

**CSA Community Advisory Group
Island Timberlands
May 14, 2014
Town Center Hotel**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00 pm: Meeting called to order
Quorum met.

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 members and guests.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted with the addition of a discussion regarding the CSA Standard revision.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed
Letter to PRPAWS
Emails to First Nations

Distribution of Draft Terms of Reference & Discussion

A draft of the Terms of Reference that was worked on by the Port Alberni group was distributed. The chair explained to the group that when the Terms of Reference (TOR) are adopted the group will no longer be the Community Advisory Group. The group is CSA CAG and has its own Terms of Reference and IT wants a new name for their group with new Terms of Reference. It will be a group with a different name that may or may not be have the same people.

Since IT pulled their land out of the TFL the group has been meeting with them according to the group's TOR. For Island Timberlands first couple years operations, they considered certification under the CSA Standard but elected to eventually certify under the SFI Standard. The CAG met with Island Timberlands during that time and for a number of years after that and tried to encourage IT to adopt CSA. They chose not to and the group continued to meet with them as more of an information exchange. It has always been under CAG's TOR. Island Timberlands would like to officially clarify its relationship in meeting with a group in Powell River that there is no official tie to the CSA Standard. This CSA group still meets with BCTS and they accept the CSA CAG for information exchange. This is likely the last CAS CAG meeting with Island Timberlands as CAG already has their own TOR. What

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the group is doing is helping Island Timberlands set up for a new Public Stakeholders' Group (PSG) or some group with a similar title.

Morgan asked the members of the group to read through the document and discuss any items they may have an issue with.

Comment: I am concerned about our group being your public advisory. We are set up to assist WFP with their CSA requirements. In the Regional District of Powell River there are a number of public interests that are not represented here. We are concerned with TFL39 not private property. We have no representation for Lot 450, Stillwater Bluffs or Okeover Arm. It would be difficult to sit on a committee that did not have representation for these areas and I would be reluctant to speak on these areas.

Question: I was looking at the terms of confidentiality and would like to note that there are some members that report back to their constituency in a public way. Others representing various user groups also report back on a regular basis to their groups. How does that fit in with the comment that if member(s) of the PSG are believed to have share information from meetings that makes its way into the broader public space, they will be asked to leave the PSG?

Morgan said this is one of the main reasons that the document is still a draft after six months and that she is still unsure how this can be resolved. One of the earlier versions said that everything is considered public and the feedback they received on this was that IT would not then share anything. Morgan is looking for the ideal wording to say that what an individual would report back would be more short form of what was reviewed such as 'there is a contentious harvest plan at Okeover and it is being worked on at the table' and it would not go into specific details. The media is not welcome at the meetings. Historically in Port Alberni they would sit at the back, observe and then information would show up in the paper a few days later.

Comment: We don't have that problem and we do understand confidentiality. In our TOR it is laid out that if confidentiality is requested and agreed to then that item stays at the table.

Wayne said that when they meet with separate user groups that they make it clear that their meetings with CAG are a separate issue and they do not hold CAG responsible for any special interest groups.

Question: So, members can report back in general terms?

Yes. We've had people take photos of harvest plans, doing assessments of our property without permission and challenging us with the information. It becomes a very negative relationship. The idea is to share information without having to fear that it will show up on Facebook in a couple of hours.

Comment: Thank you for giving us the background to explain where your TOR item comes from.

Comment: Is that a regular occurrence?

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No. We had one protest with about 5 people. Having the material show up on social media has happened a half dozen times.

Comment: Traditionally you go knock on doors when you are working in an area so you are already dealing with the stakeholders for that area.

Yes. This is not the only relationship we are building.

Comment: Isn't that what you do mostly? We are not involved with many areas you are working in.

Wayne said other than information sharing, that is correct.

Comment: We mostly hear from the people in the area or read it in the paper.

Wayne said that when an engineer shows up in an area their phones start ringing.

Comment: Yes, because there are trails. Everybody walks, runs and bike rides through those areas. We haven't been involved with very much over the last year other than your communication with our chair. You are getting involved with the local people around particular people. Those areas should be part of your PSG. Our concerns revolve around your interface with other companies and the bigger picture for biodiversity, water quality and other issues.

Comment: I think the main difference between this document and the TOR our CAG has with WFP is that you only wish to share with a third party group and our CAG has input with WFP.

Wayne said that when you start planning you need to have a bit of a plan so that you can start talking and get input.

