

**Advisory Group  
To Island Timberlands  
January 20, 2016  
Town Centre 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 guest speakers and members introduced themselves.

Makenzie Leine updated the group on her work while she was away from Island Timberlands.

Earl Johnson has replaced Wayne French and comes with lots of experience and knowledge.

**Operational Information Map Review**

**Current Interest Areas**

**Cutblock**

**Area**

**Issues**

793207 (Highway)

Stillwater

Penstock, Highway, Powerlines

793208 (STW Sort Loubert Rd.)

Stillwater

Penstock, Visuals, Powerlines, Highway

This block had test wells drilled to subdivide the dry land sort off as it belongs to WFP. It is a wetter site and will likely be a late summer take. There will be visual screens left along the highway where powerline and highway safety allow. Retention areas are being managed for sensitive wet ground and visuals. We will log right up to the penstock right of way.

**Action:** Makenzie will confirm that the wells drilled on this block were used to complete the subdivision of the dry land sort from IT property and if it is all finalized.

794152 (Roberts Rd.)

Stillwater

Visuals, Powerlines, Highway

They were active in this area 7 – 10 years ago. There are houses along the property line. They plan to use conventional logging methods on this block. There is a trespass on this property in that there is a building somebody built on the IT property. They are working through this legal issue.

*Question: Will you be logging right up to the neighbouring properties?*

Yes. From a liability stand point we will need to. We can't have trees left that could fall on powerlines on other properties.

*Question: How are the people feeling about it?*

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I haven't canvassed the area as of yet. We intend to talk to the neighbours before we go in there.

*Question: If residents have mature trees next to the trees you are harvesting your harvest may trigger their trees coming down. Do you talk to the neighbours about this and caution them?*

Yes. We definitely caution them. We point them to service providers that that are trained to take trees down near houses if they are interested in taking their trees down. We don't hire them ourselves to deal with trees on neighbours property for liability reasons.

*Question: After you have logged will you subdivide and sell it?*

Not as far as we know.

**Action:** Makenzie to follow up and find out if there are any plans to subdivide the block at Roberts Road..

*Question: Will the trees along the logging boundary adjacent to Loubert Road right of way be left?*

Often BC Hydro opts to take trees out on right of ways when adjacent trees are logged to keep them from taking out powerlines.

*Question: What time of year will this be logged?*

That depends on when all of the legal stuff is taken care of. It is pretty dry ground so we won't be restricted by weather.

793623 (small)

I don't know much about this block except it is a very small area sandwiched between the highway, powerlines, the river and the distribution line.

*Comment: My property is on the other side of it and I don't know how you are going to log it. Some of the trees are taller in the width of the block. If you do plan to log it I would like you to come walk it with me so that you can see my concern. There is a huge riparian zone near your property that is a rare type of riparian zone and if you log that property it will dry up. You have two really wet spots in there because water goes under the highway and this is what feeds our riparian zone. There are wood ducks and all kinds of interesting creatures living there.*

884401

East Haslam Main before Larson's Landing

The original plans to get into this area were to come off of another road system and cross a couple of creeks. The layout engineers looked at it and decided not to cross the fish creeks and to come at it from the Community Forest side. It is up against the Province's boundary.

*Comment: Wayne did have surveyors go in there.*

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*Comment: I have two concerns. We already have unauthorized use by motorized vehicles into the Provincial trails and if you leave the road in existence after you are finished it will make it even easier for vehicles to access the trails.*

Where are the trails you are concerned about?

*Comment: Inside the park. Most of them are old logging road so once you give access the trails will be used by motorized vehicles. You should work together with Community Forests to make sure this access isn't opened up. My other concern is for the little lakes or fish ponds. I would like assurance that there will be adequate protection for those ponds. That block has a lot of wet marshy land so it will limit your access.*

We are just talking about the economics of building a road.

*Comment: We looked at it before and the economics did not justify building a road. I was surprised that you are looking at it again.*

*Question: How big is the area?*

Probably about 25 hectares

*Comment: Those lakes look like swamps, but they are lakes and I keep meeting people that are catching trout in them.*

I was curious if there were fish. That is good to know.

*Comment: Mud Lake trail is a very well used trail just inside the protected area.*

*Comment: If you do signage you need to remember that there are many access points to the trails.*

This is good information.

