



# ***HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

Tuesday, April 6, 2004  
Fairview College

## **Minutes**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

John Thurston, Chair  
Robert Popowich  
Jordan Johnston  
Marilee Toews  
Stephanie Grocholski  
George Burns

Mark Reider  
Lorraine Donovan  
Marcel LeCoure  
Mary Klassen  
David Cole  
Kirk Hlewka

Leo McNamara  
Bradley Asmussen  
Henry Friesen  
Helene Walsh  
Ben Secker

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

John Thurston, Chair of the High Level Forests PAC called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

### **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved By Leo McNamara**

That the agenda be accepted with the following additions:

Under New Business  
5.7 Mileage signs  
*CARRIED*

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES –March 02, 2004**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved By Leo McNamara**

That the High Level Forests PAC meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

*CARRIED*

### **4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

**4.1** Leo McNamara received an Alberta Transportation satisfaction survey in the mail, he filled it out and faxed back. He was wondering if anyone else had received one, no one had.

4.2 John Thurston commented that it was a quiet winter for transportation related phone calls for him.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 *Detailed Forest Management Plan*

DFMP just got approved; copies will be made on disc and distributed to PAC members.

### 5.2 FMA Ground Rules

The FMA ground rules have not been changed since 1994; there are not too many changes. The target date for approval is September 01, 2004. At this time, the HLFAC will receive the document outlining who is to participate and how the HLFAC will be involved.

### 5.3 Species At Risk Act

Tabled until next meeting

### 5.4 Helene Walsh CPAWS Presentation

Helen Walsh made a power point presentation

### 5.5 GDP

MEDC will compile all the years PAC minutes and e-mail to Brad. The CSA and DFMP will be on display at the La Crete trade show.

### 5.6 AGM

It was suggested that Stephanie approach the Northern Lights Forest Education Society to see if they will accommodate us at their next meeting on May 06, 2004 at the Stardust.

### 5.7 *Mileage Signs*

All mileage markers must be removed by March 31, 2007 as they do not meet the department of Highways guidelines. Marilee handed out The Deh Cho Travel Connection brochures stating that it would be nice to have markers similar to theirs. It was agreed that the markers are important and Marcel said they would evaluate and continue to pursue it.

## 6 OLD BUSINESS

### 6.1 *Question of the Month* (back of minutes)

Question: *Are there protected or natural areas within the Companies Forest Management Areas?*

It was agreed that the number regarding the timber could be misconstrued; it was suggested to Marcel to edit it, making clear that the 50% includes non merchantable forest.

[HLFPAC did not discuss a new question for May 2004 Question of the month.](#)

#### **6.2 Clipping Service** (handouts)

Marcel handed out copies of newspaper clippings dated from March 11, 2004 to April 05, 2004.

#### **6.3 Public Land Sales**

Walter Sarapuk will be at next meeting to discuss this matter.

#### **6.4 Tolko Burner**

Discussions have not yet been had as Tolko is just getting their capitol plans in place. They will be ready to discuss this at the June PAC meeting.

### **7 CORRESPONDENCE**

John is still receiving minutes from Weyerhaeuser, he will inform Jordon as to when they have their PAC meetings.

### **8 AROUND THE TABLE**

Mark – Asked for an update on the H2S leak at Footner. Brad referred him to Charlene, the receptionist.

Marilee – Asked if it would be possible to include younger people in our meeting as a way of educating them on different public issues. It was suggested that the PAC structure a meeting that would be more at their level and possibly include a field trip for next fall.

Stephanie – Will see if she can include the PAC's AGM in the Northern Lights agenda for May 06, 2004

The group all thanked Helene Walsh for her attendance and presentation.

**NEXT MEETING** – May 6, 2004 @ 6:00 pm at the Stardust.

### **9 ADJOURNMENT**

**9.1** Adjourned @ 7:50 p.m.