



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012
5pm, Town of High Level office, Room 110

ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Beal (CSA Coordinator)
Don Warman (High Level Chamber
George Friesen (Friesen Industries)

Boyd Langford (TRL)
Melanie Plantinga (Tolko HLLD)

INFORMATION SENT:

John Thurston (Member of the public)
Randy Hellwig (Beaver First Nation)
Mark Andrews (Cenovus)
Darren Carnell (LRRF)

Pat Cabezas ('Neh Deh)
Walter Sarapuk (MacKenzie County)
Arthur Dumaine (LRRCN)
Teresa Griffiths (Flow North Paddling
Co.)
Conroy Sewepagaham (LRRCN)
Harvey Sewpagaham (LRRF)
Keith Badger (Tall Cree)
Lubicon Lake Nation (Consultation)
Paul Catt (Watt Mnt Wanderers)

Troy Connolly (Tolko HLLD)
Fort Vermilion Heritage Center
Aaron Doepel (LCSM)
Tim Heemskerk (Northern Lights
Forest Education Society)
Carol Gabriel (Mackenzie County)
Peter Ernst (Mayor, High Level)
Baptiste Metchooyeah (Dene Tha)
Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement

Trevor Mercredi (Beaver 1st Nation)
Jayson Kofluk (Ainsworth)
Clinton Meneen (Tall Cree)
Lindee Dumas (LRRCN)
Barry Gladders (Tolko HLLD)

REGRETS:

Richard Martens (Taqa North)
Chris McLeod (Town of High Level)

Marilee Cranna Toews (Hungry Bend
Sandhills Society)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Moved by Boyd Langford, George Friesen seconded
Carried**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 11th, 2012)

**Moved by George Friesen, Don Warman seconded
Carried**

3.1. Action Items from September 11th, 2012

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Terms of Reference –

TOR Adoption – it would be preferred that the TOR be presented to and adopted by a larger group. How might the PAG reach a wider audience?

We have invited Industry Players, placed advertising in the newspapers, and sent invitations to local 1st Nations.

The changes to be accepted are in red on the presented document. Would the group in attendance be prepared to accept the TOR? Is this a large enough group to provide feedback. George – if people disagree with the TOR they have had an opportunity to respond. Many people may feel apathetic unless there is a problem, since there have not been any protests they are most likely content.

The TOR is good as presented.

Don Warman moves the TOR be accepted as presented, Boyd Langford seconds.

Carried

4.2. GTKYN review ... High Level, La Crete, Rainbow Lake

- Sept 12th High Level – little interest but the attempt was made
- Sept 14th LaCrete – CSA display was used as well as posters of the indicators prepared by TriLang. The information was well received. With lots of interest and discussion.
- Sept 26th –Rainbow Lake – Trudi Lang represented Tolko. There was interest expressed.
- Jeremy Beal met with Beaver First Nation. The representative expressed interest in forming a closer economic relationship.
- Other First Nations have been approached but there has been little interest. Little Red River Cree Nation have expressed some interest. Communication will continue.
- SFMP completed see below.
- Some preparation is needed prior to the External audit in January 2013.
- Tolko (& LCSM) have several reasons for seeking certification.

- They manage public forests
- Desire to be recognized for Sustainability
- Chose CSA Forestry Standard was chosen as the desired program. As part of that program public input is required.
- Certification of SFM practices & systems across a Defined Forest Area that includes various phases of operations.
- Products from a certified source are desired by customers.

4.3. Open House on September 17th in High Level

- Sept 17th, there was an open house held at the Town of High Level office. Despite advertising there was a lower than expected turnout. Those people who did see the display did admire it.

4.4. SFM Plan process-to-date and present Final SFMP

- Jeremy needed to review. This was completed in November. Jeremy presented it to Barry Gladders and the other Woodlands people.
- This SFMP is shorter than the last one. Roddy Resources was able to discard some excess wording.
- Roddy Resources and Jeremy Beal believe that it meets CSA standards.
- Please contact Jeremy Beal or Melanie Plantinga if you have not received a copy. The SFMP is also available online.
- LCSM has been added. Their participation was implied before but now it is explicit. The volume from DFA is certified
- DFA has been expanded – F14, P10, F1 quota areas
- The changes were reviewed at the April 10th meeting. Summary listing is provided at September meeting
 - Table located in Appendix E of Plan
 - Mandatory are either marked as NEW or shown to replace former indicators
 - Local indicators are ones that are not Mandatory
 - This plan will be followed for the 2012-2013 reporting period

4.5. An internal audit of the EMS program was held December 11-13th.

- Excellent efforts made to engage public and First Nations in the re-write of SFMP,
- High Level Training and Document website is an excellent tool for providing training, verifying training, storage of forms and guiding documents.
- Many positive comments from staff, contractors and contractor employees. The individuals enjoyed being able to do the training at their own pace and in the method that worked best for them.
- Voice recording of training was excellent tool to assist in dealing with literacy issues.
- Development and use of Silvacom Online Tools
- Very good tracking systems for First Nations and stakeholder consultation records.
- GPS and Digital Mapping in the logging equipment and used by Tolko Woodlands staff is innovative use of the digital information and tools.
- Contractors and Contract Employees demonstrated excellent buy in and knowledge of the HLLD EMS system.
- Opportunities for Improvement (EMS)
 - Wording issue in SFM Plan consultation tracker regarding the naming of the communication tracker.
 - Fire not mentioned.
 - SARA added
 - Update what SAR need to be reported – Bison removed
 - Clarify location of communications storage.
 - First Nations Treaties on DFA
 - Corrective action plans for meeting non conformances
 - Adjust Roles and Responsibilities Matrix
- Prior to Audit
 - Internal Audit Items
 - Mandatory Discussion Item listing
 - Indicator reporting template (5 – W's)
 - EMS Index

- Public Advisory listing
- Audit Jan 14-17th PAG invited to field day, 16th

5. CLIPPING SERVICE

6. AROUND THE TABLE –

- 6.1. Don Warman would like to attend the field day on Jan 15th. But doubts he will be able to attend.
- 6.2. George Friesen has hired two machines from Tall Cree. One operator is need of more training.
- 6.3. Boyd – Tri-council land use frame work, near and dear. Interesting to see Forestry areas. See what oil, agric add. Potential for more of the Northwest portion of Alberta to be set aside for conservation. May impact development in the region. Already highest percentage of protected land in province. The per township value to the province is lower than some other areas. The government may be influenced by this factor. Caribou are still here, when they have been driven from many other areas of the province so the effort may be to protect them. Presentation could be made in March.

7. NEXT MEETING – March 5, 2013 (audit results)

8. ADJOURNMENT 6:41