



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

Tuesday, July 04, 2006  
5:00 p.m. @ NAIT College

## **Minutes**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

John Thurston, Chair  
Lacey Reid  
Caleen Warren

Tony Walker  
Jeremy Beal  
Scott McNeil

Susan McNeil  
Robert Popowich  
Marcel LeCoure

Sarah Fudge – Recording Secretary

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

John Thurston, Chair of the High Level Forests PAC called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

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

#### **MOTION**

**Moved By Susan McNeil**

That the agenda be accepted with an addition of;  
6.3 Marilee’s library book

*CARRIED*

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – April 4, 2006 and June 6, 2006**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved By Scott McNeil**

That the High Level Forests PAC meeting minutes of April 04, 2006 be accepted as presented

*CARRIED*

## **MOTION**

**Moved By Susan McNeil**

That the High Level Forests PAC meeting minutes of June 06, 2006 be accepted as presented

*CARRIED*

## **4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

There are none at the present time.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Review of Terms of Reference**

Tabled until September meeting.

## **6 OLD BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Clipping Service (handouts)**

Marcel handed out copies of newspaper clippings and explained the purpose for these clippings.

### **6.2 Field Trip**

Field trip was cancelled last month due to the condition of the roads. Scott suggested that maybe the group be brought in by quads instead of vehicles. The decision was made to wait until the fall for a field trip; this way they are able to bring in a specialist/biologist/etc to help guide the tour. There will be no set time limit for the tour but it will be scheduled for September 09, 2006. MEDC will help with organizing.

### **6.3 Book**

Marilee was not at the meeting but sent the following information:

The book has been ordered for all three libraries but hasn't arrived yet. MEDC will pay the invoice, and it will be billed with PACs monthly invoice.

### **6.4 Stamp**

MEDC already has a HLFAC stamp; a new one will not be needed.

## 7. CORRESPONDANCE

There is none at this present time.

## 8. AROUND THE TABLE

John- opened discussion for improvements for PAC meetings. He suggested promoting the committee and moving the meetings to different locations (La Crete, Fort Vermilion, and Rainbow Lake).

Marcel – suggested have guest speakers at meetings; concerning related issues.

Scott- suggested a long-term agenda; scheduled for a full year. This would let the public know what was happening and interest can be created in advance. Schedule would include the location of the meeting, or even field tour, who the guest speaker will be, and the issues to be discussed.

Rob – likes the idea of moving the committee meetings from town to town. This will encourage more feedback from the public.

Marcel – suggested having community members as guest speakers: eg. Monty Moore

Rob and Scott – both agree that this would be effective

Rob – agrees that it is easier to see the relevant issues when you are out in the public instead of in the office.

Tony- suggested that PAC be involved in the “Get to Know You Night” in the surrounding communities. This will generate more activity and interest.

Marcel – agrees that PAC needs more promotion

John – PAC used to be involved with this in the past, but it is a good idea to do some promotion so that there will be new faces involved with PAC. Suggested that all the planning be held in September because there will be more participation.

Scott – suggests that yearly schedule be made at AGM meeting

John – AGM is low key, but let's use it to promote HLFAC.

Scott – wondered if HLFAC representatives have ever been sent to other PAC meetings in the province/country.

John – used to go to other PAC meetings a few years back as a representative; something that we should start doing again.

Marcel – Guest speakers should be relevant to the topics at hand; issues that are constantly coming up. Eg: Scarification: look at forests that have been planted and how effective they are.

Rob – suggested visits to blocks; they are re-harvested areas.

Scott – involvement of guest speakers should be known earlier in the year so that companies can increase their budgets for extra costs.

Rob – announced that he would no longer be a representative at PAC meetings; Caleen will be taking over his position.

Jeremy – introduced to committee members as a new representative from Tolko.

Caleen – commented on the effectiveness of field trips she has seen in the past.

John – suggested that PAC needs to start promoting the committee again

Marcel – ads in the newspapers and website links to inform everyone of what is going on in the area

John – map of special economic features in the areas

Jeremy – commented on the small size of the committee

John – many members just don't come any more; we need to spark more interest and re-contact members and encourage their participation.

Scott – commented that there are less and less members from the general public

Marcel – There were lots of company people that were showing up, but we limited the representatives to 2 per company.

Scott – suggest that links between companies and the committee be made and kept up to date on what is going on with PAC.

John – people are interested until it directly affects them. What can we do to get them interested before there is a problem that affects them? Target for input at September meeting. John will not be here in August and suggests that August meeting be cancelled.

**9. NEXT MEETING – September 05, 2006 @ 5:00 pm at the Fairview College**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.