

CSA Community Advisory Group
To Western Forest Products
April 10, 2019
Western Forest Products Boardroom

Attendance

Present

Jane Cameron - Chair
Mark Anderson
Rory Maitland
Joseph McLean
Cindy Elliot
Tom Koleszar
George Illes
Barry Miller
Clay Brander
Dave Hodgins
Ben Berukoff
Paul Goodwin
Darwyn Koch - WFP
Val Thompson – Facilitator/Secretary

Absent

Doug Fuller
Bill Maitland
Andy Payne
Mark Hassett
Wayne Brewer

6:15 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.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted as amended.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes were accepted.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair welcomed group.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence were provided and reviewed
Emails to First Nations
Letter to PRPAWS
Thank you email to Murray Hall

Annual Statement from the Chair

The group had 9 or 10 regular meetings. There has been really good attendance and met the quorum every time. There have been a number of guest speakers: Nancy Pezel did the annual silviculture report, Drew did the Jeffered Creek watershed update, Murray Hall reported on fibre in the province, Jeff Matheson did a presentation on LiDAR, Will Sloan the on SFI vs. CSA, John Deal spoke on forest strategy and wildlife, Shane with WFP corporate updates, and Jeff Belcher from Wildfire BC. We have complete the TOR review and Tom will give a report tonight. Membership could use a person in a seat that would be oriented to the industry. The participation survey still needs to be done this year. For outreach – in the fall at UBCM in Whistler the group had representation in the booth and at the upcoming AVICC there will be representation on the field trip and in the booth. Jane had the opportunity to meet with some new members of the Forest Practices Board. She met with Stu and three members of the board and gave them in introduction to CSA SFM and in the summer she met three new WFP board members who were touring Stillwater.

Question: What came of our conversation about whether or not this group is relevant in the community? We created a sub-committee to work on what the group thought.

Question: Did your sub-committee come up with a report?

Comment: Yes. We never really reported on it because we went on summer break.

Darwyn said he received a report with a number of ideas and some of the ideas were really good and some were financially out of reach. There were many items that they will act on such as there will be a WFP booth at logger sports and a CAG member would be welcome to share getting the message out. The AVICC is another opportunity and two members said they would come and participate. It is all about participation. We can add a discussion about this to the next meeting.

ACTION: Darwyn to add item to agenda regarding discussion of CAG relevance to the community.

Company Business

Terms of Reference review included changing the Annual Chair Report to Annual Chair Statement. There are a few small changes to items referring to Island Timberlands and the MFLN due to staffing changes and a few small wording changes. Updated TOR to be posted on the website.

Elections

Jane Cameron was elected to Chair, Wayne Brewer was elected to 1st Vice Chair, and Tom Koleszar was elected to 2nd Vice Chair.

Professional Reliance

In 2017 in response to complaints hired Mark Haddock to do a review on professional reliance. He did an online survey within the industry and other associations for feedback on how professional reliance is working with particular focus on qualified professionals. This is a legal term they use in governments to describe foresters, biologists, engineers, etc. There were 4600 respondents to the survey. 43% felt that the government's use of qualified professionals was not appropriate, 39% felt it was appropriate and they were doing a good job. The remainder did not respond. Of the respondents 1802 were qualified professionals, 2249 were members of the general public and 549 were unknown.

This impacts 5 regulatory bodies in BC: Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC, Association of BC Forest Professionals, BC Institute of Agrologists, College of Applied Biology, and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists. We also have a heavy reliance on Professional Archeologists but they don't have a governing body. The governance act that has come from the review will initially affect these bodies and will also bring others groups of professionals in over time. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change strategy received the final report on the professional reliance review in September 2018. It contains 121 recommendations for improvement. The government automatically chose to accept the first two recommendations: to develop a professional governance act, and to build up regulations around the act. It got Royal Assent in the latter part of November. It is now law but they have no regulations yet. The Act will set consistence governance standards across all professions within scope including increasing public representation, instituting merit based nomination process for councils of regulatory bodies, setting up common ethical principles, requiring competency and conflict of interest declarations, strengthening and duly report hazardous acts of professionals, providing whistle blower protection, providing practice rights authority for all 5 professions, and enabling regulatory bodies to regulate firms. Many of these standards are already in place with these associations. They will be building a whole new branch of government to take care of this act. They are still accepting public input on the act and Shannon Janzen of WFP responded a couple of weeks ago. The act is pointing back to how things were in the 1990s with the Forest Practices Code. It will be getting away from the professional reliance legislation FRPA. We expect they will be asking for more content in the Forest Stewardship Plans and they will require submission and approval of Site Plans as they did in the past by the District Manager.

Question: Will the Ministry have enough people?

I would think not. They had way more people in the '90s.

Comment: The government is taking back the liabilities. The cost of that is more cost for staff and bureaucracy

Exactly.

