



# *HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

## **MINUTES**

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*  
5pm, High Level Seniors Center

### **PRESENT:**

David Price (Canadian Forest Service)	Tiffeny Olson (Norbord)
Mike Alsterlund (Member of the Public)	Robin Cumine (Norbord)
John Thurston (Hungry Hills Sandbend / Careers the Next Generation)	Connie Martel (Member of the Public)
Bill Schnarr (Echo Pioneer)	Boyd Langford (Town of High Level)
Aaron Doepel (LaCrete Sawmills)	Crystal McAteer (Town of High Level)
Terry Batt (Trappers Association)	Mike Morgan (Town of High Level)
Lisa Wardley (Mackenzie County)	Curtis Cole (Tolko)
Jill Kubica (Contractor)	Trevor LaFreniere (Tolko)
Robert Mills (Contractor)	Norm Livingstone (Tolko)
Bruce Bieragle (Trapline Holder)	Grant Glessing (Tolko)
Jessica Juneau (Town of Rainbow Lake)	Neil Beaudry (Tolko)
	Paul Hewitt (Tolko)
	Melanie Plantinga (Tolko)

### **INFORMATION SENT:**

Margaret Carrol (High Level & District Chamber of Commerce)	Exact Harvesting
Bernie Doerksen (LaCrete Polar Cats)	Fred Didzena (Dene Tha)
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)	Keith Badger (Netaskinan Development)
Claude Duval (Watt Mnt Wanderers)	Fort Vermilion Heritage Center
Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRCN)	Kieran Broderick (Beaver First Nation)
Mike Cardinal (Tallcree First Nation)	Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)
Bernie Meneen (Tallcree First Nation)	Terry Jessiman (Agriculture & Forestry)
Ken Graham (N'Deh Ltd. Partnership)	Jon McQuinn (LRRF)
Brent Holick (LaCrete Polar Cats)	Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend Sandhills Society)
Treetech Contracting	George Peters (Exact Harvesting)
Jacque Bateman (Mackenzie County)	Paul Ebert (Agriculture and Forestry)
Stephanie Grocholski (Agriculture and Forestry)	Barry Toker (Watt Mnt Wanderers)

**1. WELCOME**

**2. AROUND THE TABLE**

**3. OLD BUSINESS –**

- 3.1. Hauling Concern Line – no further information is provided at this time. This is under review by the companies
- 3.2. Questions from Member of the Public Mike Alsterlund – many covered as part of the General Development Plan presentation by Trevor LaFreniere

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 The Companies General Development Plan 2019-2024 – Trevor Lafreniere – presentation included.

- In the past black spruce was not considered merchantable, were the occasional load of white spruce also labeled such?  
Black spruce is (and has always been) utilized when it meets the utilization standards. Black spruce AAC allocation is only used for conifer volume originating from black spruce leading stands. Any black spruce that originates from non-black spruce leading stands is recorded as part of the non-black spruce AAC. In the current management plan for F26, the companies adjusted our merchantability criteria for black spruce leading stands and the black spruce AAC was lowered from 200,000m<sup>3</sup>/year to 60,000m<sup>3</sup>/year.
- There is a concern that forestry activities can and have disturbed entire traplines rendering them unproductive for many years. Currently the Forest Management planning standard does provide much guidance around sequencing the spatial harvest sequence to consider potential adverse effects on traplines. The companies and/or Alberta may consider including these concerns into future forest management plans.
- There will be operations in the Wadlin compartment which will occur near the Wabasca river. These areas are going to be assessed by a Tolko geologist to minimize slumping in the area. Are the results of some previous assessments available? There was some follow up to be done on that, so no.

4.2 Climate change in the boreal forests of Northern Alberta: What’s likely to happen and what should we do about it? - David Price (Presentation attached.)

As there is an increase in temperature will there be an increase in precipitation? Yes, this is to be expected because with the temperature increases there will also be more evaporation. Despite more precipitation the overall outcome will be generally drier conditions.

Why are these climate projections uncertain? Important to note that the biggest “uncertainty about climate change” is not in the scientific understanding or in the climate models (which try to capture the science). The biggest uncertainty is what action the global human population will take to reduce GHG emissions from fossil fuels within the next 30 years.

**5. NEXT MEETING – To be determined.**

**6. MEETING ADJORNED**