



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 02 2004
High Level Curling Rink (Upstairs)

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

John Thurston, Chair
Jordan Johnston
George Friesen
Marilee Toews
Bradley Asmussen
Will Horbal
Robert Popowich
Trudi Lang

Walter Sarapuk
Mike Alsterlund
Colin Hanusz
Mary Klassen
Henry Friesen
Peter Nicholson
Gail Tucker
Barry Gladders

George Burns
Bruce Avery
Lorraine Donovan
Ed Anderson
Marcel LeCoure
Kirk Hlewka
Scott McNeil

GUESTS:

Brent Rabik – Alberta Pacific Forest Industries INC

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Thurston, Chair of the High Level Forests PAC called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved By

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – November 02, 2004

MOTION

Moved By George Friesen

That the High Level Forests PAC meeting minutes of November 02, 2004 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS

New Issue

John Thurston passed around some pictures that a member of the Dene Tha community had taken of some unidentified nests in the F14 area in hopes that someone would recognize them. He suggested that the area should perhaps be marked as an area of interest.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Issues and Concerns Tracking Sheet (John Thurston)

No new issues or concerns were brought forward

5.2 Alberta Pacific

Brent Rabik, the Director of Strategic Projects gave an extensive PowerPoint presentation on their Forest Stewardship Council Certification Strategy.

5.3 Horse Logging Tour (Colin)

A date of January 15th was set for a horse logging tour provided it is not too cold, anything over -30C is not suitable for working horses. A mechanical logging site is just minutes away and it was suggested that we tour that as well. Mary will do a head count of members that wish to participate and work out a time and place to meet with Colin.

5.4 Trappers Meeting in Meander (Will)

A very positive Trappers meeting was held in Meander on December 1st which was held in response to a previous meeting in Assumption. There were approximately 15 trappers in attendance. The advantage of forestry companies is we know where they will be operating in a year from now which will make it easier to keep trappers informed and address their concerns if any. Both parties are aware that open communication is very important.

6 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Question of the Month

The adult question and the question for the 10-15 year olds will run again the week of the 6th and the week of the 13th, this time advertising the prize of a \$25 gift certificate from a business of the winner's choice.

The question for the month of January will be for ages 12 and under.

The tree Aspen Poplar (*Populus tremuloides*) is the deciduous tree which is the most common tree in our Boreal forest. (Primarily used by FFP) Which of the following statements best describes the poplar tree leaf?

- A) Tiny holes on the underside
- B) Gives off oxygen (O₂) in light
- C) Gives off carbon dioxide (CO₂) in darkness
- D) All of the above

The information to help you answer the following questions can be accessed at the web site www.highlevelwoodlands.com

All winning answers will be put in a jar for the winning draw.

6.2 Clipping Service (handouts)

Colin handed out copies of newspaper clippings

6.3 Updates on Pile Burning Contracts (Will)

Question was asked at the last meeting if the company hired to do the burning of the bush piles could hire trappers and therefore cover them under their insurance policy. Will had some discussion with Ted Hasselfield regarding this, and he is not comfortable allowing anyone under his coverage.

Question was asked if it would be a benefit if the mills set aside some funds to cover them, perhaps offer to cover 50%.

Response by Will: they are willing to look into it.

Another suggestion was that perhaps the bands could cover them

Response by Will: When dealing with the bands the general consensus from the trappers is that they don't get paid the full amount if directed through the band.

This issue was brought forward by James Ahnassay and perhaps he should come in to the mill and discuss arrangement that could be made.

6.4 Update on Strength of Steel (Will)

Will did contact the manufacture of the steel that the trailers are made off. The steel type is a T1 which is the strongest and of the highest quality and has been processed many times. If the steel does crack it is a 3 to 1 ratio/safety factor which means it is of higher standard than required.

6.5 Private Sales (Walter)

A PAC member is still concerned about the disparity between two adjacent pieces of land. Brad stated very clearly that he would not discuss prices at the PAC meeting. It is a business transaction between land owner and company and should not be discussed in public. The land owner needs to sit down with Dallas and talk about this one on one.

A short discussion took place and it was agreed that due to lack of time this topic would be tabled until next meeting. Clearly there is a misunderstanding that needs to be clarified.

6.6 Update on Mixed Wood Management (Mike)

Tabled until next meeting

7. CORRESPONDANCE

7.1 Northern Lights Forest Education Society

Stephanie could not attend this meeting; there was no correspondence from her.

7.2 Letter from TransCanada

A letter from TransCanada was sent to the PAC inviting them to their open house.

8 AROUND THE TABLE

There was no round table discussion

NEXT MEETING – January 04, 2004 @ 5:00 pm at the Fairview College

9 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned @ 8:10 pm