



**HIGH LEVEL FORESTS
PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 2017
5pm, High Level Seniors Center

PRESENT:

Allen Plantinga (Tolko)	Marissa Green (Norbord)
Boyd Langford (Member of Public)	Paul Ebert (Agriculture & Forestry)
Chris Mitchell (Town of Rainbow Lake)	Jackie Bateman (MacKenzie County)
Cheryl Ernst (High Level & District Chamber of Commerce)	Evan Gardner (Peace River Constituency)
Aaron Doepel (LaCrete Sawmills)	David Gillespie (Tolko)
Melanie Plantinga (Tolko)	Mike Morgan (Town of High Level)
John Peters (Silvacom)	Adam Marshall (Silvacom)

INFORMATION SENT:

Baptiste Metchooyeah (Dene Tha')	Exact Harvesting
Bernie Doerksen (LaCrete Polar Cats)	Fort Vermilion Heritage Center
Marnie Suitor (Peerless Trout First Nation)	Christine Malhmann (Agriculture & Forestry)
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)	Fred Radersma (Norbord)
Barry Toker (Watt Mountain Wanderers)	Keith Badger (Netaskinan Development)
Jon McQuinn (Norbord)	Kieran Broderick (Beaver First Nation)
Claude Duval (Watt Mnt Wanderers)	Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)
Connie Martel (Dene Tha')	Terry Jessiman (Agriculture & Forestry)
Cory Ferguson (Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement)	Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend Sandhills Society)
Crystal McAteer (Town of High Level)	Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
Dan Coombs (Agriculture & Forestry)	Sugu Thuraismy (LRRF)
Dan Fletcher (Town of Rainbow Lake)	Treetech
Terry Batt (Trapper's Association)	Tracey Laboucan (Lubicon Lake Nation)
Brent Holick (LaCrete Polar Cats)	Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)
Mike Cardinal (Tallcree First Nation)	Tristina Macek (N'Deh Ltd. Partnership)
Matt Marcone (Echo Pioneer)	Stanley Salopree (NPTC)
Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRCN)	

CALL TO ORDER 5:45pm

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. ROUND TABLE

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Environmental monitoring of burner –

There is ambient air monitoring being conducted through 7 sites located around town. The Government instructed where the monitoring sites were to be located. Has there been an audit? No, but there have been no non-conformances detected in the monitoring. The consumption of the hog pile is a little bit behind. Tolko is hoping to catch up. The variance permit expires in September. Tolko is optimistic that the hog pile can be consumed by the end of June. They had hoped to have the pile cleaned up by the end of May. Tolko is working with DMI and LaCrete Sawmills to find ways to dispose of future hog production.

Softwood lumber – Tolko has completed its submissions.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Detailed Forest Management Plan 2016 – post plan submission update – Adam Marshall (Silvacom)

Adam Marshall presented a list of comments received in June, 2016 from the Government of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry in response to the submission of the contributing landbase and yield curves. The Forest Management Plan document that was submitted in January, 2016 was returned to the Companies to allow for updates to the plan in response to the comments provided. These comments are currently being dealt with and the plan is being prepared for resubmission.

What happens if a tenure holder does not harvest its allocation? It can sit without being harvested.

How long until submission of the next Forest Management Plan? 10 years The next submission will be due for 2026. Following the conclusion of this project work will be done on updating the forest inventory prior to starting the next FMP.

The presentation is available upon request.

4.2 Landuse - John Peters (Silvacom)

Who decides when reclaimed lands must be planted (reforested)? After a reclamation certificate is issued to meet the government standard the FMA

holders can make the decision to treat it further and plant it, but it may never be replanted. The standard on the reclamation certificate may have the requirement for woody vegetation. The standards to meet reclamation certificate have changed depending upon the age of the disposition.

How long does it usually take to process a landuse application? When Silvacom receives applications they have a turnaround of approximately 5 days for application receipt & analysis, issue approval to applicant. Some landuse allocations have been taking as much as 3 years, within the government department responsible.

Are FMA holders able to make the condition that reclamation be to regeneration standards? No, tenure holders can work with the companies to make small changes like, location of pipelines but the standards are provincially set.

If there is an alternate access route there may be recommendation that the alternate route may be used. The government does look to see that there is discussion or attempts to lessen linear disturbance to minimize wildlife impacts. Trying to use same corridors to gain access to areas in the same year for different companies or over multiple years.

Locally there have been barriers to using some of the current openings because companies are trying to get reclamation certificates. Different users and government departments are trying to work together for the best interests of all.

5. **NEXT MEETING - Tuesday April 25th , 2017 – Gordon Stenhouse – Grizzly Bear Research Program**
6. **MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:15pm**