



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

### **MINUTES**

*Tuesday, June 3, 2014*

5pm, Town of High Level office, Room 150

Jeremy Beal (CSA Coordinator)  
Margaret Carroll (High Level Chamber  
of Commerce)  
George Friesen (Friesen Industries)

Mike Morgan (Town of High Level)  
Boyd Langford (Town of Rainbow  
Lake)  
Melanie Plantinga (Tolko High Level)

#### **INFORMATION SENT:**

Mark Andrews (Cenovus)  
Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)  
Wayne Auger (Lubicon Lake Nation)  
Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRF)  
Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)  
Pat Cabezas (N'Deh Ltd. Partnership)  
Teresa Griffiths (Flow North Paddling  
Company)  
Crystal McAteer (Town of High Level)  
Matt Munson (Dene Tha)  
Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)

Fort Vermilion Heritage Center  
Aaron Doepel (LCSM)  
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)  
Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement  
Conroy Sewpagaham (LRRCN)  
Paul Catt (Watt Mnt Wanderers)  
Keith Badger (Nataskinan  
Development)  
Kieran Broderick (Beaver First Nation)  
Dave Beck (Ainsworth)  
Baptiste Metchooyeah (Dene Tha')

#### **INFORMATION SENT, Regrets:**

John Thurston (Next Generation)  
Cheryl Ernst (High Level Chamber of  
Commerce)  
Mike Cardinal (Tallcree First Nation)

Bob Evans (Tolko HLLD)  
Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend  
Sandhills Society)  
Tim Heemskerk (Northern Lights  
Forest Education Society)

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Meeting called to order 5:48

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by **Boyd Langford**

Seconded by **George Friesen**

Carried

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 1, 2014)

Moved by **Mike Morgan**

Seconded by **Boyd Langford**

Carried

3.1. Action Items from April 1, 2014

- Melanie will have hauling hotline cards reprinted prior to next hauling season.
- Student tree plant – John MacLellan will be planting with Grade 1 students in town. This will be part of the 200 millionth tree planting celebration.
- There are several cutblocks north of High Level which are visible from the Highway. Jeremy and Joe will discuss posting signs informing the public about operations there. What about the area logged near Twin Lakes? As that is primarily DMI's Quota we will leave that decision up to them. Some PAG members have heard questions and comments about the operations being located so close to the recreation area at Twin Lakes.

## 4. AROUND THE TABLE

4.1. **Mike Morgan** – Students have arrived in High Level. There are 4 silviculture students helping with the tree plant and 5 students working with the operations department

4.2. **Boyd Langford** – Husky turn around is underway and Rainbow lake is busy. Jeremy let Boyd know that there will be logging operations in the Rainbow Lake area. Does Boyd recommend any particular public consultation? Boyd recommends that the companies inform the Town of the operations in a letter to the CAO Dan Fletcher.

There was recently a fire approximately 7km SW of Rainbow Lake. Jeremy asks if it was in the "Fire Smart Zone"? Boyd is unsure, but suggests that Jeremy call Dan Fletcher.

4.3. **George Friesen** – Is the Louisiana Pacific (LP) purchase of Ainsworth on hold? It appears to be dead. The purchase would give LP more than 75% of the OSB sales to the USA. This was deemed to be a monopoly and the sale was not allowed. Boyd met with the Manager of the High Level plant and was told that they had shipped their first OSB to a Chinese supplier. The Chinese could utilize all the OSB this mill could produce. Are they going to twin the lines? Unsure at this time, that is a business decision of Ainsworth.

4.4. **Margaret Carroll** – Nothing in particular.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1. Indicators and Targets for Detailed Forest Management Plan

- Presentation of basic outline. See attached.
- 3.1 Soil quality.
- 3.2 Water Quantity and Quality
- 3.2.2 Riparian zones minimize disturbance – 3.4% in landbase (in theory). Comply with regulations
- 4.1 Forest Carbon – Target not yet identified.
- 4.2 Forest Land Conversion – to be discussed with Government.
- 5.1 Establish AACs(annual allowable cut) – must be sustainable. Must also fully utilize resource to reap economic benefit.
- 5.2 Communities - Reduce wildfire threat potential. AVI informs level of risk. Rainbow, High Level, Meander, Tall Cree.
- 5.2.2.1. Integrate other uses. Support agreements. For example there is an agreement with Crestview. Tolko sells oversize to Crestview.
- 5.2.3.1 Maintain Long run sustained Yield Average. Regenerated trees will meet or exceed the growth of naturally reforested stands. Analysis to compare Growth and Yield curves of natural and managed stands.
- 6.1.1.1 Implement Public involvement program. 1<sup>st</sup> Nations consultation. Meet Government standards. Receive information from 1<sup>st</sup> Nations on how plans will impact them.
- 6.2.1.1. Public Participation. PAG . VOIT will be expanded and may include: Open houses, Web page, Newspaper articles.

These VOITS (Value, Objective, Indicators, Targets) as presented are a framework – Silvacom and the companies will populate with targets, how measured. This will be done through discussion with SRD, 1<sup>st</sup> Nations and other stakeholders.

### 5.2. Update on progress with DFMP

- Started working beginning of 2014, with Silvacom. Companies and Government input. Landbase document is coming together. Temporary Sample Plots(TSP) are being completed by Benchmark Environmental. These assess the timber around a fixed point. The data collected will be used in Growth and Yield curves. Less involved than Permanent Sample Plots(PSP); which are expensive to manage. Many companies are using TSPs. The Land base update should be complete by the summer, Growth and Yield curves in fall. These items make up the Landscape assessment. Next step forecast modeling.
- Pushing to be finished end of 2015.
- Where does PAG fit in? By the end of Fall there will be more to discuss about the VOITs. The Government may have questions for the PAG to provide direction.

### 5.3. Update on progress with Operational Planning and Herbicide Program

- Open house 1<sup>st</sup> week of May. Some members of the public stopped in.
- GDP was submitted May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- GDP First Nation Consultation is 50-60% completed. After the consultation is complete the final step is to provide the government the record of consultation
- Herbicide Program – There will mainly be spraying in the Zama area. Program will begin the end of July and last about 3 weeks. Blackhawk Helicopters, will spray and IFT will plan and supervise. George asks will the

Aspen come back? The herbicide goes into roots to kill the tree and may impact other stems of the same clone. The aspen come back in 3-4 years. But the conifer has an advantage for a few years. Bushes and grasses will come back.

**6. CLIPPING SERVICE**

**7. NEXT MEETING – September 2, 2014**

**8. ADJOURNMENT 7:20pm**