



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017
5pm, High Level Seniors Center

PRESENT:

Allen Plantinga (Tolko)	Marissa Green (Norbord)
Boyd Langford (Member of Public)	Melanie Plantinga (Tolko)
Chris Mitchell (Town of Rainbow Lake)	Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)
John Thurston (Hungry Bend Sandhills Society)	Evan Gardner (Peace River Constituency)
Dave Cook (CAREERS:The Next Generation)	Barry Toker (Watt Mountain Wanderers)

INFORMATION SENT:

Adam Marshall (Silvacom)	Exact Harvesting
Baptiste Metchooyeah (Dene Tha')	Fort Vermilion Heritage Center
Bernie Doerksen (LaCrete Polar Cats)	Fred Radersma (Norbord)
Beverly Noskiye (Peerless Trout First Nation)	Christine Malhmann (Agriculture & Forestry)
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)	Keith Badger (Netaskinan Development)
Jon McQuinn (LRRF)	Kieran Broderick (Beaver First Nation)
Claude Duval (Watt Mnt Wanderers)	Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)
Connie Martel (Dene Tha')	Terry Jessiman (Agriculture & Forestry)
Conroy Sewepagaham (Lubicon Lake Nation)	Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend Sandhills Society)
Cory Ferguson (Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement)	Cheryl Ernst (High Level & District Chamber of Commerce)
Crystal McAteer (Town of High Level)	Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
Dan Coombs (Agriculture & Forestry)	Sugu Thuraisamy (LRRF)
Dan Fletcher (Town of Rainbow Lake)	Treetech
Mike Cardinal (Tallcree First Nation)	Tristina Macek (N'Deh Ltd. Partnership)
Aaron Doepel (LaCrete Sawmills)	Matt Marcone (Echo Pioneer)
Paul Ebert (Agriculture & Forestry)	Terry Batt (Trapper's Association)
Mike Morgan (Town of High Level)	Brent Holick (LaCrete Polar Cats)
Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRCN)	

CALL TO ORDER 5:45pm

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. ROUND TABLE

- a. **Barry Toker** - Trucks have been accessing the snowmobile trails via some of the lines which were opened during last year's logging operations. Aren't the companies required to close access to the lines as they abandon them? Allen responds that it depends on the conditions of the opening permits. The companies generally remove all creek and stream crossings but leave the lines open to permit access for reforestation activity.
- b. **John Thurston** – has not received any calls of concern about logging trucks. Allen has had some calls and has followed up on them. Tolko is continuing to use the “Geo Tab” monitoring system in their logging trucks. If someone calls and reports time, location, and direction of travel, we can often discover who the driver or truck is. Allen did see a truck in the ditch near the bridge over the Boyer river on highway 88. It was hauling conifer trees to Tolko. He does not have information about cause or when the accident occurred. The contractor is responsible for cleaning up the logs.
- c. **Barry Toker** – The information that was presented in the paper may have lead people to believe that the burner would be burning without emitting particulate. The ash being produced is greater than he expected. There is still a cooling period when preparing to clean the ash from the burner and a heating period again when firing it. During those times it does not burn as cleanly as when it is at it's optimum temperature. The ash is being removed from the burner less frequently than in the past so there are fewer heating/cooling cycles.
 - i. Is there environmental monitoring? We can find out. There was when the burner operated before. Do the monitoring devices draw air in? Or are they passive collectors of debris? Allen and Melanie do not know but will find out for next meeting.
 - ii. How long will the burner operate? Until the hog is consumed. The variance is for 9 months. Will an extension be requested or needed? Not likely. What should people whose businesses are effected by winter burner operations do about their concerns? All concerns should be brought to David Gilliespie, Plant Manager.
 - iii. Barry suggests that Tolko consider public relations work to help people understand that some ash is inevitable.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1 Debris at Cardlock – that situation appears to be under control. Trucks are stopping in the side yard at Tolko to check for debris. Tolko has reminded contractors to check for and remove debris in the pullout site provided and not at other areas around town.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Dave Cook, Forestry Consultant – CAREERS: The Next Generation, “The Forestry Futures Alliance”

See attached

- a. When was “Work Wild” established? In 2008 during the downturn in the forest industry to help encourage young people to consider careers in the forest industry.
- b. The emphasis of the projects discussed here seems to be aboriginal students. What about other students? The focus is aboriginal students because the program has begun with the broader community. The program is continuing for all students. Now John is going to reach students in isolated aboriginal communities and get them motivated and excited about opportunities available to them.
- c. The program focus seems to be junior and senior high students. Boyd has experience with much younger individuals who have dropped out of school. Can efforts be made to connect with younger students? Careers is giving John freedom to encourage younger children. John is working with students in elementary grades as well as older.

5. NEXT MEETING – Tentatively - Tuesday February 21st, 2017

6. MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:55pm