

**Advisory Group
To Island Timberlands
November 23, 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.

Agenda

Group asked that the agenda include an update on the Fiddlehead block and on the PRSC lands.

Updates – Community and Island Timberlands

Makenzie reported that in 2016 Island Timberlands donated to five Powell River organizations. Pacific Salmon Foundation Dinner, Powell River Salmon Society, Kings Hockey Club, the Powell River Chamber of Commerce and Logger Sports Association. IT donated to the Food Bank in every community they work in so they will also be doing that in Powell River before the end of the year.

Makenzie also looked into the company vendor and supplier statistics. They have 28 direct vendors in Powell River. This includes logging contractors, trucking and transport companies, tugboat companies, helicopter companies, and forestry consultants. This does not include any of the sub-vendors they work with such as hotels, grocery stores and restaurants in the community.

Island Timberlands had an internal audit from October 12 to 14 to their SFI and ISO standards. Part of the audit took place in Powell River. There will be an external audit in January and PEFC Chain of Custody certification is coming soon.

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Presentation – Jocelin Teron

Makenzie told the group that Jocelin started with the company in January 2016. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from Lakehead University. She has been an RPF since 2014 and she is specialized in silviculture. Jocelin worked for one of Island Timberlands consultants since 2011. She did a lot of work for IT and knows their land base quite well. It was a natural fit for her to join the company. She is the Director of the CIF Vancouver Island section, she sits on the National Board of Directors for the Canadian Institute of Forestry and she is also involved in planning various CIF events. She is a Director on the Coastal Silviculture Committee. She is very involved with the Campbell River National Forestry Planning Committee on Education in Forestry. Jocelin is also involved in the Lieutenant Governor BC Stewards of the Future Program and is the esteemed recipient of the Prince of Wales Award in Sustainable Forestry. She also received the ABC APL Professional Development Award. Jocelin is a huge asset to our organization. The way she works and thinks and her approaches to forest management are very welcome.

Jocelin presented an overview of what she does for Island Timberlands. Jocelin's group does a post harvest assessment. This includes inspecting for drainage and fire hazard. IT has a mixed approach for dealing with fires hazard abatement. They started their fire wood program where they have a couple of different community centres where the public can get fire wood permits and cut on Island Timberlands property in areas that are fairly accessible, close to mainlines and the highway, and usually have cell phone services. For \$20 to \$30 they can get a pick up truck full of firewood. They also have commercial fire wood cutters, some log salvage when there are opportunities, and chipping or grinding for hog salvage. Post harvest regeneration plans are firmed. Jocelyn is involved with dealing with invasive plants and issues with seedlings such as root diseases and drought stress on the plantations.

Earl gave the following operational overview.

They logged 4 blocks (2 were so small they were condensed into one) in 2016. One was next to the penstock and a small one at Roberts Road at Stillwater and one was in the Duck Lake area. They just finished harvesting the Roberts Road block today.

Comment: I understand you had a lot of community involvement with the Roberts Road block.

There were upward of 15 property owners that shared property lines with this block. We gave notices to all of these neighbours that we would be actively logging next to them, mostly for safety reasons. When the notice went out we received some feedback from the locals about some concerns they had including visuals, hydrologic change, and windthrow.

We discussed concerns and reviewed the block and how we were managing for key values including concerns raised. With safety in mind, we worked on a solution with the community.

Earl said it was nice to get the opportunity to talk to them about the considerations that go into logging when you are in an urban zone. People don't realize how many factors we are dealing with.

Comment: Related to standing timber on Scotch Fir Point Road.

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Makenzie said that roads have right-of-ways and when they harvest they might not own the land up to the edge of the road and often they will work with Hydro or the Ministry of Transportation to harvest the trees right up to the road because the skinny buffer can be dangerous. In the case of Scotch Fir Road there is still timber standing which is outside Island Timberland's property boundary but at some point Hydro might ask them to thin it or harvest it.

Earl said that if they had been theirs they would have taken them because of the proximity to the powerlines.

Jocelin said windfirming is good for riparian areas and things like that but it is not a sure thing so is not a good idea around houses and powerlines.

Question: What about Stillwater Bluffs?

We don't have any harvest plans in that area.

Comment: I heard some chatter about roads being put into that area.

Makenzie said that there are a few properties that actually built access to their properties through Island Timberlands property. They have a designated right-of-way to their property but they are using IT's so they spoke to all of the property owners and developed a plan together to give these neighbours a reasonable timeframe to move the location of their driveways. We see that around other areas at times and we try to just work with the people to find solutions. We get a non-exclusive license so that the property owners can legally access our property until such time as they are able to get their access sorted out.

Earl said they built a road into a small cutblock nearby that people might have been talking about as well.

Earl said that the third area they worked this year was up by Duck Lake. They built a 1.5 km spur off a landing through the Community Forest

Question: What are your plans for the cut piles? Are you going to burn them?

Yes. It is too far and rough of road to grind and the air quality issues should be minimal. It is within the ten mile radius from Powell River so will come under the highest restrictions for burning.

A big swath of land was left next to Stuart Lake.

Comment: It looks great. You can't see the block from the trail.

There are no current harvest plans for Okeover. One block was considered above the road but it is too steep and close to homes. It is a very difficult place to operate. BCTS recently advertised a sale of a block adjacent to this one. They have permission from IT to build a spur off IT's existing road.

There is one more IT block in the Fiddlehead area. It has small volume and will be tough yarding. They would need to team up with Tla'amin Nation when they harvest their adjacent block to make this block economical.

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Makenzie wanted to clarify that the whole area that people often refer to as Lot 450 is not actually all Lot 450. The area southeast of the school is Lot 450. The northern zone is actually block 256 and is Island Timberlands Managed Forest Lands. The plan is to work with PRSC and Catalyst's (on its block over towards the mill) timing to come get their trees. IT does have block 256 in their plan for 2018 but they would like to work cooperatively with the community on it.

The group and Island Timberlands representatives discussed various approaches to communicating with the public.

Action List Items

Action Items

<i>Ongoing</i>	Who	Meeting	When
Find out what is exported from Powell River	Makenzie	November 2016	

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Adjourned 8:05 pm

**Advisory Group
Island Timberlands
November 23rd Attendance**

Name		
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron		
Mark Anderson		
Joseph McLean		
Doug Fuller		
George Illes		
Wayne Brewer		
Dave Hodgins		
Mark Hassett		
Paul Goodwin		
Read English		
Ben Berukoff		
Karen Skadsheim		
Patrick Brabazon		
Resource – others		
Makenzie Leine	Island Timberlands	
Jocelin Teron	Island Timberlands	
Earl Johnson	Island Timberlands	
Valerie Thompson	Facilitator/Secretary	