Comment: I live in a world of advisory groups, committees and boards. You have an interesting task because you are a private company. You want to have public input. How are you going to get that? I would suggest that you not call this a Public Stakeholder Group; you should call it an advisory group. That sets the tone as to what you are looking for. You want advice and recommendations. The problem with this is that when you ask for advice people think that you have to obey it. Appointing the people to the advisory group and the ability to unappoint helps with this problem. This is your group and you have the right to appoint and unappoint, so you should make that clear in this document. I don't think there is any need to talk about conflict and conflict resolution in the TOR. Writing a conflict resolution section into the TOR sets the tone that you are expecting conflict. You are just looking for advice and recommendations. There is also no need to talk about the meetings being open to the public, this is your own private advisory group and you don't need to stress that the public are not welcome. This gets people upset. You can say that if there is a special interest topic for some members of the public they may be invited to a meeting to give advice and recommendations. Do not state that the media is not welcome. You have every right as a private company to say that this is not a public meeting. You could

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say that representative can sit for two years and after two years their participation could be considered. The group should be allowed to appoint a chair and vice-chair which should be included in the TOR.

Comment: The Millennium Park issue has not been solved. The public should know what is going on.

Wayne asked who should make it public.

Comment: The City and whoever the consortium is. They should be making the public aware of what is going to be left. It was a big issue several years ago. What is happening? We hear nothing from Council and nothing from Island Timber and it is a public issue.

Wayne said that they know there are conversations going on in the public and they know there are discussions between Island Timberlands and the City, but they are not necessarily privy to those discussions. They do know they were going down a path for a while, but it now appears it has been put to the sidelines for the time being.

Comment: That affects this advisory group. It is unique that you have land that is not yours but you have the rights to log it.

Wayne said they own the trees, but they don't have the right to log it until they get permission from the land owner.

Comment: I guess we are not getting information because there is nothing going on.

Wayne said there are discussions going on but he and Morgan are not privy to the details of the conversations. He said they mentioned that they were coming to Powell River and asked if there was anything that they would like to share with the group as they knew they would be asked about Millennium Park and Morgan said that the negotiations fell through late last week.

Comment: That is good to know. We didn't know that and at least I now know the negotiations have broken off.

Morgan said thank you for the feed back and that she agrees that a group like this might be best looking at specific areas and getting the message out about them. She feels that they will leave it to the City to announce the outcome of the negotiations on the Millennium Park.

Comment: The City does need to let people know because it is public. Obviously they can't tell people everything during the talks, but when agreements are made they need to announce it.

Comment: I agree with the earlier member that said there should be no need for the TOR to talk about conflict resolution and about keeping the media away. The members of the group should be there as a sounding board for you and should be honouring your terms of involvement.

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Comment: Regarding the first bullet under the title 'Participation in the PSG' which says 'Island will create and maintain a list of the stakeholder interests they understand to exist in the Powell River area' – the language should more clearly state that IT will decide who is in the group.

Comment: I am hearing that these stakeholders' interests are based on geography. I am not sure how you are planning to choose these stakeholders, but it might not be best to invite people that live near the areas as your stakeholders – you might be better to invite people that have interest in these areas that are not quite so closely involved. It seems like you are really narrowing in on issues and you might be getting too narrow if your group is made up of property owners in the region.

Wayne agreed that this was a good point and that they tend to deal with those groups independently.

Comment: This change could affect how people perceive CAG.

Comment: It could and that is why I am saying that CAG is not going to be with IT. It could be the same people, but it won't be CSA CAG. That is why we are trying to keep things separated.

Comment: When you look at your seats you should think about what you want from the community. You likely want seats to represent recreation, industry, some politicians and these types of people.

Morgan asked if he thinks it should be stated in the TOR.

Comment: I don't think it needs to be in the Terms of Reference, but it should be well thought out. You should know what kind of representation you want from the community and how you are going to fill the seats. It can be difficult to find volunteers, this group is volunteering their time.

Wayne said they could ask this group what they think would be a viable set of representatives from the community.

Comment: That is a fair option, we likely have a pretty good idea as our committee is sitting here.

Morgan said that their initial interest was very similar. They wanted to have a few different lenses on their main issues and interests from areas like the forest industry and roads. That is why they have been using this group and the people around the table are probably the people they would want to ask to join their group. They just want to make it clear that the group is meant for information sharing and dialogue. They did not want to be focused on geographical areas, but more on the broader area.

Question: Would the indicators that you use for SFI help you assess who your stakeholders might need to be?

Not really. SFI requires that you inform the public what you are doing ahead of time and that you keep a catalogue of inquiries and complaints that you address to some degree. When they are audited one of

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the items might be chosen and they would be asked what happened and they would have to show documentation around it.

