

Minutes of the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Meeting
Community Meeting Room, Sechelt, April 15, 2008

PRESENT: Terry Hind, Chair
Elise Rudland
Al Jenkins
Barry Smith
Lanny Matkin

GUESTS: Len Pakulak, SCPI President
Brian Smart, Professional Forester
Lynda Coote, Recording Secretary
General Public x 1

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hind called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

2. CFAC Minutes

MOVED by Barry Smith, SECONDED by Al Jenkins
THAT "The Community Forest Advisory Committee Minutes of March 18, 2008 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Operational Plan

Brian Smart was invited to present the Sechelt Community Projects Inc. Community Forest Operational Plan. Brian referenced the August 2006 draft noting the main purpose of the document was to:

- Describe what you can see in the field
- Articulate management plans for stands
- Answer public questions
- Explain extended rotation strategies
- Advise on pesticide use
- Detail silviculture practices.

He invited the CFAC members to submit their comments and suggestions for topics they would like to include in the document. Once the draft document has been reviewed by CFAC, it will proceed to the SCPI Board before release to the general public for further input.

CFAC members stated they had expected some discussion or workshop on the draft Operational Plan.

Other comments expressed included:

- How to address vegetation picking?
- What are the best practices?
- Guidelines should emphasize ecologically based forestry
- Define what eco-forestry is and what can you expect to find on the ground.

Elise Rudland offered the following comments:

- Operational Plan should be updated annually
- Reviewed to include new cuts
- Community needs to know about control regulations and timber volumes
- Include a map of wildlife biodiversity
- Replace the word "practical" with "possible" in reference to "veteran" trees
- Add details regarding special management zones
- Identify trails with higher values/quality
- Liability statements appropriate

- Remove references to recreation that no longer are accurate
- Management for ethics, higher Visual Quality Objectives (VQO's), viewpoints and recreation corridors
- Every cut block should be looked at from the community's perspective
- Likes divisions on extended rotations and references to blow down management
- Cedar trees should be retained along the road edges for ease of harvesting cedar boughs
- Clarification needed on pesticide/herbicide usage. No use of "Release" herbicide. Pesticides should be limited for health issues of the trees, not cosmetics.

Brian stated pesticides would not be used for silvicultural purposes in the Community Forest. He suggested that CFAC members contact Jamie Killackey, Silverculturalist regarding their questions about the recent fertilization project and seedling plantings.

Elise Rudland recommended that there be more information for the community on riparian management zone width, explaining that it includes wildlife as well as fish, plus the different rules for private land versus forest lands.

Brian suggested a field trip to demonstrate riparian management in the field, covering such topics as soils, blow downs, wildlife corridors and interfaces between ecosystems. This most sensitive topic for the forests could be advertised to the public for their participation and education. It was also noted that each stream is addressed individually and not only salmon bearing streams.

Terry Hind requested that the comments submitted by John Dafoe also be included in the revision of the Operational Plan.

4. Open House for Operational Plan

A brief discussion then considered the requirements for the Open House where the Operational Plan would be presented to the public. Comments included:

- Layout of operational plan
- Maps
- Blocks and five year development plan
- What is not getting logged
- Trails
- Terrain stabilization areas
- Accumulation of local knowledge for future reference.

Topics identified for the May 20, 2008 CFAC meeting included:

- Hidden Grove, options and management
- Rhododendron Grove
- Heritage Forest and its educational components.

Due to other CFAC and SCPI commitments, it was suggested that the Open House be planned for Saturday, June 14, 2008. Details about location and format would have to be decided after CFAC and the SCPI Board had reviewed the document.

ACTIONS:

- (a) **Brian will email a copy of the revised Operational Plan to all CFAC members by April 18, 2008.**

- (b) **CFAC members will respond with their email comments by April 21, 2008.**
- (c) **Brian will invite Warren Hanson to the April 22, 2008 workshop meeting.**
- (d) **CFAC members will attend an Operational Plan workshop on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7 pm, Community Room. Brian will provide refreshments.**
- (e) **Brian and SCPI will organize an Operational Plan Open House for Saturday, June 14, 2008.**
- (f) **Brian will plan a post-mortem field trip for Trout Lake and Wormy Lake**
- (g) **Brian will organize a riparian management field trip with Dave Bates.**

5. New Business

5.1. Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP)

Brian referenced the FSP and noted there was one minor amendment which detailed the business relationship with the First Nations and that consultations would follow the recently signed protocol agreement.

5.2. New Cuts

The area identified near the gravel pit in Wilson Creek would not be a clear cut as there are no future plans of expanding the gravel pit. Brian indicated that cutting permits had been submitted and they were getting prepared. He offered several aerial photographs of the Community Forest area for review.

5.3. Walk in the Woods

Brian stated that while Kevin has sufficient timber, an audit of the area is a priority and, therefore, the next Walk in the Woods was scheduled for Sunday, May 25, 2008, meeting at 9 am, Daily Roast, Sechelt. An invitation would be extended to SCPI and the information should be added to the website.

ACTIONS:

- (h) **CFAC members attend the next Walk in the Woods, Sunday, May 25, 2008 at 9 am, Daily Roast, Sechelt**
- (i) **Invite SCPI Board to join CFAC members**
- (j) **Add an invitation to the public via the website.**

5.4. Contract Management Plan

Elise Rudland referenced Section 6.00 of the Community Forests Contract Management Plan and suggested that a map or sentence be drawn up on how SCPI will manage each of the items listed.

Section 6.02 (e) (iii) states:

“Reductions that are necessary to facilitate management and conservation of non-timber resource values in the agreement area, including visual quality, biological diversity, soils, recreation resources, cultural heritage resources, range land, wildlife, water and fish habitats.”

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8.20 pm.

7. Next Meeting

The next public CFAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 7 pm in the Community Room.

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Terry Hind, Chairman

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Date

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CFAC Member

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