



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014
5pm, Town of High Level office, Room 110

Allan Bell (CSA Coordinator)
John MacLellan (Tolko)
Omar Lazarovich (Member of Public)
Anne Flemming (Member of Public)
John Thurston (Next Generation)

Allen Plantinga (Tolko)
Boyd Langford (Town of Rainbow
Lake)
Leeland Wooley (Member of Public)
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)
Margaret Carroll (High Level Chamber
of Commerce)
Cheryl Ernst (High Level Chamber of
Commerce)
Mike Cardinal (Tallcree First Nation)

Fort Vermilion Heritage Center
Aaron Doepel (LCSM)
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)
Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
Conroy Sewepagaham (LRRCN)
Paul Catt (Watt Mnt Wanderers)
Keith Badger (Nataskinan
Development)
Kieran Broderick (Beaver First Nation)
Dave Beck (Ainsworth)
Baptiste Metchooyeah (Dene Tha')
George Friesen (Friesen Industries)
Tim Heemskerk (Northern Lights
Forest Education Society)

INFORMATION SENT, Regrets:

Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend
Sandhills Society)

Bob Evans (Tolko HLLD)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Meeting called to order 5:30pm

2. AROUND THE TABLE

2.1. Introductions

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Allen Plantinga – Logging Plans for 2014-15

- Omar asks about trucks hauling from east of High Level? Where are they coming from? Allen guesses that they are hauling private wood from land sales near highway 88. They are hauling to Ainsworth, not Tolko.
- John Thurston – is the logging hotline active? Are there any cards for the hotline available? There was discussion about advertising instead of printing cards. John comments that they easily distributed by the PAG and were well received by public members who kept the cards in vehicles.
- John Thurston- will the Footner Haul road be used? No, since it is not convenient to current operations. Wasn't the purpose of the road to keep trucks off the high way? With year round hauling there are fewer trucks on the highway at any given time then there were when the road was first created. All trucks on the highway are hauling cut-to-length. Leeland asks what are the differences between full length and cut-to-length trucking? Cut-to-length enables a higher payload which reduces the number of trucks hauling. Cut-to-length Super – B's are more stable then tree length jeeps. Any full length trees will be hauled to the satellite yards using off highway roads.

3.2. John MacLellan – Silviculture 2014

- Performance Surveys
- 19.4 million trees were planted in 2014. 5 companies were involved in the program with approximately 300 planters.
- Omar asks how many trees does Tolko plant? Tolko plants approximately three trees for each tree they harvest.
- What is the intensity of the planting checks? It depends on the size of the blocks. Tolko checks all blocks. The companies also check their planters. What happens if the block fails? The planting company replants it.
- Tolko celebrated its 200millionth seedling planted. The Grade one students from FMCS planted some seedlings in town near Chinchaga Drive to celebrate. Tolko also gave the planters Buffs to commemorate the event in appreciation of their hard work.
- Does Tolko harvest Black Spruce? Yes, but it is not usually separated from the white.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1. VOITS

- Allan Bell – there have been presentations of the VOIT's during the previous 4 meetings. Are there any questions or concerns about the

VOIT's presented or in the booklets? Boyd comments that Jeremy did a thorough job presenting the VOIT's and that concerns were addressed as raised during the process. Boyd notes that there are still some blanks (x or y values) but he expects that those are to be filled in during government discussion. There appear to have been some amendments arising from the discussions.

Leeland asks – how does logging affect Grouse habitat? Allan Bell has not seen local studies. He has read studies from the United States which indicate that Grouse prefer young aspen stands. He would extrapolate that logging, especially by Ainsworth would create habitat.

5. CLIPPING SERVICE

6. NEXT MEETING – To be announced

7. ADJOURNMENT 7:00pm