



**HIGH LEVEL FORESTS
PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

“DRAFT” MINUTES

Tuesday, January 6, 2009
5:00 p.m. – Four Winds Banquet Room
High Level, Alberta

ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Beal (CSA Coordinator)	John Thurston (Chairman)
Jayson Kofluk (FFP)	Marilee Toews (HBSWS)
Al Toews (Guest)	Scott Miller (LRRF)
Dave Sadowsky (ASRD)	Ed Anderson (Tolko)
Paul Kitchen (Tolko)	Mike Maximchuk (ASRD)
Al Benson (ASRD)	Pat Cabezas (Dene Tha First Nation)
Allen Spelrem (Guest)	

Recording Secretary: Brenda St. Arnault

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopt Agenda with addition.

MOVED by: Mike Maximchuk

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – December 2, 2008

Adopt Minutes as presented.

MOVED by: Allen Spelrem

CARRIED

3.1 Review of action items (old action items in italics)

Brenda to change Nov. 4, 2008 minutes to reflect the stumpage rate amount.

Jeremy B. made changes were on the Nov. 4, 2008 meeting minutes to reflect stumpage rate amount.

John T. requested that a folder be made available that includes pamphlet on sustainable forest management along with Terms of Reference for Public Advisory Committee and the list of acronyms, Hotline card, and other information to capture the efforts of the PAC.

Jeremy B. provided visitor package for PAC attendees.

Jeremy to confirm/recommend that Tolko is associated with NADC.

Jeremy B. confirmed that Tolko is associated with NADC.

Dave S. mentioned that he would try to locate maps indicating the Seed Zones in the Province.

Dave S. provided 2 maps indicating the Seed Zones in the Province for the PAC members.

Jeremy to change misleading wording in presentation; 2003, 6082.1 ha burned (1693.3 ha productive) with no salvage to date.

Jeremy fixed misleading wording and the change have been posted on website.

Dave S. is to follow-up with and find out any information on how these sites are performing.

Dave S. is still following up. He will provide information at the February 3, 2009 PAC meeting.

4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Aspen decked logs

No issues or concerns at this time regarding Aspen decked logs.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Results from on-line survey – J Beal

Jeremy B. explained the on-line survey and the results of questionnaire and also provided information on the format of the survey. Jeremy explained that with the on-line survey it would be good to set up other questionnaires to help us improve. Another survey will be created prior to the February PAC meeting and a summary of results will be provided at the March meeting.

Marilee T: Do you provide feedback to the questions/comments that are asked?

Jeremy B: Anyone that filled out the questionnaire is anonymous so we are not able to reply to their questions or concerns, but we are able to summarize comments and questions and post our replies on High Level woodlands website.

Jeremy will provide a formal summary of this survey for the February meeting and will be posted on the website (www.highlevelwoodlands.com)

(Jayson Kofluk exited meeting at 6:10 pm)

5.2 NLFES presentation – J. Thurston

John Thurston made a presentation on behalf of the Northern Lights Forest Education Society. John provided the history of NLFES and the activities they will be doing to try to get more interest from the public in the upcoming year.

NLFES has provided logging and mill tours to the surrounding schools with the help of Tolko Industries Ltd. and Footner Forest Products Ltd. John is the forest educator and he will be travelling to the surrounding schools to make youth more aware of the forests in our area.

5.3 Alberta-SRD Forest Health update – M. Maximchuk

Mike Maximchuk made a presentation on Forest Health in the province of Alberta. Mike provided an outline on the situation and severity regarding the Mountain Pine Beetle in northern Alberta.

Mike also provided information regarding the various surveys and monitoring programs the Government has set up for monitoring Mountain Pine Beetle in the different locations of Alberta.

Mike M. also has a presentation on Invasive Plants of Alberta if the committee would be interested, John T. commented that he would be very interested in seeing the presentation and will be in contact with Mike to set up a time at a later date.

Both presentations are available on www.highlevelwoodlands.com

5.4 CSA Audit schedule

Jeremy B. explained the CSA audit schedule has been changed to January 19th – 22nd, 2009. If anyone is still available to attend the field tour or provide interviews please notify Jeremy by phone or email.

Marilee T. will be away for the week of January 19 but is more than willing to provide a telephone interview. John T. will be attending the field tour.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Clipping Service (6)

Jeremy B. distributed the latest news clippings to the PAC members.

7. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

Jeremy B. will email article to John T. regarding Forest Education conference held in Manning.

Al Benson commented that the conference was a big success and that it's held every two years in the Peace Area. SRD has been looking at holding the conference in High Level but a decision has not been reached yet.

John commented this would be the kind of information he would be interested in getting for NLFES and that he will be in contact with Al Benson at the Peace River office.

8. AROUND THE TABLE

Pat C. commented that he had been very quiet because he was listening to everyone else and that he has enjoyed attending the meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING – February 3, 2009, 5:00 pm Four Winds Banquet Room

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 pm