



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 18, 2013
5pm, Town of High Level office, Room 110

ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Beal (CSA Coordinator)
Michael Morgan (Town of High Level)
George Friesen (Friesen Industries)

Boyd Langford (TRL)
Frank Meneen (Tallcree)
John Thurston (Careers Next
Generation)

INFORMATION SENT:

Mark Andrews (Cenovus)
Darren Carnell (LRRF)
Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)

Garrett (Lubicon Lake Nation)
Teresa Griffiths (Flow North Paddling
Co.)
Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRF)
Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)
Pat Cabezas (N'Deh Ltd. Partnership)
Gord Whitmore (DMI)
Clinton Laboucan (Tall Cree)

Fort Vermilion Heritage Center
Aaron Doepel (LCSM)
Tim Heemskerk (Northern Lights
Forest Education Society)
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)
Matt Munson (Dene Tha')

Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
Conroy Sewpagaham (LRRCN)
Paul Catt (Watt Mnt Wanderers)
Troy Connolly (Tolko HLLD)
Chris MacLeod (Town of High Level)

INFORMATION SENT, Regrets:

Richard Martens (Taqa North)

Baptiste Metchooyeah (Dene Tha')

Keith Badger (Nataskinan
Development)
Mike Cardinal (Tall Cree First Nation)

Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend
Sandhills Society)
Don Warman (High Level Chamber of
Commerce)
Kieran Broderick (Beaver First Nation)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:45pm.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1. Changed to have Around the Table ahead of New Business

Moved by Mike Morgan

Seconded John Thurston

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 4, 2013)

Moved by Boyd Langford

Seconded by George Friesen

Carried

- Action Items from June 4, 2013
 - There were no items identified in the minutes.

4. AROUND THE TABLE

Boyd inquired about the Lower Peace Landuse Framework. Mentioned that open houses will be planned, there will be a considerable time commitment to the process however no meeting dates are set, and there is a need for local people to be involved on the Regional Advisory Committee.

There was general discussion amongst the group that there is some confusion on the exact timing of the Lower Peace Landuse Plan process (LPRP) after the announcement in November 2013 of a delay to the process.

Action: Jeremy to confirm internally at Tolko the timing of the LPRP process.

Action: Jeremy to contact Dan at Town of Rainbow Lake.

Boyd asked about use of west haul road (Hwy 58) and possible traffic.

Mike explained that volume west of High Level is being delivered to satellite yards and that there will be minimal loaded logging truck traffic on the highway.

John mentioned that he has heard from the public that between Meander River and High Level that logging trucks appear to be going fast.

Mike explained that there is lots of activity along that stretch of highway. Logging trucks do kick up lots of snow and this may cause the perception that trucks are exceeding the speed limit. However, all trucks need to submit Tachometer cards for every trip. Roughly 10% of the Tach cards are inspected and drivers who have exceeded the posted speed will be penalized.

John has been involved with Careers Next Generation (CNG) and he is spending much time with this group since his retirement. Due to the shortage of skilled workers in trades CNG submitted an application to Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) to receive funding for a project that gets young people (High School) experience in a skilled work environment. The program allows students to know what opportunities exist for them.

John provided overview of hand out that described the project.

There was discussion occurred about participation of previous participation of local companies in hiring High School students during the summer, and that fact there is currently a lack of skilled operators in woods operations.

Action: Jeremy to provide handout to La Crete Sawmills and Ainsworth.

George inquired if there is any new information available for the deadline of "rural" beehive burners to be decommissioned.

Attendees were not aware of any changes to required date.

Boyd referred to article in Echo regarding Mascoma being the first choice for Tolko's green waste and if that was not possible then all material would be railed.

Action: Jeremy to provide further details on what is happening with waste.

Action: Jeremy to inquire if deadline has changed for decommissioning rural burners.

John asked if Tolko still had Log Haul cards that he could hand out to public.

Action: Jeremy to inquire.

George commented that inspections by Department of Transportation appear to be focusing on logging trucks. According to George the trucks are safer now with cut-to-length operations and there have been very few dropped logs. Many of the problems associated with trucking operations in the past have been cleaned up and he is very perplexed why the current focus. The current focus is causing some operators to be very discouraged and ready to quit.

General discussion occurred about how cut-to-length loads are strapped.

Frank mentioned that Tall Cree is very interested in logging again and hoping it is possible for 2014-2015.

Mike had no updates from the Town. Council is happy that both mills are running again and that they hope there is a good transition to Louisiana Pacific.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Update: 2013-2014 Operational Plans

Jeremy provided an overview of where harvest and site preparation operations are located this winter on the Forest Management Agreement area: Steen-1, Steen-2, Watt-2, Negus-1, Ponton-3, Ponton-5, Watt-3, Bassett-1, and Watt-5. Watt-4 and Watt-6 will likely be available accessed for deciduous in 2014-2015.

La Crete Sawmills is harvesting Tolko's quota volume in F1.

There was also discussion on wood flow to the mills and the use of satellite yards for some operations.

2016 Detailed Forest Management Plan Process

Jeremy informed the PAG the FMA companies are required to submit a new Detailed Forest Management Plan to Alberta by January 31, 2016. The PAG will be involved in the process for the development of indicators & targets that Alberta requires. Some of these will be over and above the CSA standard Z809:2008.

Jeremy referred the PAG to the DFMP draft Terms of Reference and reviewed sections 3.0 (management strategy development, public involvement, communications, etc.), 4.0 (overview of participants and process), timeline, and the Appendices containing the current Public Involvement Plan and HLFPA Terms of Reference.

Frank asked why is the DFMP Terms of Reference already in Draft format without prior consultation with First Nations? And, why are First Nations excluded from the Plan Development Team.

Jeremy advised the DFMP Terms of Reference is to capture the proposed process that will occur between the FMA holders and Alberta. First Nations consultation will occur and will be governed by the Alberta consultation guidelines. Public involvement and process will be guided by the HLFPA Terms of Reference.

Frank advised that starting consultation with First Nations with a Terms of Reference that is considered almost complete will cause some problems and for their desire to participate in the process.

2004-2012 Stewardship Report submission

Jeremy explained that Alberta requires FMA holders, with active Detailed Forest Management Plans, to submit Stewardship Reports. These reports are normally submitted every 5 years following the approval of a DFMP, and they contain summaries of how the FMA holder has performed against Strategies and stated in the DFMP.

Even though the FMA companies had a DFMP approved in 2004 the Stewardship Report was not submitted due to the curtailment of FFP. ESRD approved the deferral of such a report until October 31, 2010 however the report still was not submitted as there FFP remained curtailed. Considering Ainsworth is up and running Alberta requested the report be completed this Fall. Jeremy reviewed the report with the group.

2014 meeting schedule

- January 21st
- March 4th
- April 8th
- other dates to be determined as process evolves.

6. CLIPPING SERVICE

- **Not available at this meeting but will be provided in January.**

7. NEXT MEETING – January 21, 2014

8. ADJOURNMENT

- 8:05pm