

# HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5:00 pm  
Fairview College- High Level  
May 6, 2003

## Attendance:

John Thurston (Chair)	Jorden Johnston
Bill Hayday	Marcel LeCoure
Brad Asmussen	Ted Edwards
George Friesen	Marilee Toews
Monty Moore	Lorrain Donovan
Walter Sarapuk	Kim Morton

**Recording Secretary: Kori Doyle, Mackenzie Economic Development**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

John Thurston called the High Level Forests PAC meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION:** *Moved by: Walter Sarapuk*  
That the agenda be accepted as presented.  
*CARRIED*

## 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**MOTION:** *Moved by: Bill Hayday*  
That the minutes are accepted with the following amendments; under attendance Leo McNamara was missed. Hugh Seaton was misspelled. Under new business- Private Wood Summary, Footner has logged 122800.000 meters and 4500.00 from private landowners.  
*CARRIED*

## 4. ISSUE AND CONCERNS:

Lorraine Donovan had a question; how many cubic meters in an average size tree? There approximately 2.5 trees / m<sup>3</sup> in the average tree.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### ➤ *High Level Library Donations*

John Thurston had a discussion with a few of the Pac members and they came up with a great idea. To start donating books to the libraries in High Level and Fort Vermillion. Also George will find out if the library in La Crete and Monty will check if the Rainbow Lake library would be interested as well.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### ➤ *Rocky Lane- Machesis Lake Clean-up*

Last PAC meeting John informed PAC members of clean up day. That time John was unsure of the date. John informed us at this PAC meeting that it is May 14, 2003. Tolko and Footner are in charge of supplying the food and goodies.

### ➤ *Question of the month*

This month Marcel with Tolko will give information on certification.

### ➤ *Speakers and Education*

Ted Edwards will be doing a presentation on Forest Protection. Ted is unsure when he will do the presentation at this time. Ted will keep us posted.

### ➤ *DFMP update- Marcel LeCour*

## AGENDA

1. Detailed Forest Management Plan
  - Approval of Status
  - Amendments to Date
  - What's next?
2. Review results from internal audit
3. Tolko's certification strategy

### Detailed Forest Management Plan

May, 2003 a plan was submitted to ASRD. In November, 2002 a meeting between the companies and ASRD met to review the comments. In February 2003 -present-iterative process has been developed to address concerns.

### *ASRD Comments*

### **Inclusion of Black Spruce**

-How much ACC will be black spruce?

### **Embedded Operations**

-Are they concerned with the FMU concept?

-Are they satisfied with the plan and how they are affected?

### **Access Management**

-Where will there be proposed access development?

### **Economic Constraints**

-Has the piece size over time been considered?

**Forest Health**

-How are the companies dealing with the spruce budworm problem?

**Growth & Yield Program**

-Submission required by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003 (Already been submitted)

**Explicit Objectives and Strategies**

-Clarification required for some Objectives and Strategies  
-Administrative

**Harvest Sequence** -20 year harvest sequence has been finalized

**Structure Retention** - How will the companies address structure retention?

**Watershed Analysis**

**Public Involvement**

**Wildlife**

-Habitat suitability indices for selected Species  
-American Marten, Moose, Pleated Woodpecker, Wood Bison, and Woodland Caribou

***Detailed Forest Management Plan - What Next?***

➤ *Address Outstanding Items*

- Watershed Analysis, Structure Retention, Wildlife
- Revised DFMP Submission
- June 1 Approval
- Growth & Yield Program
- Development & Implementation
- DFMP Implementation

*Environmental Management System- update- Marcel LeCours*

***EMS Audit Summary***

An internal audit took place at Tolko from March 11 until March 14, 2003.

**Non-Conformances**

- 11 Divisional
- Documentation
- Internal & External Communication
- No "Open Programs"
- Training
- Legal & Other Requirements
- Standard Operating Procedures

**3 Corporate**

- Documentation
- Codes
- Disposal of old documents

*EMS What's next?*

- Develop Action Plan for Audit Shortfalls
- December 2003 internal Audit
- January 2004 registration Audit

**Tolko's Certification Strategy**

**Why Certification??**

To commit to environmental and social responsibility and to continue improvements of forest management practices.

**Corporate Strategy**

All woodlands divisions registered to a certification standard by December 31, 2002. Additional certification at each division to an internationally recognized certification standard by 2004.

**What is CSA?**

*Canadian Standard Association*

Science council of Canada authorized CSA to develop a national SFM standard. Based on criteria from international agreements in the 1990's and endorsed by the Canadian council Forests Ministers. Technical committee developed the standard (Academia, ENGO's, Labour, General interest groups, Government, First Nations and Industry) The first CSA-z809 standard approved 1996. Updated version was approved January 2003.

**EMS vs. CSA**

*What is the same?*

Both EMS and CSA have the following: Commitment and Policy, Planning, Implementation, Measurements, Continual improvements and 3rd party audits.

*What is Different?*

CSA only: Public participation, CCFM critical elements and 3rd party audits on the ground performance.

**CSA Process**

Criteria (6)	-CCFM requirements
Critical Elements (17)	

Values	
Objectives	-Public Advisory Committee
Indicator	
Targets	

Monitor and Report to Tolko

## **CCFM Criterion**

### **1. Conservation of Biological Diversity**

- Conserve biological diversity by maintaining integrity, function, and diversity of living organisms and the complexes of which they are apart.

### **2. Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem condition and productivity**

- Conserve forest ecosystem condition and productivity by maintaining forest health, vitality, and rates of biological production.

### **3. Conservation of Soil and Water resources**

- Conserve soil and water resources by maintaining their quantity and quality in forest ecosystem.

### **4. Forest Ecosystem contributions to global ecological cycles**

- Maintain forest conditions and management activities that contribute to the health of global ecological cycles.

### **5. Multiple benefits to society**

- Sustain flows of forest benefits for current and future generations by providing multiple goods and services.

### **6. Accepting society's responsibilities for sustainable development**

- Society's responsibility for sustainable forest management requires that fair, equitable, and effective forest management decisions are made.

## **7. AROUND THE TABLE**

A discussion took place regarding CSA and how much does the PAC want to get involved and if they want to, how much time is the PAC willing to put in? Next meeting, the PAC will determine whether this is something they'd like to take part in. If not, then another committee will be put together to take part in the CSA process.

## **8. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next High Level Forest PAC meeting will be on June 3, 2003  
At 5:00 pm at Fairview College.  
The HLFAC meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.