



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

Tuesday, October 05, 2004  
Fairview College

### **Minutes**

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

John Thurston, Chair  
Jordan Johnston  
George Friesen  
Marilee Toews  
David Berg

Susan McNeil  
Mike Alsterlund  
Colin Hanusz  
Mary Klassen  
Henry Friesen

Andre Roy  
Jayson Kofluk  
Marcel LeCoure  
Joy B. Friesen  
Bob Grocholski

#### **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 Susan McNeil**

That the agenda be accepted with a few additions

*CARRIED*

#### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES –September 07, 2004**

##### **MOTION**

**Moved By Marilee Toews**

That the High Level Forests PAC meeting minutes be accepted with Amendments

*CARRIED*

#### **4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

##### **4.1 Over Mature Forest Concept (Simplified)**

Marcel gave a presentation explaining the forecast of over mature timber from the FMA using the "future forest" projections included in the DFMP. This forecast

compared the current age class structure to one in 200 years. The charts had the different colored areas representing the different ages and forest types. Currently there is approximately 16% of the forest is in an older forest (i.e. > 120 Years) condition and it is expected to be reduced to 10% in 200 years due to harvesting and the current forest regenerating over time. Of the current forest, only 6.% of the forest is "older" white spruce/pine mixtures and at the end of the 200 years it will be reduced to approximately 2-3%.

These forecasts are based on the current DFMP. The next plan is due in 2007. Question was asked, what would the numbers be in 10 years from now? Marcel didn't have those numbers but indicated that the numbers 10 years in the future would not be that different from the current levels barring future fires etc. Marcel did also indicate that that he would get the 10-year forecast to the group for the next meeting. Jayson was asked about Footner's over mature forest concept; he said he would bring that back to Brad.

A PAC member asked if all the numbers presented could be simplified and put in writing so that it would be easier to understand. Marcel will look after that for him.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Issues and Concerns Tracking Sheet**

John pointed out that the June 01.04 Issue regarding a cut block in the Bassett 3 area had been resolved and should be updated on the tracking sheet.

A PAC member is still waiting for a written report on the past salvage problems. He would like something on paper that he can show to concerned citizens. Marcel said there would be a report at the next meeting.

### **5.2 CPAWS**

Another letter from CPAWS was sent to Tolko and was passed around. Marcel is meeting with Helene Walsh of CPAWS on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup>. Jordan suggested he also meet with Glen Semenchuk as well. The PAC did meet with Helene Walsh a while back and the fact that there is still dialog going on is a good thing.

### **5.3 Annual Performance Report**

The Annual performance report will be reviewed at a public meeting on October 26 at 5:00 pm in the Tolko board room. If anyone is planning on attending please let Marcel know.

### **5.4 CSA Z809-02 Registration Audit**

Tolko will be going through their CSA registration audit during the week of November 22 – 26. They will be reviewing their indicators, targets and public advisory process. Anyone who was involved in this can have input and can participate in the audit. Marcel will talk about this again at the November meeting.

### **5.5 ALPAC**

The people from Alberta Pacific are planning on attending our December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. They are in the process of completing their audit to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standard for forest certification and will discuss the results and challenges I associated with that process.

## 5 OLD BUSINESS

### 6.1 Question of the Month

The winning contestants for the question of the month came in to collect their prizes and had their picture taken by Susan.

This month's question of the Month is a challenge for the adults

Latin is a language used to universally identify plants and animals. Try your hand at it. Match the following common names with the appropriate Latin genus and species name.

Wolf – Willow (Silverberry)	Ursus actos-canadensis
	Euarctos americanus
Tamarack	Odocoileus hemionus
	Abies balsamea
North Western White-tailed Deer	Larix laricina
	Elaeagnus commutate
Black Bear	Salix pedicellaris
	Odocoileus virginianus
Northern Harrier	Cirus cyaneus
	Pandion haliaetus

All winning answers will be put in a jar for the winning draw.

### 6.2 Clipping Service (handouts)

Colin handed out copies of newspaper clippings

### 6.3 Highway Signage

A PAC member commented that some florescent 5 km signs were posted alongside the highway on the way south. As far as Marcel knew, the Companies had an extension as to when all of the signs had to betaken down.

With regards to the HWY Information Sign, the Companies have talked about putting together a sign/pamphlet that people can pick up at the museum describing some of the historical harvesting along the roadsides in the area. It was suggested that maybe an information sign could be posted at the Roadside turn out on the Rainbow road.

### 6.4 Salvage Report

A member of the PAC is concerned that there seems to some discrepancies about the price of salvage. Jayson explained the Timber Damage Assessment

(TDA) system. A TDA is paid by the oil and gas companies when they cut the wood, when the wood is brought in they can collect it back. It seems some companies are not bringing the wood back in. The PAC member would like to see a report showing what improvements have been made to these salvage problems, he feel that the problem is worst than ever. Marcel responded by saying that he feels that Footner has made huge improvements, even just the satellite yards alone have made a big difference. A forestry representative commented that he does a lot of snowmobiling in the winter and does not come across a lot of salvage lying around. He said he would go back to Robert to see what penalties if any, can be given to the oil and gas companies that do not bring in their wood.

### **6.5 Woodlot Management**

Tabled until next meeting so that Brad can address questions

### **6.6 Update on Mixed Wood Management**

A request was made for a written report on how the mixed wood management plan is coming along. Question was also asked how the mills will deal with the areas that are coming back as DC and D due to the aerial seeding that was done years ago on top of the Zama Hill.

### **6.7 Private Sales**

A PAC member is concerned that there is not enough information available to private wood owner when they are looking to sell their wood. They do not seem to be treated fairly, not everyone is getting the same price for their wood. This may be due to a middle man taking advantage of the owner's lack of knowledge. There were some suggestions that perhaps the PAC could put together a pamphlet with the appropriate information in it. Information like who does the logging? Can you do it yourself? How is price established? What are the guidelines and procedures? Who do you call if you have wood for sale? Possibly put together a list of consultants and loggers.

## **7. CORRESPONDANCE**

### **7.1 Northern Lights Forest Education Society**

A brief update on the activities from the NLFES was attached to the back of the minutes.

## **8 AROUND THE TABLE**

Susan – Commented that it would be nice to have some Oil and Gas representatives attend our meetings. John said he would give them a call.

Colin– There will be some horse logging activity 5 kms from town and this would be a good opportunity for the PAC to take a tour out to see what's happening in that area.

Andre– Will talk to Robert about penalties to the Oil and Gas companies that do not bring in their salvage.

Joy– Asked if Tolko was planning on taking in any short wood this season Marcel indicated that Tolko intends to deliver approximately 150,000 m3 of cut-to-length volume this winter.

Mike– Thanked everyone for their time and patience.

George- Passed around his Health and Safety award that he received for having 40,000 plus claim free hours.

**NEXT MEETING** –November 02, 2004 @ 5:00 pm at the Fairview College

**9 ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned @ 7:45 pm