984413

Giovanni Lake – 6 hectares

We have some access issues going through neighbouring property. It has been engineered, but we will be looking at the economics of it. It is a grapple area and is very small so it might not make sense at this point to take in machinery.

*Comment: There is a trail right through the middle of it. There are two quad access points.*

884109

Tanner Avenue and Haslam Street – 2 acres

We were up there today. There is an area that IT logged about 10 years ago and this small piece was left. It has been engineered and is part of the managed forest. There are no subdivision plans.

*Comment: It is near Miller Creek and the local residents are concerned about it. Miller Creek is a tributary to Cranberry Lake. There is a focus group looking at restoration of the lake. There is a lot of concern about the decrease of water flow into the lake. Lilies are taking over the lake.*

Is Miller Creek the one coming right down the boundary?

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*Comment: Yes.*

Is it controlled by lake levels?

*Comment: There are a number of questions about that because originally before the City's water main went in water may have come from the North side of the water main. It was blocked off and now there is a lot of water sitting between the two road systems now. The City is looking at fixing that in a year or two. There are lots of questions about hydrology so I would be sensitive to that.*

*Question: Crown land has 'free to grow' that has to take place before other logging in an area can take place. Does Island Timberlands use the same guidelines?*

Private land 'free to grow' is different than crown land.

Makenzie said that generally they have better rates for free growing because it is private land and it is to their benefit to have the trees grow quickly. They have better growing stock. They monitor well beyond the free growing stage because they aren't handing the land back.

*Comment: As an observation it appears there is more silvicultural work being done locally on crown land than we see on private land such as thinning and brush control.*

*Comment: You logged an area adjacent to my land two years ago. You replanted and your little trees are beautiful, but the black current is rife in there for some reason.*

Where is it?

*Comment: Right next to the gravel pit.*

**Action:** Makenzie to follow up and find out what kind of silvicultural work is being done locally.

Makenzie said their stock is not GMO, but we have invested significantly in producing genetically superior growing stock.

Island does do silviculture work locally to ensure a healthy future stand.

*Question: Are you still buying stock from Oregon?*

Yes. Especially with looking at climate change and whether or not our stock will change. There has been talk about changing species, but that might be too drastic. It might be just looking at stock from further south.

*Question: Is there any plans to log near Duck Lake?*

The only block anywhere near Duck Lake is 884401 that spoke about earlier.

*Comment: The coho are let off in the swampy area between Duck Lake and Haslam Lake and they are very susceptible to temperate changes. The fry live there for one year until they migrate down the river. Over the last 5 years there has been major forest removal in the area. Every entity has had a piece of*

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*the pie and it all needs to grow before any more is taken out. The water temperature is critical. The cooler the water, the slower they grow and the better it is for the fish.*

*Comment: Could you comment on Crowther Road?*

We currently do not have any plans at Crowther Road.

*Comment: What about Southview?*

I haven't heard anything about Southview.

*Question: What have you left for volume in the Powell River area?*

Good question. I haven't added it all up.

*Question: Could you let us know? At one time you were taking 80,000 and I'm sure it has come down quite a bit. I would like to see what your plans for the area are for the next 5 years.*

**Action:** Earl to let the group know what volume is left in Powell River

Lot 450

Lot 450 PRSC land is made up of blocks 883250, 883258, and 883259. To the north of the power transmission lines is Island Timberlands private managed forest block 883256. They have made logging passes in the past on the private managed forest land. There is also a Catalyst property block 883278. Island Timberlands has timber rights on the PRSC and Catalyst lands.

Makenzie said that the way the timber reservation works is any timber that was growing on the site as of a certain date belongs to IT. So, the trees have to be of a certain maturity to belong to the timber reservation and anything younger belongs to the land owner. Once IT harvests their timber they relinquish their rights to timber that replaces it.

*Comment: So if you go in you need to make sure you get a reasonable maximum you can based on layout.*

Makenzie said there will be some retention areas for different wildlife values and water quality, but most of the remaining timber will be scrub or younger regenerating timber

*Question: What is the minimum diameter of a tree that you would consider marketable?*

Top diameter could be as low as 3 inches and 6 to 8 inch on the bottom.

IT has met with Greenheart and PRSC. Greenheart is interested in buying the property and the timber. IT would not make that decision without the land owners consent. They are just talking and seeing if there is a positive way to move forward. They don't know what that looks like yet.

*Question: What about your land?*

They haven't expressed an interest in our land.