Huumiils Ventures Limited Partnership

Early in 2018 WFP and Huu-ay-aht First Nation in Port Alberni signed a reconciliation protocol agreement which was putting forward a shared vision of what reconciliation and revitalization would look like in the Alberni Valley. It is about rebuilding the Alberni Valley together. In August 2018 there was an announcement of a commitment to explore potential alternative ownership structures in Huu-ay-aht's tradition territory. This was the gateway into the discussion that lead to the 7% sale of the TFL to the First Nation. At our all planners meeting we had the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Chief and Shannon Janzen at the table answering questions. When they first met in 2018 both came to the table with the same thoughts so the agreement happened really quick. In December 2018 Huu-ay-aht and WFP announced an agreement to form a limited partnership where the Huu-ay-aht will purchase 7% interest in the TFL. TFL 44 is bigger than the TFL here in Powell River.

Question: I didn't think Crown Land was for sale?

WFP has exclusive rights to harvest trees on crown land. WFP cannot sell the land but the rights to harvest can be sold.

Question: Do they get 7% of what you cut?

Yes. 7% of the volume. I think the AAC for the TFL right now is about 700 thousand cubic metres. They get 7% of that and share in the profits.

Question: They don't get 7% of the wood, they get 7% of the profits?

That is right. The wood was WFP's. They are sharing in the management of that 7% and the board has a say in how the rest of the TFL gets managed that overlaps the traditional territory. It is a win-win for both parties.

Question: Are they harvesting according to CSA in the TFL?

Yes.

There is a new sign on the door that does not say welcome to Western Forest Products, it says the name of the new partnership, Huumiisd Ventures Limited Partnership, but it is still the same people managing it with the addition of First Nations people and a board that oversees the partnership. The board is made up of two Huu-ay-aht First Nations people and two WFP people.

In February 2019 the agreement was voted on by the Huu-ay-aht membership and in March 2019 the new partnership was finalized.

All PAG

It has been proposed that each PAG send two representatives to the All PAG meeting in Campbell River and the two members bring the message back to their groups and have a presentation. It would be in September for a couple of days. I have been tasked with asking what people think of this as in the past it was open to whoever wanted to go. In this case you would select two people to go.

Comment: I think that is not very many representatives and that it is chintzy.

Comment: I agree.

I think it is partly about time and they are thinking of condensing it because it would take less resources.

Comment: If they only let two go, I would suggest the executive get first rights to refusal.

Comment: I found it really interesting to meet with members of the other PAGs. It was value in going so it would be too bad to limit the number of people that can go. I think 6 or 7 went last year.

Comment: It takes some of the value for the different PAGs networking if you limit how many people can go.

I will report your thoughts back and let you know the outcome.

Operational Information Map Update

New Blocks on the Map

New Blocks –No new blocks.

Current Activities

Harvesting –ST-271, ST-354, WL-024, ST-347, ST-077, GI-012, GI-072, GI-138, PD-528, ST-076, GL-031, WL-974, and UL-017.

Road Construction – ST-060 (postponed), PL-003, UL-017, TM-305, ST-207, BT-648, BT-637, BT-645, BT-630, ST-349, ST-384, and UL-834.

Sunshine Coast Trail

Started construction on UL-834, UL-862, UL-863, and UL-864 which is located on the North Eastern face of Tin Hat Mountain.

Fires/Slides/Spills (YTD):

No new Fires.

1 non-reportable spill on PL-003 road construction.

No new slides.

Harvesting Stats (YTD):

2019: As of March 31, 2019 the total amount harvested from the TFL (YTD) is 70,772 m³. The budget target was 79,962 m³.

2018 SFMP Indicator Review

Indicator 1.3.1 The percent of the trees planted annually that are genetically modified organisms. SFO met the variance for 2018.

Indicator 2.1.1 Reforestation success. SFO met the variance for 2018.

Indicator 2.1.6 The amount of area where herbicide is used for brush control on the DFA. SFO met the target for 2018

Indicator 4.1.1 The net carbon uptake. SFO met the target for 2018.

Indicator 4.1.2 Duplicate indicator

Indicator 5.1.1 Documentation of the diversity of timber and non-timber resources, including products and services produced in the DFA. SFO met the target for 2018

Indicator 5.1.2 Evidence of open and respectful communications with forest dependant businesses, forest users and local communities to integrate non-timber resources into forest management planning. When significant disagreement occurs, efforts towards conflict resolution are documented. SFO met the target for 2018

Indicator 5.2.1 Level of participation and support in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability.

SFO met the target for 2018

Indicator 5.2.2 Level of investment in training and skills development.

SFO met the target for 2018

Indicator 5.2.3 Level of direct and indirect employment.

SFO met the target for 2018

Indicator 5.2.4 CAG is informed of corporate policy, program changes, and initiatives in a timely manner.

SFO met the target for 2018

Indicator 5.2.5 The % of reviews or field walks completed where harvesting is planned consistent with the approved Management Principles along the Sunshine Coast Trail.

SFO met the target for 2018

8 people will be required to meet quorum at the next meeting.

Adjourned: 8:30pm

Action List Items

Action Items	Who	When
Darwyn to ask Will Sloan to talk about synthetic oil.	Darwyn	February 13, 2019

