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CSA Community Advisory Group
To Western Forest Products
September `14, 2015
Western Forest Products Boardroom

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.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted.

Group discussed answering “National Forest Research Survey” during next meeting.

Action: Stuart to bring contact info re: National Forest Research Survey to next meeting.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes were accepted and posted via email in June.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed
Letter to PRPAWS
Emails to First Nations
Email re: School Board Trustee representation

Operational Information Map Review

Current Activities

Harvesting – GI-119, GI-140, GL-021, GL-022, PD-471, PD-306, ST-031, ST-093, ST-103, ST-111,
WL-042, UL-816, UL-839, UL-846, EL-695

Road Construction – ST-065, ST-066, ST-080, ST-388, TM-263, UL-830, UL-844, PD-530, PD-505

Engineering – PD-166, ST-079, ST-080, ST-095, ST-096, ST-288, ST-289, ST-328, UL-848, WL-948,
WL-012

What’s New on the Map

New Blocks – LL-040, ST-351, ST-347, ST-284 revised block configuration

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New Roads – LL-040, ST-351, ST-347, ST-284

Cutting Permit Approved Areas – None

There are no new blocks or roads along the Sunshine Coast Trail.

Logging Complete – LL-012, ST-820, TM-254

Road Construction Complete – UL-821, ST-294, PD-164

Engineered Blocks – TM-247, ST-079, ST-080

Engineered Roads – None

Company Updates

Stillwater has hired two new people. Fred Westarp and Kevin Gilles are now working for Stillwater full time.

Question: Who is replacing you?

We are still actively looking for my replacement. I will continue working with the group to create a smooth transition.

The road hotline is now a website. There is also a twitter link on Facebook. <http://www.roadinfo.ca/>

CSA-Z809 Review of Draft New Edition – Jane Cameron, CAG Chair

The new edition draft of CSA-Z809 has been out for public review since August 1, 2015. The review period closes October 1. This does not leave advisory groups much time, but that is the best the groups could get out of the technical committee because they are working towards an end date of having the new standard in place in the spring. Ideally in April 2016. Working backwards from that date left just a couple of months for review of the draft. All comments will be considered. The technical group is meeting in October and every comment that comes in will be given consideration. After the comments are considered the draft goes to various people for review: the Canadian Forest Ministers, Standards and others. When that is done it goes to PEFC in Geneva. They go through the standard intensively. The last CSA review in Geneva generated a report of around 135 pages. The PEFC endorsement is necessary to have international recognition and also for advertising on things like wrapped lumber. If PEFC endorses the standard the PEFC logo can be used.

Group discussed the changes to the standard in the draft that affect advisory groups and decided the chair could send in a few comments on behalf of the group.

Criterion 1 Biological Diversity

The first bullet has changed and is now about forest habitat connectivity. This is likely something we would like to come back to because the ideas about connectivity keep changing. This is now a mandatory discussion item and I think it would be nice to have a guest speaker on the topic.

Stuart said John Beal could come and speak on the topic.

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Element 1.4 has a title change and now includes the word heritage. There has been a change in the core indicator 1.4.2. It used to refer to the protection of sacred and culturally important sites and now it says protection of sites of special significance. In BC cultural sites are considered First Nation sites. Across the country it does not. This gives us an opportunity to think about heritage concerns we might have. Stuart suggested that instead of protection the wording should say managing for are giving consideration to.

Comment: There was a discussion once before about a heritage issue that wasn't First Nations and there was no way to address it because there was no significance.

Comment: Perhaps it was the Japanese internment camps.

Comment: Yes, and WFP managed around it out of the goodness of their hearts. There was no indicator involved.

All of the aboriginal issues and issues and responsibilities have been moved into its own criteria. Criterion 7.

Question: Does CSA have a definition of adequate public participation?

No.

Stuart said 6.1 does address that issue indirectly. There would not be participant satisfaction if the public participation was inadequate.

Comment: there is also the question of whether it is consultation or communication. Communication just means that information is being given out and consultation means that input is gathered.

That is correct. There is a very clear difference.

Comment: Sharing of information can lead to questions and perhaps create a different outcome.

Yes, but you won't find the word in a standard.

Question: If a corporation had a once per year meeting for two hours and put the SFM plan on the table would an auditor consider that adequate public participation, communication and consultation?

No, but save that question for November. We are having Will Sloan is coming. He was an auditor that now works for WFP. He has taken Michel's job.

Comment: I feel blessed here that we are consulted with and we can participate and can communicate. But, the standard is Canada wide so I am concerned about how it works when the process is different.

In a lot of ways it is left to the auditor.

Ken McKenzie said you have to be very careful of prescriptive processes because they have gone through that before with forest management which said how things must be done everywhere. The same

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methods do not fit all cultures. Different advisory groups have different ways they like to do business and what is actually needed are results.

That is good Ken. A lot of the prescriptive things have been removed from the standard. Instead of having lists it asks for demonstration.

