage visuals from the park on top.

Logging Planned Next

Cutblock

Issues

793419 (Canoe 004)
883258 (Lot 450)

884109 (Tanner Rd.)
892352 (STW 7 mile)
984410 (Giovanni)

None
Urban interface, tree cutting bylaw, powerlines, schools, sports field, highway, visuals, sewer line.
Neighbours
None
None

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Question: When will they activate the new Haslam Lake connector?

Comment: I think they are waiting for a court decision regarding the individual that chases graders with shot guns and generally tries to intimidate people so they stay away.

Wayne said he was unaware of this. They have a couple of neighbours they need to talk to near Haslam but they don't expect any difficulties.

Question: Is the Giovanni block along the creek? What kind of buffers will you be leaving?

Wayne said they will be about 40 metres away.

Question: When next year will you be working there?

Probably in the summer due to snow issues.

Question: Will you go up Spring Lake Road?

Yes. A lot of our timing over here revolves around access to the sort. We try to do most of our work at one time so that when we have time at the sort all of the wood can go there. We have time right now so they are scaling our portage block.

Question: So you try to time all of your tiny blocks together?

Yes. It can be tough sometimes when you are dealing with two different contractors.

Engineering Planned

Cutblock

883404 (Valentine Mountain)

Issues

Public, visuals.

2013 Plan

1.7 km. of road construction.

93,000 m³ of harvesting.

- 32,000 m³ on Cortes Island.
- 7,000 m³ in Sechelt.
- 23,000 m³ in Powell River.

Wayne said that in 2014 there may not be any volume depending on how some of the controversial areas such as Valentine Mountain and Lot 450.

Question: What would be the volume of Lot 450 and Valentine?

Wayne said Valentine wouldn't be a conventional cut. It would be a pretty soft touch. It would be small polygons or a bunch of selective cuts so it might be possibly 10,000 cubic metres which is not much for such a big piece of ground. It would be a first pass and some time in the future there would be another pass.

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Question: Who are you speaking with regarding Valentine?

The City and a concerned citizen.

Question: What about neighbours?

Not yet, because we don't have a plan yet.

Wayne showed where the Sunshine Coast runs through the block.

Question: What happens with Lot 450 now? IT has a vision and the town has a vision that is not the same. What process will you use to find out what you are going to do?

Wayne said that he and Morgan will go back to their management and tell them the message they got from council and wait for instruction. It is such an odd circumstance that one organization owns the land and another owns the trees.

Morgan said the City has created a bylaw that doesn't allow them to cut the trees and it is causing great difficulties. IT will need a variance to cut the trees which is why they aren't just dealing with PRSC, but with people at the City. Valentine is simply owned and managed forest, so the bylaw doesn't apply, but in the area where the timber reservations exist it does.

Question: When did the bylaw come into effect?

About two years ago. It is related to a certain property size. If the property is less than a hectare then the bylaw doesn't apply.

Okeover Community Firewood Program

Morgan said that they have been trying for the last couple of years to create a 50/50 firewood program. In other communities they have been doing this for a while. Recently, in Okeover, the ALS Society approached IT and asked if they could be involved in this fundraising program. IT does a 50/50 split of profits at the door at \$30 per cord (or pick up truck). You come in with all of your safety gear; chainsaw pants, eye protection, ear protection and proper footwear and cut firewood for a day. Groups such as sports teams, PACs, and local search and rescue groups use this program. ALS did this a couple of weeks ago. They would like to do it again.

Question: Could I ask about IT's Freda Creek properties? I was in a meeting with City council, Sliammon, and the Regional board and the City plans to put an independent power project on Freda Creek. The source of the water for the powerhouse will be Freda Creek and Phalen Lake. They will have a powerhouse where Freda Creek lets into Lois Lake.

Wayne said that this is their property.

Comment: They are going to run a 24 km powerline from that powerhouse down to Dickson Road. Do you also own properties down there?

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Yes. Maybe somebody has heard, but they haven't told Wayne.

Comment: It may not start for another two to three years. I thought you might want to know considering that you have properties in this area. They may compromise your property.

Guest Speaker: George Illes – Powell River Salmon Society

George presented a wonderful slide show showing all of the work the Powell River Salmon Society and its volunteers have accomplished over the last number of years. His slides showed the expansion of the Lang Creek facility. This expansion included an educational building and new wheelchair accessible washrooms, as well as landscaping created with rock, carvings, and native plants. There was also a tank expansion at the mill facility and a new egg treating facility. Many organization donated materials and individuals donated time making these endeavors affordable. George also explained how the processes of the salmon hatchery work right through the life cycle of the salmon. Powell River Salmon Society's fish are transported to be released Sechelt, Chapman Creek, Texada and Theodosia and/or Sliammon when they are 4 to 6 grams, the fish are hold for a minimum of three weeks to imprint. The greatest numbers of fish are released in Duck Lake.

Question: How was the fundraising from your annual dinner?

Just short of \$40,000.

Question: What is your annual operating budget not including projects? Did you tell me \$180,000?

It is more than that. The DFO helps us pay our three employees; they give us \$7000 to feed the fish which is about \$11000 short.

Adjourned 8:35 pm

Action Items

<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>When</i>

**Stillwater CSA Community Advisory Group
Island Timber lands
October 31st Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Wayne Brewer	Alternate	Tourism
Laura van Diemen	Alternate	Member at large
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Barry Miller	Primary	Environment
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
Ken Jackson	Primary	Recreation
Rob Stewart	Primary	Forest Dependent
Andy Payne	Alternate	Member at large
Colin Palmer	Primary	Local Governments
Read English	Alternate	Local Business
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Tourism
7 Seats represented		
ABSENT MEMBERS		
Russ Parsons	Alternate	DFA Worker
Doug Fuller	Primary	DFA Worker

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Mark Hassett	Alternate	Contractor
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Bill Maitland	Primary	Local Business
Dave Hodgins	Alternate	Recreation
Debbie Dee	Alternate	Local Governments
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Morgan Kennah	IT	
Wayne French	IT	
Valerie Thompson	Facilitator/Secretary	