



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
5pm, High Level Seniors Center

PRESENT:

Dave West (Tolko)	Murray Wilson (Tolko)
Terry Jessiman (Agriculture & Forestry)	Boyd Langford (Town of Rainbow Lake)
Michael Morgan (Town of High Level)	Barry Toker (Watt Mountain Wanderers)
Charles Laforge (Member of Public)	Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)
Dan Fletcher (Town of Rainbow Lake)	John Thurston (Member of Public)
Melanie Plantinga (Tolko)	Eric Jorgensen (MacKenzie County)
Allen Plantinga (Tolko)	Gerhard Hirtz (Member of Public)
Colin Taylor (Tolko)	Aaron Doepel (LaCrete Sawmills)

INFORMATION SENT:

Fort Vermilion Heritage Center	Paul Ebert (Agriculture & Forestry)
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)	Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRCN)
Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement	Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)
Conroy Sewpagaham (LRRCN)	Bernie Doerksen (LaCrete Polar Cats)
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
Margaret Carroll (High Level & District Chamber of Commerce)	Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend Sandhills Society)
Dave Beck (Norbord)	Jon McQuinn (LRRF)
Claude Duval (Watt Mnt Wanderers)	Sugu Thuraisamy (LRRF)
Christine Malhmann Agriculture & Forestry	Tristina Macek (N'Deh Ltd. Partnership)
Matt Marcone (The MacKenzie Report)	Dan Coombs (Agriculture & Forestry)
Taylor Andersen (Norbord)	

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 pm

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. ACTION ITEMS FROM JANUARY MEETING

“Fire Smart” program – Wildfire Technologist Presentation April

Operations Field Trip – John Thurston has been discussing the possibility of taking students interested in a career in forestry out to the harvesting operation near High Level. He will meet with members of the school division tomorrow to see what requirements must be met for this trip to occur. He will inform the HLFAC later.

3. ROUND TABLE

3.1 Eric Jorgensen – The County of MacKenzie has ratified Terms of Reference for the Land Stewardship Council

3.2 Boyd Langford – A couple of trappers have come to him with concerns about forestry activities on their trap lines. The trap line holders were assured that the harvesting operations occurring in the area would not disturb traps and trails if they were signed and ribboned. This was not the case. Traps were moved, destroyed and the groomed trail that the trappers had built was ruined. The trappers have spoken to a Tolko representative, but did not seem to feel that the situation had been resolved. Allen will contact the Tolko employee who has been in contact with the trappers as well as the trappers and take care of any unresolved issues.

3.3 Gerhard Hirts – Is concerned about overweight logging trucks and the effect that they may be having on local roads. What are the legally allowed limits? Should the winter weights be stopped sooner because of the warmer days and climate change? How can it be legal to have 2 bunks piled very high and then 1 bunk nearly empty? How are incidents, such as the logging truck roll over south of town investigated? What about the chips blowing off chip trucks, who is responsible for them? Melanie suggests that a meeting be set up, at Tolko with Gerhard and company representatives to discuss his concerns and reply to his questions. If there is interest we could ask representatives from LaCrete, Norbord and Tolko speak to the PAC about log hauling.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Landscape Planning Initiative – Dave West

North West Regional Woodlands – Audit – this was tabled until a later meeting

5. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016 5pm, High Level Senior Center. Detailed Forest Management Plan 2016

6. MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:40pm