

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

**Fairview College- High Level
June 3rd, 2003
5:00 pm**

Attendance:

John Thurston (Chair)
Jordan Johnston
Marcel LeCoure
Brad Asmussen
Kim Morton
Leo McNamara
Lorraine Donovan
Marilee Toews
George Friesen
Robert Hall

Guests:

Robert Irvine
Mike Alsterlund
Dean Yardly
Brandon Boucher
Sheila Gaudet
Peter Klassen
Dennis Eckford
Bryon Grundberg
Mervin Bellrose
Tracie Dahdona

Recording Secretary: *Kori Doyle with Mackenzie Economic Development*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

John Thurston called the High Level Forest Public Advisory Committee 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;

- **Heritage Tree Foundation**
- **Local Employment**
- **General Logging Practices**

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES- May 6th, 2003

Motion:

Moved by: George Friesen

That the minutes from May 6th, 2003 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Robert Irvine who is a Bear Baiter has come to the HLFAC meeting with a few issues and concerns. Robert hopes to resolve these issues and concerns.

See New Business; General Logging Practices

5. NEW BUSINESS

➤ *General Logging Practices*

Mr. Irvine comes to High Level and area 6 weeks out of the year to set up his bear barrels. In the last 2 years he has noticed a decrease in the Black Bear population. Mr. Irvine feels that the decrease in the black bear population is due to the area either being logged or used to bring in logging equipment. Mr. Irvine feels that there is a lack of communication between the Bear Baiters and the mills (Tolko and Footner) and these problems could be avoided in the future with improvements in communication. After discussion, both Tolko and Footner agreed to send letters or contact by telephone. This communication will hopefully improve the situation advising Mr. Irvine along with the rest of the Bear Baiters where the loggings zones will be.

➤ *Local Employment*

It's been mentioned that 10 million seedlings are being planted this year. How many seedlings will be planted by locals?

➤ *Heritage Tree Foundation*

Marilee spoke about the Heritage Tree Foundation.

6. OLD BUSINESS

➤ *Speakers/Education*

Tabled

➤ *Question of the Month*

Kori informed PAC members that May's question of the month has not been submitted to The Echo and Pioneer due to MEDC's office move. Kori will have May's question of the month in the Echo and Pioneer for June 18th newspaper. June's question of the month will be in the Echo and Pioneer the following week. Also a few changes will be made to June's question as Footner will be a part of the certification process, but Footner will not be certified at this time.

Motion:

Moved by: George Friesen

That the High Level Forests Public Advisory Committee will be a part of the certification process, and Footner Forests Products will also be a part of the certification process, but they will not be certified at this time.

Carried

7. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next HLFAC meeting will be held on July 9th, 2003 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Fairview College in High Level. Supper will be ready serve at 4:30pm.

The HLFAC meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.