

**HIGH LEVEL FORESTS
PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, July 8th, 2003

5:00pm

Fairview College

ATTENDANCE:

John Thurston	Tracie Dahdona
Henry Friesen	Ted Edwards
Arlene Powers	Al Toews
James Barnhill	Brandon Boucher
Tom Friesen	Ted Patmore
Mike Alsterlund	Lorraine Donovan
Laurie Jenkins	George Burns
Brad Asmussen	Byron Grundberg
Marcel LeCoure	Marilee Toews

Recording Secretary: Kori Doyle with Mackenzie Economic Development

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved By Lorraine Donovan

That the agenda be accepted with the following additions, under New Business;

- High Level Library Donations
 - Signage
 - Orientation and Acronyms
- CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION

Moved By Lorraine Donovan

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

4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

John Thurston has had a few issues and concerns that were brought to his attention by the public. John was out west the other day and noticed bush piles, some which started being burned and some that hadn't been touched. His question is the bush piles that haven't been burnt going to be burnt. Brad from Footner tells the Pac committee that no they will be left as is. Also It's been brought to the attention of John that there are a lot of trucks who are employed by Footner in the winter months and were under the impression that there would be logging in the summer. They have spent a lot of money to supply Footner with trucks and now don't have any work. They have monthly payments that need to be met and find it difficult to

meet those needs when their equipment is sitting. These people were under the impression that there would be enough work both in the winter, but in the summer as well and are wondering if any logging is being done. Brad says that yes they are busy moving logs around in these areas. And that Footner does not do the hiring of the log trucks that Footner hires what they call loggers and they are responsible for the hiring and the firing of the trucks. The only time Footner gets involved is when safety becomes a problem.

Marcel tells PAC that the annual figure is the 63 cubic meters. FMA is 11 cubic meters. The percent of crown land is 98 %. AAC is 603. DFMP is 1.2 million for the first 5 years. Last year 1.5 million because of fire salvage.

Brad tells the PAC Footner's annual figure is 1.8 million for the first 5 years. Actual growth is 1.8 million.

5. NEW BUSINESS

➤ FFP Summer Hauling

A lot of locals have been hauling for Footner during the winter months and heard a lot of talk about summer hauling as well, but haven't been told. These local contractors have invested a lot of time and money and haven't received any work for summer time.

Brad tells us that F.F.P hires what they call loggers. It's the loggers job to hire contractors to come and do the work. The only time that F.F.P gets involved is when safety is a factor. Other than that it's up to the logger.

Some contractors feel that they have not been given enough information as they have monthly responsibilities and are having a hard time meeting those needs as they are not working.

➤ 2003 Tree Planting

Over 6 million trees have been planted. Tolko division has reached the 85th million tree. Mid summer 2004 the 300th million tree will be planted. Either here or in Ontario.

➤ Communication Between Outfitters

Brad tells the PAC that FFP has sent letters out to anyone involved in any area of which will be logged. Brad hopes to have something worked out by the next meeting on August 5, 2003.

Notification and township maps were sent out as well.

➤ Truck Suspension

Brad from FFP wanted to let the PAC know that a few trucks have been suspended for 6 months due to safety reasons.

A question arose regarding truck suspension. If trucks are suspended from 1 mill will they get on with another mill? Marcel says they wouldn't be able to work for any mill until the 6 month period is up.

6. OLD BUSINESS

➤ Speakers/Education

Ted informs the PAC that the presentation on forest care will most likely be ready for September PAC Meeting.

➤ Question of the Month

A question was given to Tolko (Marcel & Brad) with Footner. The question was: What progress has been made between the Tolko and Footner joint plan?

Marcel and Brad will come up with an answer to the question and will be reviewed by the PAC Committee on August 5, 2003 and once approved, it will be submitted to both The Echo and The Pioneer.

➤ Signage

In February a letter was sent to Alberta Transportation. Re: kilometer post along the highway.

John received a letter from Alberta Transportation stating that they did receive a letter. John was wondering if anyone has heard anything. Brad will ask around Footner.

A motion was made in December, 2002 that 1 sign would be purchased at \$300.00 and put on the side of the highway giving some information for the public. Re: logging.

John thought a good place for a sign would be heading west where there is a pull over. Brad will have more information for the next PAC meeting. Or maybe even a sign.

➤ New Orientation

John went through the updated orientation packages and acronyms.

Marcel lets the PAC Committee know that Tolko is in the process of going from logging zone numbers to names as of May. It will be easier to understand where that area is.

Ex: F51 – is the white zone.

Marcel also gave an update on what has been going on with the Tee Pee burner.

Monthly monitoring reports are done. Two more years until the Tee Pee burner will no longer be what they use to dispose of their wood scraps. They are looking at Co Gen.

7. AROUND THE TABLE

➤ Susan McNiel with The Echo will be attending the HLFAC Meeting regularly and will have monthly columns in The Echo.

Mike expressed his concerns regarding timber. If logging continues in a careless manner, there will be no more trees 20 years from now.

8. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next HLPAC meeting will be held on August 5, 2003 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Fairview College in High Level. Supper will be ready to serve at 5:00 pm.

The HLPAC meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.