



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES (Draft)

Tuesday, June 4, 2013
5pm, Town of High Level office, Room 110

ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Beal (CSA Coordinator)
Chris McLeod (Town of High Level)
George Friesen (Friesen Industries)

Boyd Langford (TRL)
Melanie Plantinga (Tolko HLLD)

INFORMATION SENT:

John Thurston (Member of the public)
Mark Andrews (Cenovus)
Darren Carnell (LRRF)
Wayne Auger (Lubicon Lake Nation)

Troy Connolly (Tolko HLLD)
Fort Vermilion Heritage Center
Aaron Doepel (LCSM)
Tim Heemskerk (Northern Lights
Forest Education Society)
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)

Teresa Griffiths (Flow North Paddling
Co.)
Conroy Sewepagaham (LRRCN)
Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRF)
Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)
Rob Fioraso (Member of the Public)

Peter Ernst (Mayor, High Level)
Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
Keith Badger (Tall Cree)
Paul Catt (Watt Mnt Wanderers)

REGRETS:

Richard Martens (Taqa North)

Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend
Sandhills Society)

Clinton Laboucan (Tall Cree)

Don Warman (High Level Chamber of
Commerce)

Baptiste Metchooyeah (Dene Tha')
Pat Cabezas (N'deh Ltd. Partnership)

Kieran Broderick (Beaver First Nation)
Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:24 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by George Friesen

Seconded Boyd Langford

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 18th, 2012)

Moved by Boyd Langford

Seconded George Friesen

Carried

3.1. Action Items from December 18th, 2012

- Welcome Chris McLeod to HLFPAAG. Jeremy gave a brief overview of the purpose of the HLFPAAG. Melanie will forward the Terms of Reference to Chris for his information.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Results of the 3rd party external audits conducted in January 2013 on Tolko's CSA and ISO programs

The group was provided the audit reports to review.

Jeremy reviewed CSA Audit report.

Jeremy summarized the scope of our certification in the Report.

Reviewed who the auditor interviewed.

The indicators listed in the VOITs are found in the Sustainable Forest Management Plan.

Jeremy reviewed and commented on the Positive Aspects of the Management System in the report.

The auditors did not encounter any Non- Conformances.

Five Opportunities for Improvement (OFI) were identified. With OFIs Tolko has the option of addressing these areas or choosing not to. High Level Lumber Division is taking action on these recommendations.

Boyd asks about OFI 4 and 5. Are the auditors denigrating their own qualifications and audit? Jeremy responds that those refer to the internal audit performed by Tolko employees Michelle Young and Hillary Wait. The auditors suggest that the internal auditors have documentation of their qualifications to perform an internal CSA Audit. Also the Audit scope should be outlined.

Other OFI were reviewed.

Jeremy reviewed the preliminary ISO report. This is not the final ISO finding as the audit includes other divisions which are still being audited. Please see report for details.

4.2. Review 2013 General Development Plan

The plan has undergone the required public consultation process. The First Nations Consultation package was sent to the 6 local First Nations and 1 Metis Settlement. First Nations consultation for the General Development Plan is complete however there are still some meetings with Beaver First Nation, Little Red River Cree Nation and Tallcree First Nation to discuss more details of the upcoming season's plans or what is planned to be harvested in 2014/2015. An open house was held May 24th to allow public consultation. Advertisements on local radio and newspapers included an invitation to the open house and to Tolko's office to review the GDP. The GDP has been submitted to SRD for approval.

Jeremy displayed the 2013 GDP map on the overhead and indicated the areas Tolko, Ainsworth and LCSM expect to harvest next year.

High Level Woodlands expects to operate close to High Level – this will keep costs down for coming season during Ainsworth's restart.

There are plans to harvest near Steen River. Townships 126, 125 and 124 have been proposed for conservation out of the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan. Tolko wants to harvest while it is available.

Harvest plans in the eastern part of the FMA are being discussed with LRRCN and Tall Cree. Tall Cree is identifying traditional use areas, burial sites, berry picking areas etc. This will help narrow the area of operations. Biweekly discussions are being held with LRRCN. LRRCN may prefer operations stay a certain distance from the Wabasca and Miikwa Rivers. The plan is still being developed.

4.3. Silviculture program for 2013

Herbicide program is being discussed at the same time as the GDP. Consultation letters have been sent to local Trappers and Outfitters. The program is planned to begin the end of July and into August. The program is designed to ensure that the planted spruce trees are able to compete with the natural aspen, willow and grass. They need to reach target heights and densities within 14 years. George asks what the application rate is. Jeremy replies that the application rate is approx. 3L per ha of the active ingredient. Application is through aerial (helicopter) spray. Boyd asks how much wind drift affects accuracy. Jeremy explains that the spraying is only permitted under certain conditions. Wind speed, humidity and temperature are monitored near the area to be sprayed. In the morning the dew must be gone, and in the evening they wait until wind dies down. There are GPS records of flight lines which indicate where the spraying occurred.

The 2013 tree plant is a massive program. Following the fire near Zama 3500ha of previously planted area is being replanted. Also the area salvaged after the fire, the harvested area and a back logged area are being targeted. 17 million trees are scheduled for planting. This is the largest plant Tolko has ever had. There are currently two contractors planting with Little Red River Forestry to start planting the end of June.

Surveys are being done.

Cone collection is being planned. This is expected to be a good cone year because of low rain falls last year. Tolko is required to use seed collected near planting sites for reforestation. There are several different methods used to harvest seed. There will be pine cone picking in P19 near Twin Lakes. This will happen in the satellite yard and

harvested blocks. Approximately 40haL of black spruce cones were collected this winter. Jeremy explained how a cone rake is used to harvest white spruce cones.

4.4. Integrated Land Management Project update (related to Land Use Framework)

Power Point Presentation of proposed method to determine township values. Boyd and Jeremy discuss the proposal to gather more data in the Lower Peace region to improve the process.

5. CLIPPING SERVICE

5.1. Jeremy included the "2011-12 Performance Report" in the information package.

6. AROUND THE TABLE

Nothing to add

7. NEXT MEETING – September 10th, 2013 (Tentative)

8. ADJOURNMENT – 7pm