*Question: What does that mean for the timeline?*

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We don't know at this time.

*Comment: I understand there is an offer on the land next to Brooks for the PRSC land from Sino Bright.*

*Comment: I couldn't understand at the public forum with Sliammon, IT, and the City why nobody came out and said we need the trees cut down for the following reasons.*

*Comment: Clint Williams from Sliammon said that PRSC wants the land for economic development.*

*Comment: I must have missed that. I just seemed like everyone was attacking IT because they were cutting the trees down.*

*Comment: It was one little sentence.*

*Comment: Clint was the spokesman for PRSC at the time and he spoke to that. PRSC asked IT to hold a public forum and Clint did speak to PRSC mandate which is to sell the property for economic development and diversification of employment.*

*Comment: Is the City not a partner?*

*Comment: The City is a shareholder and they cannot speak about it.*

*Comment: Do you have any idea how much money Greenheart will have to raise?*

Makenzie said they will need to know more specifics on the areas that Greenheart is interested in in order to assess value of the timber in these areas.

*Question: Who is Greenheart?*

A group that was formed to protect Lot 450 against logging.

*Comment: There is an article in the Peak on this today.*

*Question: Is there a timeline that has to be met?*

We have not put any timelines together as of yet. We are still exploring the issue. I'm sure that the land owner and IT will come up with a timeline at some point. Market value will have an impact on our timeline.

*Question: What is the City's position?*

*Comment: The City can only exert influence via bylaws. IT has a position that every tree has a value according to the license agreement, but council is hearing from the public that more consideration should be given to buffers or more retention along Wyse Creek or along the highway and trails. They would like the City to instruct PRSC and others to do something different with these things. But they can't. They can only do what is in the SOCP (Sustainable Official Community Plan) or bylaws or fire protection requirements.*

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*Question: If Sino Bright buys the land and you haven't logged yet, can they say come and get your trees?*

The agreement about our trees would transfer to the new land owner so if we haven't logged yet then we would start discussion with the new land owners.

*Comment: When we bought Timberlane IT owned the timber on the land. After we bought it we could either log it, pile the timber up and call IT and say come and get your timber or we could give them time to come in and log. It would likely be the same situation on the PRSC land.*

*Question: What is the zoning for that land?*

*Comment: Above the highway is all ALR. Below the highway is light industrial.*

*Question: So to do anything with the land you would have to go through the Federal government to get it out of the ALR.*

*Comment: We did say it was complicated.*

*Question: On your land on the other side of the powerline would you have to go through the same scenario if you wanted to develop it?*

It is Managed Forest Land and is not very different from ALR in there is a process and the community would have a say as to whether or not it continues as Managed Forest or not.

*Question: I think the burning question for everyone is do you have any plans to log?*

We don't have any firm plans on dates to harvest however we do want to access the area soon.

*Question: What about the Catalyst land.*

It is the same status as our Managed Forest Lands.

*Question: Has Greenheart approached the City for any kind of assistance?*

*Comment: I understand they plan to make delegations to the City and Sliammon but nothing has been scheduled.*

*Question: Are there any plans for Valentine Mountain?*

Earl said there are no current plans for Valentine Mountain.

*Comment: I think it would be good if Island Timberlands put on an annual open house for the public.*

*Comment: User groups really appreciate even small gestures of cooperation. IT has come a long way but could do more of this.*

*Comment: IT should have credit for always using local contractors.*

## **Action List Items**

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<i>Ongoing</i>	Who	Meeting	When
Follow up and find out if there are any plans to subdivide the block at Roberts Road	Makenzie	January 20, 2016	
Find out what kind of silvicultural work is being done locally	Makenzie	January 20, 2016	
Find out how much volume is left in Powell River	Earl	January 20, 2016	

Adjourned 8:35 pm

**Advisory Group  
Island Timberlands  
January 20th Attendance**

<b>Name</b>		
<b>PRESENT</b>		
Jane Cameron		
Mark Anderson		
Andy Payne		
Nancy Hollmann		
George Illes		
Wayne Brewer		
Dave Hodgins		
Mark Hassett		
Paul Goodwin		
Read English		
Maggie Hathaway		
Russell Brewer		
Patrick Brabazon		
<b>Resource – others</b>		
Makenzie Leine	Island Timberlands	

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Valerie Thompson	Facilitator/Secretary	
Earl Johnson	Island Timberlands	