Speaker – Mike Peters, District Manager – Sunshine Coast District Update

Mike has worked for the government for 26 years. He worked as a conservation officer for the first 16 years, then moved to recreation and was the recreation office for 8 years in Chilliwack. He worked with many different advisory groups in that area. He was involved in starting the Chilliwack River Recreation Advisory Group (CRAG) that has been very successful. He moved to Powell River a little over a year ago to take over the position of District Manager. Over my tenure things have changed a lot at most of the Ministries. One of the most challenging changes was the Ministry of Forests going to Forests and Lands. This job has been an exciting new opportunity for me. I have been able to bring the skill sets I have learned to this point to a whole new level. Powell River is a very unique office. It is still heavily based in the Ministry of Forests culture because we are still very involved in harvesting. Squamish deals mostly with adventure tourism referrals. One of our challenges at our office is we have many people at retirement age and many have left since I have been here. One of our biggest priorities has been to hire new people. Transferal of knowledge is an important focus. Six more people could leave over the next two years. Some interesting changes have taken place over the last while. Because First Nations is such a key part of our job we now have two First Nations advisors in the office. We have a regional representative, who usually tackles the larger more complicated issues, and we have a district person tackling smaller issues such as cutting referrals and permits. This is the model the government would like all of the office to have. Taking this aspect off of the other staff members' roles should alleviate some of their stress. The First Nations jobs need experts as the issues are very deep and complicated. In the past others such as the stewardship person took care of First Nations issues as well as their forest stewardship responsibilities. This was not a good situation. Having two First Nations experts has been awesome.

We've been involved in the Operational Issues Forum and Forest Management Leadership Teams and it is a priority for us to keep those initiatives going and continue to work with industry. It is important to keep the lines of communication open especially in light of the recent Forest Nations court case about a year ago. It has major impacts that we are working through and as a province we are cautiously moving forward with looking at how it will impact us doing business and how it will affect industry and markets. It has been a learning curve for everybody. Things like how to handle a private road that is now owned by somebody else are being dealt with. As more agreements take place more clarity about how to handle issues will come. It is an interesting time for government.

There were a couple of large fires in this area this summer. The Sechelt fire was quite close to town. We dedicated some of our vehicles and used some of our staff to deal with the fires.

One of the things I have been dealing a lot with in the office is 'opportunities to be heard'. Compliance and enforcement officers are out doing compliance inspections and dealing with enforcement issues. They deal with everything from water issues to unauthorized cutting. They bring the court cases to Mike for determination. An example would be that Company A owns private land and when cutting went over the boundary and also cut crown land and then maybe built a structure. There have been a number of these issues lately. People, instead of going through the proper channels, are just doing it.

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They are looking at some of these issues where people have done things like triple the size of their private property and build a large structure. This takes a lot of time to investigate and go to court over.

Question: You mentioned that you have two First Nations affairs employees. Are they both based here? And what area would the regional person be overseeing?

Yes, they are both based here. The regional and district First Nations advisors deal with the same land base. We are lucky to have two here because in some areas they have many First Nations overlaps and we don't have that problem here. Having 52 land overlaps comes with many issues that we don't have, but the model the government wants is to have two FN advisor positions in each office.

Comment: Last year I went into the office to look for some information and it took me 3 or 4 people before I got to the right person. All I wanted to know is where the logging roads were going to go around Fiddlehead Farm. I am hoping next time I go in I have an easier time finding the right person.

It is a different work force environment now than it used to be. The lady at our counter is our Front Counter BC representative so she can take most of our enquiries. When files come in they are delegated to someone and they move quite fluidly bouncing from one person to the next as we try to meet our deadlines.

Comment: The person I finally found knew everything.

Some of our long term people have a very good handle on this area. When you come in speak to our Front Counter BC person and they will be able to direct you. Also, the FrontCounter BC website is quite helpful.

Question: Do you get involved with BC Timber Sales issues like the confrontations they have been having in Elphinstone?

BC Timber Sales is a separate entity. We are dealing with issues in that area and we are both trying to cooperate. We do talk about the big issues.

Question: I spent many years working with the Public Consultation and Census based decision making at the Ministry of Forests. We were dealing with the Lower Sunshine Coast and it was very confrontational. Do you have any public consultation process for land use planning?

Land use planning was one of the things that disappeared a few years back. What we see now is land use planning on a much smaller scale. The process disappeared because it became too long of a process that was too expensive with too many people at the table. By the time we came up with a plan that worked things had changed so much on the ground that it no longer fit the environment.

Comment: I see some of your compliance and enforcement people out in Kevlar vests.

Times are different now. When I was an enforcement officer we were dealing with licensees and companies. Now they are trying to evict someone that has been squatting on the land with a grow op for 5 years and they have made a mess and are damaging streams. It is a different world.

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In our office we have about 17 operational staff and BC Timber Sales have about 12 staff and the compliance and enforcement have 7 people plus a manager, a supervisor and a Victoria based position. There are different groups in the office including our First Nations positions.

Action List Items

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<i>Ongoing</i>	Who	Meeting	When
Find somebody to talk about visuals	Stuart	May 13, 2015	
Bring contact info re: National Forest Research Survey	Stuart	Sept 24, 2015	

Adjourned 9:00 pm

**Stillwater CSA Community Advisory Group
Western Forest Products
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Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Barry Miller	Primary	Environment
Mark Hassett	Alternate	Contractor
Wayne Brewer	Alternate	Tourism
Colin Palmer	Primary	Local Governments
Cathy Bartfai	Alternate	Member at large
Russ Parsons	Alternate	DFA Worker
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
Karen Skadsheim	Alternate	Local Governments
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
Read English	Alternate	Recreation
Andy Payne	Primary	Employment & Education

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Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Doug Fuller	Primary	DFA Worker
9 Seats represented		
ABSENT MEMBERS		
Mark Anderson	Alternate	Member at large
Dave Hodgins	Primary	Recreation
Bill Maitland	Primary	Local Business
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Tourism
Joseph McLean	Alternate	Local Business
Laura van Diemen	Alternate	Employment & Education
PRESENT	WFP	
Resource – others	Resource – others	
Stuart Glen	WFP	
Valerie Thompson	Facilitator/Secretary	
Ken McKenzie	WFP	
Mike Peters	MFLNRO	