Comment: You could use the pattern that CSA uses where you have a representative from all of the groups that use the forest. People with a broad interest in something like recreation rather than people that are just issue based would be best.

Comment: I think that it would be positive for the group to give information out to the public, but before they do that it would be run past Island Timberlands to make sure they are fine with it. The information might be more acceptable to the public coming from a local group rather than a corporation. For example at Western Forest Products CAG the group sometimes decides that the chair should write a letter, but WFP is aware of it.

Comment: I think what we are saying to you is stop worrying about conflict.

Wayne said he could see it would bring negativity.

Comment: I don't think members of this group are worried about being in the crosshairs because we are not decision makers. We are here to simply listen and give our input to you. We may be better informed than some others in the community on certain issues. I've noticed some things on social media that are off the rails because I know a little about what is going on from being part of the CAG. I'm able to throw some facts into the discussions and get it back on track – I never feel like I am in the crosshairs.

Comment: Why wouldn't you want people to have people speak about issues if it isn't negative? If there was somebody that was always negative they wouldn't be on the committee very long. Why wouldn't you want this group to go out into the public and give the facts? This TOR says it is private and you don't want the information spoken about, but to me you would want people talking otherwise what is the point. Being silent and knowing what is happening would get the group in to the crosshairs.

Morgan said that these were all really good comments and they have made her think. They want to pare the document down and make it firmer in some places.

Comment: Thanks for listening. It was helpful that you explained where this document is coming from. As you have heard we do not have many of the issues you struggle with on the Island and we are happy that you may see there is another way.

Operational Update

2013 Activities

Logged Cutblocks

793419 (Canoe 004)

793425 (STW Main 2 mile)

793430 (STW Main – Dixon)
 892352 (STW Main-7)
 894361 (GL1103-8)
 984410 (Giovanni)

Stillwater Harvest Summary Table

<u>Year</u>	<u>Plan Volume (m3)</u>	<u>Actual Volume (m3)</u>
2006		174,748
2007		141,387
2008		237,579
2009	175,000	193,621
2010	120,000	114,858
2011	148,000	115,743
2012	93,000 (including Cortez)	49,200
2013	50,000 (including Cortez, Sechelt)	22,500
2014	26,000 (Gambier and Sechelt)	

Comment: We would like to hear about issues such as reforestation, what you will do about alder and what you are going to do to get to free growing. That is the type of thing that this committee would like to hear. Questions are evolving and to be a properly informed group we would need to know more than which blocks have been cut.

Morgan said that is a good point. The planters were here in the spring around February.

Comment: It would be nice to know which blocks, when it is reforested, when the blocks will be declared free growing. Adjacency is another issue that we are concerned about.

Morgan said she couldn't give any specifics right now. She knows the planters were here, some tree pruning with helicopters was done, and they are brushing this week. There is one neighbour that is quite concerned about the blackberries growing on IT's property coming over the fence. They are likely going to bring in a small machine to pull them out.

Comment: These are things that we can repeat if people come up to us and ask what is going on with Island Timber.

Wayne said these issues are part of their decision making matrix. When they log a block they are also looking at how soon they can go back and get the adjacent timber.

2014 Activities

Cutblock

793428 (STW sort well digging)
 434401 (Gambier Island)

Issues

Neighbours.
 Isolated property.

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512354 (Sechelt)

None

Question: How soon do you replant?

Morgan said that legally they must replant within 5 years, but their goal is always to plant during the next growing season. In the low lying areas that would be February and in the high areas it is usually September.

Question: Is there any exceptions?

No. Although for the last 3 years we have had failure of up to 500,000 trees at the nurseries. We also have difficulties with deer and elk and trees that don't survive so we have to go back and plant a second year. Our average replant time is 9 months.

Question: Do you have a target 'Free to Grow' age?

Wayne said yes it is 15 years similar to crown requirements

Morgan said there is no actual target age in their certification. It has to be a certain height and have a certain number of stems.

2015 – 2016 Activities

Cutblock

793207 (Highway)

794152 (Roberts Road)

883405 (Loadout Road)

883256 (Lot 450)

884109 (Tanner Road)

793208 (STW sort – Loubert Road)

793423 (Highway – Lois River bridge).

884401 (Stuart Lake)

984453 (Giovanni)

883258 (Lot 450 non MF)

Issues

Waterline

Stillwater community.

Visuals, powerlines, highway

Urban interface.

Neighbours.

Visuals, powerlines, highway.

Visuals, powerlines, highway.

