



# ***HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP***

## **MINUTES**

*Tuesday, March 4th, 2014*  
5pm, Town of High Level office, Room 110

### ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Beal (CSA Coordinator)  
Michael Morgan (Town of High Level)  
Tim Heemskerk (Northern Lights  
Forest Education Society)  
Adam Marshall (Silvacom)  
Melanie Plantinga (Tolko High Level)

Boyd Langford (TRL)  
Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)  
Margaret Carroll (High Level Chamber  
of Commerce)  
Joe Dolling (Tolko)

### INFORMATION SENT:

Mark Andrews (Cenovus)  
Darren Carnell (LRRF)  
Wayne Auger (Lubicon Lake Nation)  
Mike Cardinal (Tall Cree First Nation)  
Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRF)  
Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)  
Pat Cabezas (N'Deh Ltd. Partnership)  
Teresa Griffiths (Flow North Paddling  
Co.)  
Baptiste Metchooyeah (Dene Tha')  
Crystal McAteer (Town of High Level)

Fort Vermilion Heritage Center  
Aaron Doepel (LCSM)  
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)  
Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement  
Conroy Sewepagaham (LRRCN)  
Paul Catt (Watt Mnt Wanderers)  
Troy Connolly (Tolko HLLD)  
Keith Badger (Nataskinan  
Development)  
Kieran Broderick (Beaver First Nation)  
Dave Beck (Ainsworth)

### INFORMATION SENT, Regrets:

George Friesen (Friesen Industries)  
John Thurston (Next Generation)

Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend  
Sandhills Society)  
Matt Munson (Dene Tha)

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:38pm

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1. Added 200 millionth tree plant to New Business 5.3

Moved by Walter Sarapuk

Seconded Tim Heemskerk

Carried

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 21, 2014)

Moved by Boyd Langford

Seconded by Tim Heemskerk

Carried

- Action Items from January 21, 2014
  - Decommission of beehive burner. What will happen with Tolko's green wood waste? Jeremy will speak with Troy Connolly and e-mail the information to the PAG.
  - There was discussion about having a facilitator to help with the PAG again. Jeremy has not yet spoken to Carrie Demkiw about her availability to fill this role again. He will follow up.
  - John Thurston – Asked to have log haul cards to distribute to members of the public. Jeremy is not sure if there are any cards available. Melanie will forward the Log Haul Hotline number to John Thurston.

## 4. AROUND THE TABLE

**Margaret Carroll** – is the new Co-chair of the High Level and District Chamber of Commerce. There are several new members and they will continue to recruit.

**Boyd Langford** – Rainbow Lake is quiet. Many oil companies seem to have reduced their activity.

- REDI – has received a grant for investment attraction. The grant is for the creation of a labor force data base. This would list potential, available work force. They are currently requesting proposals. The data base would host a job bank. Workers could post resumes, which would be sent to employers.

**Walter Sarapuk** – the Mackenzie County invites the companies to visit a Council meeting. The council is interested in learning about Tolko, Ainsworth and LaCrete Sawmills future harvest plans. Also the Tolko burner is of interest to the council. Jeremy will call Carol Gabriel and arrange a meeting date.

**Tim Heemskerk** – Northern Lights Forest Education Society – Tim suggests that in honor of Tolko, High Level Lumber Divisions 200 millionth tree planted; Tolko invite Spirit of the North Community School to visit the tree plant. Perhaps the students could try their hands at planting a few trees. Does Tolko have planting bags or shovels? Mike doesn't think that Tolko would have any bags. Jeremy suggests that Tim contact Allen Plantinga at Tolko and see if there could be something planned. Tim has tried to set this up before, but he will try again.

**Mike Morgan** – The Town of High Level has hired a new CAO.

**Joe Dolling** – The log haul will continue until end of March, possibly into early April, weather permitting. Tolko may access F14 early for addition trees if needed.

**Walter Sarapak** – Will Tolko be logging near Manning. Tolko was considering accessing that area. The plan now is to wait until more current aerial photographs are available. This would postpone operations for one year, but would help Tolko assess where Tolko should operate.

**Jeremy Beal** – has hired two new people. One will be a planner working mostly in Edmonton. The other will supervise Silviculture Operations in High Level.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1. Review of progress with Detailed Forest Management Plan

5.1.1. Where are we? A new Forest Management Plan (FMP) is required for Forest Management Agreement (FMA) holders by the Provincial Government. Part of the Plan MUST include consultation with local First Nations and other Members of the Public. Tolko, Ainsworth, and LaCrete Sawmills plan to complete FMP in two years. First Nation Consultations will begin this month. A consultation plan is being put together and will be submitted to Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) for review. Meeting with First Nations will continue until Oct 2015. Public Consultation with other parties include – the HLFPA and Open Houses. The Terms of Reference need to be reviewed by ESRD and then discussed by the HLFPA. The Net Landbase is going to be assessed. - Silvacom is preparing documentation for much of this project.

### 5.2. Indicators and Targets for Detailed Forest Management Plan (Silvacom)

5.2.1. Adam Marshall lead presentation of the Forest Management Planning Values, Objective, Indicators and Targets (VOITs) Summary Table. We will review parts of this table during the next four meetings.

Reviewed VOIT Descriptions for 1.1.1.1 – 1.1.1.6.

VOIT 1.1.1.1 Maintain biodiversity by retaining the full range of cover types and seral stages. Boyd asks how a large fire like the one near Zama in 2012 affects this. Jeremy explains that it could have a large impact as patches of Forest of several different ages are now classified as young. Events like fires, blow down and oil and gas activities change the inventory just as logging activities do. Margaret asks if it is possible to have graphs or charts to illustrate the different cover types and seral stages on the FMA and where they are located. Jeremy and Adam will create some. This is an excellent idea for people who may be new to forestry and will be helpful for future presentations.

VOIT 1.1.1.2 Maintain biodiversity by avoiding landscape fragmentation.

VOIT 1.1.1.3 Maintain biodiversity by minimizing access

Boyd asks how this relates to seismic line activity. Adam replies that because of narrower lines used in modern seismic operations they are not believed to have a great impact on area access.

VOIT 1.1.1.4 Maintain plant communities uncommon in DFA or Province.

VOIT 1.1.1.5 Maintain unique habitats provided by wildfire and blowdown events.

VOIT 1.1.1.6 Retain Ecological Values and functions associated with riparian zones.

### 5.3. 200 Millionth Tree planted in High Level area.

5.3.1. During the first week of June, Tolko High Level Lumber Division will reach the 200 millionth tree planted in the High Level area since 1968. In

celebration of this occasion Tolko will be hosting a ceremonial tree plant at the Tolko High Level Lumber Division office on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 2:00PM. Many of the HLFAG will be receiving formal invitations as part of their involvement in other groups. If you do not THIS is your invitation to join Tolko on the day. Please inform Melanie Plantinga if you are able to attend. Phone 780-926-8947 or email - Melanie.plantinga@tolko.com. This is an indicator of sustainability and Tolko's investment in the future. Walter asks if we have a picture of the first tree planted. Where is the first tree planted?

**6. CLIPPING SERVICE**

- 6.1. Jeremy brought an article about a proposal to build a pellet plant in enterprise to everyone's attention.

**7. NEXT MEETING – April 1, 2014, 5:00 PM**

**8. ADJOURNMENT – 7:15pm**