



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015
5pm, High Level Seniors Center

PRESENT:

Taylor Andersen (Norbord)	John Thurston (Member of Public)
Dave Beck (Norbord)	Daniel Walton (NPTC)
Aaron Doepel (LCSM)	Michael Morgan (Town of High Level)
Krystle Fedak (Tolko)	Melanie Plantinga (Tolko)
Boyd Langford (Town of Rainbow Lake)	Margaret Carroll (High Level & District Chamber of Commerce)
Kevin Allen (Tolko)	Curtis Cole (Tolko)
Dan Coombs (E&P)	Michael Kozji (E&P)
Claude Duval (Watt Mnt Wanderers)	Bernie Doerksen (LaCrete Polar Cats)
Brent Holick (LaCrete Polar Cats)	

INFORMATION SENT:

Fort Vermilion Heritage Center	Christine Malhmann (E&P)
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)	Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRCN)
Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement	Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)
Conroy Sewpagaham (LRRCN)	Pat Cabezas (N'Deh Ltd. Partnership)
Keith Badger (Netaskinan Development)	Beverly Noskiye (Peerless Trout First Nation)
Crystal McAteer (Town of High Level)	Kieran Broderick (Beaver First Nation)
Baptiste Metchooyeah (Dene Tha')	Mike Cardinal (Tallcree First Nation)
Connie Martel (Dene Tha')	Fred Radersma (Norbord)
Wayne Auger (Lubicon Lake Nation)	Timberbound Construction
Exact Harvesting	Treetech
Cheryl Ernst (High Level & District Chamber of Commerce)	Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend Sandhills Society)
Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)	Jon McQuinn (LRRF)
Paul Ebert (E&P)	Sugu Thuraisamy (LRRF)
Vil Driedger (Driedger Construction)	John MacLellan (Tolko)
Matt Marcone (The MacKenzie Report)	Tim Gauthier (Tolko)

1. CALL TO ORDER

5:20PM – Aaron Doepel, LaCrete Sawmills Chairing Meeting

2. Adoption of the Agenda

2.1. Amendments to Agenda

- Rare Plant Species – Action Item from September
- New Business – 2014-15 SFM Annual Performance Reporting Summary

2.2. Daniel Walton Moves acceptance of revised agenda, Mike Morgan seconds motion.

3. Approval of Minutes (September 21st,)

Daniel Walton Moves acceptance of Minutes, Mike Morgan seconds motion.

3.1 “Blue Dot Program” – Aaron Doepel update

- School Division has run into an issue with Alberta Transportation about placing the signs in the right of way. Because of this we don't expect to be able to implement the program this harvest year.
- ACTION ITEM – It may help the approval process to ask that the municipalities send a letter of support for the program to the local MLA and Alberta Transportation.
- ACTION ITEM – The HLPAC will draft a letter to Alberta Transportation & the MLA.

3.2. Debris at Cardlock.

- ACTION ITEM – Tolko will send a representative to talk with the concerned cardlock manager. (Nicholas Genier)
- ACTION ITEM – Tolko will remind contractors during the startup meetings that there is a place for the removal of debris provided in the log yard.

3.3. Rare Species Tracking

- There is a note in the electronic mapping called a “Consultative Notation”. Mike brings an example of a plant Tolko was made aware of during summer operations.
- How can recreational users get this information? They can contact Alberta Government Environment & Parks. There are biologists in Peace River who may be able to help. Recreational users could pursue a data sharing agreement with the logging companies. If they have or request a lease that information could be made available at the time of application.

4. ROUND TABLE:

Brent Howlik – Why did the companies make a point of inviting the Polar Cats & Watt Mountain Wanderers to this meeting? The Land Use presentation was requested by the High Level Forests Public Advisory Committee in response to concerns John Thurston brought forward at the September Meeting re: snowmobile trail disturbance. It was felt that an expert should be asked to explain user rights & responsibilities.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. **Michael Koziy** – What is Alberta Environment & Parks role in land use development? What do the clubs need to do to get a landuse lease or disposition? Online application – must have a survey of property. What about existing trails? There is a “CNT” (consultative notation) that reminds the forestry companies to inform the clubs of planned activity in their area. Communication is key to help people share the land for their different needs.

- Michael encourages people to consult the website if they have questions. <http://aep.alberta.ca/>
- Claude comments that the communication prior to harvesting operations on Watt Mountain last winter was good at the beginning. Now that the work is complete there has been difficulty communicating the clubs need for compensation to replace signs damaged during harvest. ACTION ITEM – Michael Morgan offers to speak with Joe Dolling & find out what is being done for the club.

5.2. **Curtis Cole / Aaron Doepel** – 2015-16 Harvesting Plans

- Curtis shows on a FMA map where Tolko plans to harvest. Aaron explains where LaCrete Sawmills will be working. Most hauling to High Level will be along HWY 35 from Twin Lakes area to High Level. Trucks will travel east from 13 mile road to town. There may also be trucks hauling from Little Red River Cree Nation’s quota east of Fort Vermilion. The harvesting north & west of High Level is going to be hauled into processing yards for delivery to High Level in summer 2016. Loads are still coming from processing yards, this will wrap up early November weather permitting. ACTION ITEM: Could the companies produce some “Hauling Hotline Cards” for distribution? Melanie will investigate and reply next meeting.

6. **CLIPPING SERVICE** – The HLFAC will no longer print articles for distribution at the meetings. We will now E-mail links to members of items of interest.

7. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, November 24, 2015 5PM Location to be determined.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - 7:30pm