Isolated property, road construction through
Community Forest.

Access from Sliammon Roads.

City agreement.

Question: What kind of assurances can we take to the public regarding buffers around the Stuart Lake? I'm talking about a reasonable buffer that will withstand the wind. There was a lot of wind this year.

Wayne said the beavers have done quite a number on the area.

Comment: I know they have and now your riparian area has grown and is growing. I am concerned because most of the area is peat so there is not a lot of support for the trees.

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Wayne said that is why they are doing a lot of pruning on many of their lots lately. They have not done the lay out for the area yet. They have done some work around the swamp, but they can't finish off the engineering until they get the legal survey done because that will drive where the outside perimeter of the block is.

Wayne said that with the Stuart Lake block IT will be participating in the reassessing of the Haslam/Lang watershed assessment. Brian Carson will be doing some hydrology work.

Question: Who is he doing it for?

Comment: Community Forests.

Comment: He does angling for Community Forests.

Wayne said that he is doing more than angling. They are looking at vegetation cover and tree height as well.

Comment: How big of block is that?

Wayne said that the block is roughly 30 hectares.

Question: Is there a way that it could be separated into two or more passes to minimize the instant impact?

Wayne said that it is difficult with this kind of property because the cost of the legal survey is very substantial plus they have to build close to 2 km of road. They will be building the roads to Community Forests standards because it is on their tenure. He guesses that the block will be 22 – 25 hectares.

Question: A couple of years ago in the Duck Lake area there was a large logging show. Community Forests and WFP both had a large show and this affects the lake and the fish. Do you communicate your plan to the other companies? If there is too much logging in that area the water temperature is raised.

Wayne said that generally they do not contact other companies. With crown land licensees it is part of the Ministry of Forests responsibility to manage adjacency issues and inform licensees of each others business. IT is part of a CWAP analysis. CWAP is the watershed assessment that Brian Carson is working on including IT's.

Question: Will you be able to see the block near Loadout Road?

Wayne said just from the switchback.

Question: Will you be leaving a retention patch?

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Wayne said no because it is only 2 hectares. It is above some power lines and BC Hydro will want anything that could blowdown taken out so they don't come down on the powerlines.

Question: Will you be able to see it from the Shinglemill?

Wayne said that you would not.

Question: Do you have to get approval from the City when you want to cut the trees on Lot 450?

Wayne said yes for two reasons. They own the land and there is a tree cutting bylaw. But not for the non MF. The area above the powerline is non MF and is normal business for the company. The last time we cut in that area three years ago we spoke to every neighbour and we haven't really had any negative feedback.

Question: Will you be all logged out in Powell River for the next 20 years after you have finished with all of the areas you have listed as 2015 and 2016 activities?

Probably not because we will still have all of the controversial area left and there will always be silviculture work.

Comment: Once you have established the boundaries around Stuart Lake it would be great if you could let us know. It looks like the trail that goes through there goes through the Provincial Park, but we are not sure I am a little worried the trail may be on Island's property. Parks doesn't come up to visit that area and they don't put signs up so it would be good to work together on that.

Wayne said for sure and that he hopes to have the legal survey within six weeks. IT will be ribboned so that you can see it.

Engineering Planned

Cutblock

883404 (Valentine Mountain)
793206 (Stillwater Bluffs)
Millennium Park (non MF)

Issues

Public, visuals, trails.
Public, visuals, trails.
City agreement.

Morgan found the information regarding reforestation. 15 years is the cap, they have to prove that the area is reforested within 15 years. There must be a minimum of 400 stems per hectare. The trees need to be equal to or greater than (I couldn't hear what size) and look healthy. It is similar to the requirements for crown land.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

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Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Dave Hodgins	Alternate	Recreation
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Mark Hassett	Alternate	Contractor
Colin Palmer	Primary	Local Governments
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
Read English	Alternate	Local Business
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Tourism
Barry Miller	Primary	Environment
Wayne Brewer	Alternate	Tourism
Laura van Diemen	Alternate	Employment & Education
9 Seats represented		
ABSENT MEMBERS		
Russ Parsons	Alternate	DFA Worker
Doug Fuller	Primary	DFA Worker
Cathy Bartfai	Alternate	Member at large
Rob Stewart	Primary	Forest Dependent
Debbie Dee	Alternate	Local Governments
Andy Payne	Primary	Employment & Education
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Bill Maitland	Primary	Local Business
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Valerie Thompson	Facilitator/Secretary	
Wayne French	Island Timberlands	
Morgan Kennah	Island Timberlands	